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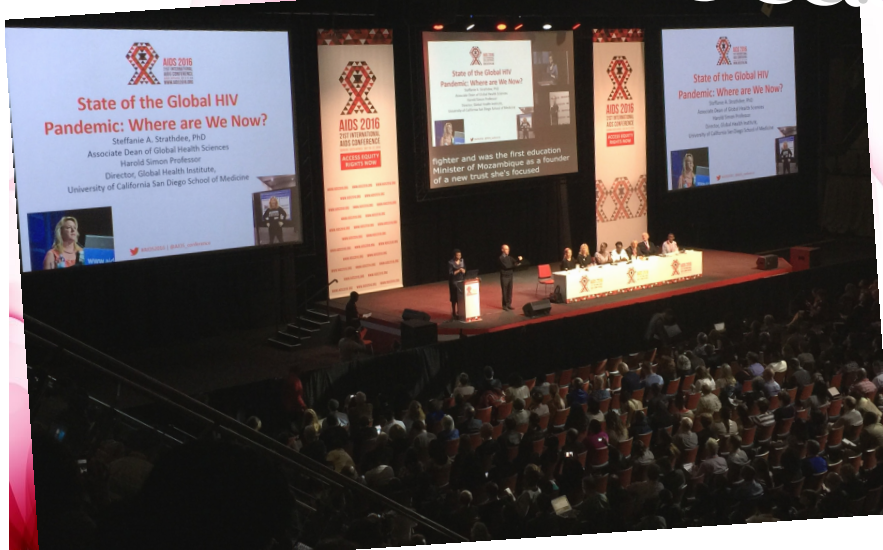
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41st CFA Meeting
12 September 2016

International AIDS Conference 2016



Source of photos : website of International AIDS Conference 2016

A Summary of the 40th CFA Meeting held on 13 June 2016

A randomized controlled trial evaluating efficacy of promoting home-based HIV testing with online counselling in increasing HIV testing among MSM

Prof Joseph LAU and Prof Johnson WANG of The Chinese University of Hong Kong presented the findings of a study on home-based HIV testing for MSM in Hong Kong, which was jointly conducted with one of the AIDS NGOs in 2014-2016. Members discussed about the technical and logistic issues, such as sample collection, result interpretation and support service. Areas for further study and improvement were also discussed.

Brief introduction of new features in AIDS Hotline websites

DH briefly introduced the new functions of the revamped websites, including the “Community Calendar” and “Online Booking” of www.27802211.com and “Anonymous Partner Notification” of www.21171069.com. Members are encouraged to use the services.

Members shared their experiences that the default rate of HIV testing service was found to be higher with online booking than with phone booking. Solutions like giving clients a reminding phone call was discussed.

Other issues

DH informed members that a template of referral letter for mutual referral between HIV clinics and NGOs is available. Interested party could contact DH directly. NGOs could also get some leaflets about HIV treatment and services to encourage their infected clients to receive treatment.

Promotional materials of HIV prevention and services is now available at the Immigration Department where ethnic minorities apply or renew for recognizance.

Mr Andrew CHIDGEY briefly reported a PrEP seminar held by the HKCASO in May. He suggested that similar PrEP programmes might also be implemented in Hong Kong by taking reference the experience of the US, Australia and Thailand.

Increasing the accessibility of testing service: Sharing on the experience of mobile HIV rapid test

AIDS Concern reported the findings of a mobile HIV rapid test programme conducted from December 2015 to May 2016. It is a pilot service targeting MSM and clients of female sex workers recruited in bars, one-woman brothel, and in the New Territories. The service was promoted on social media through geosocial networking mobile application and by outreach workers. Among the nine spots in the New Territories, the service demand was highest in Tuen Mun, Yuen Long and Tin Shui Wai.

Survey results showed that a large proportion of participants were young, of high education level, and with high-risk sexual behaviours. The mobile service was able to capture more never-testers than centre-based service. User satisfaction was high. Evaluation of this pilot service found that mobile testing service worth to be continued due to its convenience and privacy.

Some practical issues were also discussed, including the testing environment, difficulties in renting and furnishing suitable vehicles for long term use, ventilation, temperature control of the test kits, ban on idling engines and availability of parking space. Promotion channels and target populations of this service were also discussed.

Welcome new ACA Members and thank outgoing ACA Members

Newly appointed ACA Members are warmly welcomed for the period 1 August 2016 to 31 July 2018 –

- ◆ Dr CHENG Mei-ching, Joanne 鄭美菁博士
- ◆ Dr LI Chung-ki, Patrick 李頌基醫生
- ◆ Ms SUN Hau-kei, Binky 辛巧琪女士

Outgoing ACA Members are sincerely thanked for their valuable contribution and support to the work of ACA –

- ◆ Dr LAW Yi-shu, Louise 羅懿舒博士
- ◆ Ms Blanche TANG 鄧藹霖女士

Arrangement for Request of Attendance in CFA by Observers

The following arrangement was agreed during the CFA Meeting held in March 2012 -

- a. Upon the Convener's invitation/agreement, people who were interested to take part as observer might attend the whole or certain sessions of the meeting and speak up in the meeting at the Convener's discretion;
- b. The CFA Secretariat would announce the agenda on the ACA's website (in the ACA Newsfile) prior to each CFA Meeting. Interested parties could put up their requests to the CFA Secretariat for consideration;
- c. In case of over subscription, the CFA Secretariat would work out the list of participants by adopting a fair procedure deemed appropriate;
- d. Despite of this new administrative arrangement, the meeting would continue to be conducted in Cantonese only; and
- e. At the same time, the CFA Secretariat could invite relevant stakeholders to attend the meeting if deemed appropriate.

41st CFA Meeting

Date : 12 September 2016 (Monday)
Time : 2:30 pm
Venue : Conference Room, Red Ribbon Centre
2/F, Wang Tau Hom Jockey Club Clinic
200 Junction Road East, Kowloon

Three main items on the Agenda

- ◆ Results of internal audit on HIV voluntary counselling and testing services (VCT) in community settings 2015
- ◆ Preliminary results of HARiS 2016 - Men who have sex with men and male-to-female transgender
- ◆ Highlights of HIV projections, scenarios and recommendations from the AIDS Epidemic Model

Invitation

Dear All,

If you are interested to take part as observer in the 40th CFA Meeting to be held on 12 September 2016, please complete the application form (available for download from http://www.aca.gov.hk/cfa_observers_form.pdf) and send the completed form to the CFA Secretariat by **26 August 2016**. For more details of this arrangement, please refer to the summary shown on the left of this page.

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