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**104th ACA Meeting
12 October 2018**

Agenda of 104th ACA Meeting

Date : 12 October 2018 (Friday)

Time : 2:30 pm

Venue : Conference Room, Department of Health, 21/F, Wu Chung House
213 Queen's Road East, Wanchai, Hong Kong

Three main items on the Agenda -

- ◆ In search of an applicable model for pre-exposure prophylaxis (PrEP) in Hong Kong – lessons from piloting 2 PrEP studies
- ◆ HIV treatment cascade 2016
- ◆ Highlights of the 22nd International AIDS Conference (AIDS 2018), Amsterdam, Netherlands

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22nd International AIDS Conference (AIDS 2018), Amsterdam, Netherlands

“AIDS 2018”, organised by the International AIDS Society (AIS), was successfully held from 23 to 27 July, 2018. The Conference brought over 18,000 participants of various backgrounds across the world. It is one of the largest platforms to gather leading scientists, public health experts, policy makers and HIV-affected communities to translate recent scientific advances into actions that will address ways to combat the epidemic. Hong Kong participants from ACA, the Government, private sector, academic institutions, and non-governmental organisations (NGOs) had attended the conference.



The theme of AIDS 2018 is “Breaking Barriers, Building Bridges”, drawing attention to the need of rights-based approaches to more effectively reach key populations, including in Eastern Europe, Central Asia and the North-African/Middle Eastern regions where epidemics are growing. It also calls for action to reach those who still lack access to comprehensive treatment, prevention, care and support services, to strengthen commitment to HIV research evidence-based interventions, and to overcome injustice caused by violence to or exclusion of some populations based on gender, class, race, nationality, age, geographic location, sexual orientation and HIV status.



The five days covered a wide range of topics, from HIV prevention and treatment, stigma and discrimination, to harm reduction strategies. Other topics like pre-exposure prophylaxis (PrEP), HIV-self testing, prevention cascade, access to HIV services by different populations and price policy of anti-retrovirals were also actively discussed.



22nd International AIDS Conference - Report Back Seminar

The 22nd International AIDS Conference was held in Amsterdam, The Netherlands during 23 - 27 July 2018. Delegates from the Special Preventive Programme, Queen Elizabeth Hospital (QEH), Princess Margaret Hospital (PMH) and various NGOs attended the Conference. The Report Back Seminar was held in Centre of Health Protection on 21 August 2018. Eight speakers gave their sharing on their participation in the Conference.

| Topic | Speakers |
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| “AIDS 2018” - more than a conference | Dr Billy HO Senior Medical Officer, ◆ Special Preventive Programme, DH |
| Update on clinical management of HIV | Dr Jacky CHAN Associate Consultant, ◆ Infectious Disease Centre, PMH |
| Way Forward....Learning from the past, and the path to Health | Ms Pansy YU Advanced Practice Nurse/Nursing Officer, ◆ Special Medical Service, Department of Medicine, QEH |
| 1. Findings on PrEP implementation projects plus some other useful updates 2. Findings from IAS on HIV testing and sex education | Mr Andrew CHIDGEY Chief Executive, Ms Mandy CHEUNG Programme Director, ◆ AIDS Concern |
| Sharing the big picture from AIDS 2018 | Ms Eris LAU Chief Executive, Mr Johnny LI Senior Programme Manager, ◆ Hong Kong AIDS Foundation |
| AIDS reality check – are we even close ? | Ms Loretta WONG Senior Director of Global Advocacy and Policy, ◆ AIDS Healthcare Foundation |



Hong Kong Lesbian & Gay Film Festival (HKLGGFF) 2018

During this year's HKLGGFF, the Red Ribbon Centre (RRC) supported screening of an HIV-related film "Sorry Angel". The film was shown in the opening film session on 8 September and 21 September 2018. The film is about a HIV infected French gay man and his friends lived with HIV and prepared for their last minute before the era of Highly Active Anti-retroviral Therapy (HAART). RRC staff distributed souvenirs to the audience before the opening film session to promote safer sex and HIV testing.

