MEETING PROSPECTUS
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INTRODUCTION & SIGNIFICANCE

BACKGROUND

With this document, we would like to request your financial support and sponsor our efforts in confronting the urgency of Integrase Inhibitors. Your contribution will make a very much needed conference possible, and therefore aiding the field’s healthcare professionals.

With the introduction of Integrase Inhibitors a new promising class of drugs has become available which promises to impact greatly the daily management of HIV. Already Integrase is identified as first line treatment in several countries and many other countries will follow in the (near) future. It is essential to prepare the medical community extensively on how to best integrate this class of drugs into daily clinical management in order to ensure best treatment for HIV infected patients.

On October 20th, 2015, we organized the first in a series of HIV CLINICAL FORUM meetings dedicated to the integration of science and clinical practice, which focused entirely on Integrase Inhibitors. The first edition of the Global HIV CLINICAL FORUM on Integrase Inhibitors was held prior to the AIDS 2016 Conference in Durban, South Africa on July 16th, 2016. Both meetings proved to fulfill the need for more information and updates in Integrase Inhibitors and were, therefore, highly succesful.

MEETING OBJECTIVES

• To provide experts involved in Integrase Inhibitors with an interactive workshop setting to exchange research data, new insights and new drugs
• To provide a platform for presentation and discussion of the latest developments in the field
• To map all current studies and results
• To translate new data to treatment guidelines
• To stimulate discussion and consensus on best practice

UNIQUE MEETING FEATURES

This workshop provides a unique international translational platform for interchange between healthcare professionals involved in Integrase Inhibitors. By bringing experts in the field of Integrase Inhibitors together the workshop stimulates international collaborations and networks.

TARGET AUDIENCE

The target audience of this meeting consists of Infectious Disease doctors, Clinical virologists, Microbiologists, Scientists, Pharmacologists, Nurse practitioners, Nurses, Post-Doctoral reseachers, Students and other health care professionals involved in treating HIV infected patients.
PARTNERSHIPS & PREVIOUS SUPPORTERS

ENDORSERS

AIDS Action Europe
International Association of Providers of AIDS Care

Botswana HIV Clinicians Society
Namibian HIV Clinicians Society

European AIDS Clinical Society
Society for AIDS in Africa

HIV-NAT
Southern African HIV Clinicians Society

PREVIOUS SUPPORTERS

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“All sessions were relevant and easy to integrate in day to day HIV care and management.”

“It was a good balance between presenters, thesis and clinical observations. Keep up the good work!”
BROAD CONFERENCE GOALS

The ultimate goals of this conference are to stimulate research that will enable better treatment methods and strategies for Health Care Practitioners in developed and developing countries, to encourage young investigators in the HIV research field, and to stimulate new partnerships between North and South investigators in HIV research. By posting all presentations made during the workshop on the HIV Clinical Forum website, study results and state-of-the-art analyses are disseminated globally beyond the walls of the conference venue to the global community.

Broad purposes of the Workshop include:

- Facilitate a neutral, scientific, knowledge exchange regarding Integrase Inhibitors
- Promote dissemination and successful translation of new knowledge regarding Integrase Inhibitors
- Foster new and lasting cross-disciplinary partnerships and collaborations between researchers in Integrase Inhibitors, in order to improve the knowledge sharing, with the end goal of improving health span within the Integrase Inhibitors population
- Attract, showcase, and maintain new, early career, and underrepresented investigators to this multidisciplinary area of research
- Facilitate a robust dialogue among participants through interactive networking and meal breaks, a career mentoring workshop, a networking reception, and distribution of participant contact information to all registrants prior to and during the conference
- Host an interactive poster session; award early career (young) investigator; and invite oral """"Key Topic's"" presentations as selected from submitted abstracts based on scientific merit
- Publish and promote conference proceedings in "Infectious Diseases Online"
- Summarize the current state of the science with regard to Integrase Inhibitors and assess their value in identifying at-risk HIV patients and monitoring therapeutic modalities
- Explore the potential for novel therapeutic interventions (e.g. nutritional, pharmaceutical, lifestyle) to improve outcomes for HIV patients

PROJECTED CONFERENCE OUTCOMES

- Enhanced communication and collaboration between both junior- and senior-level, international researchers (from academia, government, and industry) and clinicians to promote the exchange of ideas, results, and technologies leading to successful translation into prevention of HIV
- Dissemination of knowledge and data exchanged by conference participants beyond the audience of the live event, thus maximizing the impact for the growing biology of HIV research community

GLOBAL HIV CLINICAL FORUM: INTEGRASE INHIBITORS 2016

The 2016 edition of the Global HIV Clinical Forum: Integrase Inhibitors meeting attracted 185 experts in the field of HIV and Infectious Disease from 51 different countries. The workshop was highly rated by participants; 85% agreed that the program is beneficial for the clinical management of their patients, 88% reported that they intend to incorporate the new information into the care of their patients.
WORKSHOP FORMAT

This one-day meeting consists of invited lectures, clinical case presentations, abstract presentations, discussions, and poster viewing sessions. It provides an excellent platform for young investigators to present their research. To ensure the quality of accepted abstracts, all submitted abstracts go through a blind, peer-reviewed process conducted by the members of the Scientific Committee.

