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**XXVIth Meeting of the  
Advisory Council on  
AIDS (ACA)**

2:30pm 10 July 1998

**XXIXth Meeting of the  
Committee on  
Education and Publicity  
on AIDS (CEPAIDS)**

6pm 13 August 1998

**XVIth Meeting of  
AIDS Services  
Development  
Committee (ASDC)**

date to be confirmed

**XIVth Scientific  
Committee on AIDS  
(SCA) 9:30am 8 June 1998**

## Focused Action Needed

At a meeting of the Committee on Education and Publicity on AIDS held on 21 May, the subject of HIV prevention and MSM (men who have sex with

## Ten Features

Dr Peter Piot\*, in his presentation at the Lam Woo International Conference Centre on 8 May, discussed on the ten common features of an effective AIDS

programme, which are:

1. political commitment
2. make HIV visible
3. efforts to find where people in the country are vulnerable
4. a supportive environment
5. focus our action and expand the coverage
6. involvement of government and communities
7. offer both prevention and care
8. flexibility
9. enough resource
10. long term approach

\*Dr Peter Piot is the Executive Director of Joint United Nations Programme on HIV/AIDS (UNAIDS)

men) was discussed. A study conducted by Mr MC Li of Hong Kong Sex Education Association was presented, together with a discussion paper by Mr Graham Smith of AIDS Concern. The Meeting supported the expansion of targeted intervention programme to prevent HIV infection in MSM. Mr Smith made the

following recommendations: free condom provision in gay saunas, needs for behavioural research, participation of gay community, role of designated sexual health services, and the importance of outreaching activities. A strategy paper will be developed, and means of achieving the goal be further explored. ❁

**AIDS HOTLINE 27802211**

### Mission Statement

THE Red Ribbon Centre celebrated its first birthday on 8 May, 1998. At an informal gathering to mark the occasion, Dr Peter Piot, the UNAIDS Executive Director, unveiled a plaque bearing the mission statement of the Centre: *To facilitate and enhance the community's response to HIV/AIDS*. The function was attended by AIDS workers from the government and non-governmental organisations, chairman (Rev CHU Yiu-ming) and members of the Centre's Management Advisory Committee. ❁

### MEDIA

A new media campaign is being developed by the Task Force on Media and Publicity of CEPAIDS. A new API (Announcement of Public Interest) will be screened towards the end of the year. The Task Force

### STD/AIDS

The recent issue of **Hong Kong STD/AIDS Update (vol.4, no.2)** has just been released.

This is a quarterly bulletin providing an update on the HIV/AIDS and STD situation in Hong Kong. The publication is jointly produced by AIDS Unit and Social Hygiene Service of the Department of Health.

is currently convened by Mr CK Cheung. In the recent months it has been seeking opinions from CEPAIDS members and is now finalising on the theme for the new project. ❁

### Hotlines in China

THE Red Ribbon Centre has recently produced a poster listing all AIDS hotlines in China. The poster also contains key messages on HIV transmission, prevention and how to face up the challenge. The poster was prepared based on information provided by UNAIDS China. ❁

Dr Sex Hotline

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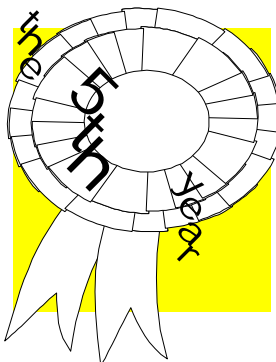
### BYOL

THE next BYOL Seminar will be presented by Miss Diana Yeung at the Red Ribbon Centre on 5 June (1-2pm). The presentation is titled *Illness and Identity*. Miss Yeung is a producer/researcher with Radio Television Hong Kong.

BYOL (bring-your-own-lunch) is an update continuing education series run on a monthly basis for those working in the field of HIV/AIDS. ❁

**ACA NEWSFILE**

**HKCASO**



THE Advisory Council on AIDS has been informed by the Hong Kong Coalition of AIDS Service Organisations (HKCASO) of its inauguration in February. It has been formed to "strengthen the organised response by the community based organisations, promoting their services and programmes to people who are most affected by HIV/AIDS".

The Council looks forward to working closely with the Coalition and wishes the Coalition every success in its endeavour. ❁

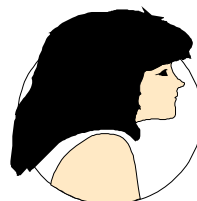
**ACA and DH AIDS Unit**  
<http://www.info.gov.hk/aids>

(The address of HKCASO is c/o the Society for AIDS Care, Unit 18A Winning Centre, 46-48 Wyndham Street, Hong Kong)

**Cumulative HIV/AIDS Statistics in Hong Kong  
 updated 31 March 1998**

		<b>total</b>	<b>(AIDS)</b>
<b>Gender</b>	male	866	(290)
	female	139	(32)
<b>Ethnicity</b>	Chinese	693	(239)
	non-Chinese	312	(83)
<b>Transmission</b>	heterosexual	536	(180)
	homosexual	234	(79)
	bisexual	58	(24)
	Injecting drug use	16	(5)
	blood/bl products	67	(15)
	perinatal	4	(2)
	undetermined	90	(17)
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>1005</b>	<b>(322)</b>

Department of Health, Hong Kong



**Women & AIDS**

A workshop on AIDS and women will be held on 6 June. Organised by Hong Kong Federation of Women's Centres and Gender Research Programme, HKIAPS of the Chinese University of Hong Kong, the workshop will feature presentations by government official, nurse specialists and Dr Conrad Lam, Chairman of the Council. ❁



# CONSULTANCIES

Review

THE month of May 1998 was a busy one for those involved in the review exercise. Four external consultants visited Hong Kong between 27 April and 17 May. Professor John Bartlett, an infectious disease expert and Mr Nicholas Prescott, an economist, were here in the first week, whereas Dr Clement Chan-Kam of UNAIDS and Dr Tim Brown of East-West Centre, Honolulu, came during the second and third week.

The four consultants had a hectic schedule in Hong Kong. A total of 31 meetings and visits were held. They had met with government officials, hospital experts, academics, representatives of NGOs, Advisory Council on AIDS, Council for the AIDS Trust Fund, and people living with HIV/AIDS.

The consultants are now working on a final consultancy report which would be looking at (1)

the current HIV/AIDS situation, (2) the relevance of Hong Kong's response to that situation, (3) what is and what is not working and why, and (4) how best to adapt the response to meet Hong Kong's changing needs. Before their departure, two of the consultants (Dr Brown and Dr Chan-Kam) had met with representatives of AIDS NGOs to explain how they would be approaching the review and to share their views on the following important areas: the need for community planning, priority setting and the problem with funding.

The Steering Committee held another

meeting on 29 May, and had resolved to release the final report to all members (including committees and task forces) and NGOs once this became available. The Advisory Council on AIDS would be examining the Report at its coming meeting on 10 July.

Subsequent to the meeting, the Council would consider the recommendations and discuss on how to carry them forward. As the Chairman has expressed repeatedly that *"this review is going to be the beginning, not the end of the whole process of improving our local programme on HIV/AIDS prevention, care and control"*. ❁