YOUNG INVESTIGATOR PARTICIPATION

Virology Education seeks to attract the participation of Early Career (Young) Investigators by providing Travel and/or Accommodation Fellowships, poster sessions, a career development workshop, and short presentations selected from submitted abstracts (“Key Topic” presentations).

Travel and/or Accommodation Fellowships (Grants)—Virology Education will issue a call for applications and award a number of travel/accommodation fellowships (up to $750 each) for early career investigators. The committee will select graduate students, postdoctoral researchers, and early career faculty who have shown a commitment to aging research, via a competitive application process, including submission of letters of recommendation and a poster abstract. Travel/Accommodation Fellowships (up to $750 each) for Underrepresented Minority Investigators will also be awarded.

Poster Session — Participating scientists are invited to submit poster abstracts for presentation at a dedicated conference Poster Session, allowing poster presenters and attendees to exchange knowledge, interact, and establish new connections and collaborations. Posters are set-up in highly visible areas with easy accessibility during registration, session breaks, and after closing on all days of the conference. This is the ideal time for researchers to present their posters to fellow scientists, expert faculty, and many other attendees on multiple occasions. The compiled poster abstracts will be archived on the conference website and made available to the global scientific community.

Short Oral Presentations — a number of investigators will be selected from the pool of submitted poster abstracts for podium “Key Topic” talks. Presenters will be selected from submitted abstracts by the scientific organizing committee in a competitive process open to all investigators in the field, with preference given to early career investigators.
OPEN ACCESS MATERIALS

Enduring information presented at the summit will be freely retrievable and widely disseminated to reach thousands of virtual participants beyond the walls of the conference center.

HIV CLINICAL FORUM WEBSITE

The HIV Clinical Forum website is a premier online platform offering scientific materials in special topical areas and proceedings of the HIV fora. By accessing the website, visitors have full access to:

- Abstract Books
- Meeting Reports
- Workshop Presentations
- Webcasts

All the data on HIV-CLINICAL-FORUM.COM is organized by workshop and date, making the materials highly organized and easy to find. The extensive website also allows insight on all the workshops’ fundamental data, providing an overall impression of the event’s community & integrity, such as:

- Visibility of the sponsor(s)
- Date & Location of the previous event
- Video and/or images of the previous event

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SPONSORSHIP BENEFITS

WHY SUPPORT US?

As a sponsor of this conference, you will have exclusive access to experts from different disciplines, including paediatricians, adolescent specialists, virologists, immunologist, pharmacologist, obstetrician/gynaecologists, epidemiologists, policy-makers, and other interested researchers in search of the latest advancements and information. The meeting also provides a forum for exchange between HIV researchers and representatives from pharmaceutical companies on new drugs and formulation needs.

Supporter benefits include:

- Extensive visibility to a highly targeted, expert audience via the conference’s promotional campaign, on-site exposure during the event, press and media coverage, and post-event information dissemination.
- Unique one-on-one networking opportunities during the event.
- Exhibiting opportunities at the event.
- NATAP & iBase Coverage (where relevant).

PRE-EVENT PROMOTION

As a conference supporter, your organization will receive extensive exposure, enabling you to reach out to thousands of targeted researchers, clinicians, patients, and scientists. These channels include targeted print and email campaigns, as well as web advertising.

Your support delivers to you:

Branding as a supporter on the event website, to which traffic is driven by:

- Your company name & logo strategically positioned on the homepages of relevant partners.
- Traffic from the Virology Education website, which receives thousands of visitors.
- Your logo placed in newsletters delivered to thousands opt-in subscribers.
- Digital mentions posted on several calendars, which will link to the event website.

ONSITE BENEFITS

You will benefit as a supporter from many on-site marketing and networking opportunities at the event, including:

- Branding for your organization via on-site signage throughout the conference.
- Highlighted position in the conference program distributed to all attendees.
- Promotion option to display marketing materials such as pamphlets, flyers, postcards, and other materials on the marketing table (subject to approval).
CONFERENCE PARTICIPATION GRANTS

SPONSOR FULL CONFERENCE PARTICIPATION

The conference participation grants provide healthcare professionals with the opportunity to attend a conference they would otherwise be unable to attend due to financial restrictions. All applications include a CV, a motivation letter, and potentially an abstract (requirements vary depending on the workshop). These are submitted via an independent CPG portal and are evaluated against the assessment criteria using robust, impartial and independent peer review processes by the Grant Review Committee. This process will ensure that only the highest quality, most relevant and most competitive research is accepted but that it is.

The grants are supported by the financial contributions allocated by the sponsor, who, has no control, influence, or involvement in the selection process of the attendees whatsoever. Priority is given to applicants who have actively participated in original research or scientific work that is being presented at the meeting and/or those who will profit most from participating in order to improve their daily clinical management.

These grants help defray costs for registration, travel and accommodation for delegates and foster their ability to form valuable professional networks and develop vital collaborations. Conference participation grant applications will be solicited, selected and awarded by an expert Grant Review Committee.

Please note that the GOLD, PLATINUM and DIAMOND support levels will reduce the costs for conference participation grants. Contact us for a tailored proposal based on the number of conference participation grants you are willing to provide.
Virology Education is the leading provider of state of the art medical programs within the field of infectious diseases. With nearly 20 years of experience, we are committed to delivering highly acclaimed and CME accredited medical education workshops and conferences consistently. Our solid network of KOL’s and rich database of HCP’s enable us to develop high-profile programs specifically tailored to the educational needs of the medical community.

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