

Dear colleagues in the fight against HIV,



As a member of the Local Organizing Committee (LOC) of the 2015 AIDS Impact conference, I am happy to invite you to a wonderful summer week in Amsterdam- 28th-31st of July, sharing knowledge and personal experiences.

Most of you probably know of AIDS Impact, its psychosocial research tradition and attention to care and community aspects. For those of you who don't, please visit [www.AIDSImpact.com](http://www.AIDSImpact.com) or read further below.

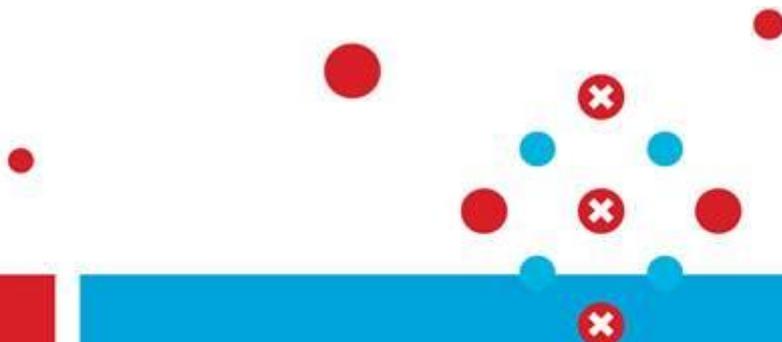
Registration and abstract submission is now open and the deadline for an 'early bird' registration is February 28th, 2015.

The deadline for abstract submission is March 31st; the deadline for the late breaker abstracts is June 1st.

We hope to see you all there!  
Best wishes,

Bouko Bakker, LOC member  
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On behalf of Udi Davidovich,  
Chair 2015 Aids Impact Conference



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## Personal Invitation to Amsterdam

### ***What is the AIDS Impact conference?***

AIDS Impact is the international behavioral and psychosocial science conference that addresses issues related to HIV/AIDS prevention, treatment and care, focusing both globally and on specific communities and countries hardest hit by the HIV/AIDS epidemic.

AIDS Impact first convened in Amsterdam in 1991. Now, in 2015 the 12th AIDS Impact conference returns to the city.

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Each AIDS Impact meeting attracts delegates new to the field as well as a core group of loyal psychosocial and behavioral researchers, prevention workers, community members and policy makers from

universities and institutes across all five continents who use the biannual meeting to present their studies, interventions and prevention schemes. AIDS Impact has evolved as one of the leading platforms for understanding, updating and debating the behavioral, psychosocial and community facets of HIV in light of changing social conditions and medical advances. In fact, a review of past AIDS Impact scientific programs reveals the evolution of the psychosocial and behavioral response to the HIV epidemic over the past 25 years.

### ***The 2015 program***

The 2015 Amsterdam conference will promote pioneering work on understanding the dynamics of a changing epidemic. A key focus will be consideration of new choices for HIV prevention following the increased availability of biomedical interventions as well as those of lower-threshold HIV-testing options. Understanding the behavioral and psychosocial consequences, advantages and challenges in the integration of such interventions within different global contexts holds the key to their future success. Together with consideration of other social challenges in the implementation of HIV-prevention, treatment and care programs world-wide, the 2015 12th AIDS Impact conference in Amsterdam promises to be a stimulating event.

**Online registration** [www.aidsimpact.com](http://www.aidsimpact.com)

<b>Rates</b>	<b>Early bird rates</b> (ends January 15, 2015)	<b>Regular rates</b> (ends May 31, 2015)	<b>Late/onsite registration</b> (from June 1, 2015)
Regular participant	€ 350,00	€ 450,00	€ 550,00
Participants from low and middle income countries	€ 250,00	€ 250,00	€ 250,00
Student	€ 190,00	€ 210,00	€ 250,00
Accompanying person	€ 63,00	€ 63,00	€ 63,00



### ***Key Dates***

Early registration ends

February 28th, 2015

Abstract submission deadline	March 31st, 2015
Regular registration ends	June 30th, 2015
Late registration from	July 1st, 2015
Late breaker abstract submission deadline	June 1st, 2015

Cancellation of registration – please visit the website for the cancellation policy.

***Congress language***

English will be the official language of the conference.

***Exhibition***

Facilities for the exhibition of scientific and professional material are available.

***Congress venue***

The Aids Impact Conference 2015 will be held at the:  
[University of Amsterdam, Roeterseilandcampus, Amsterdam](#)



### ***Accommodation***

Special hotel rates are available for participants. Please visit our website and book your hotel directly at [www.aidsimpact.com](http://www.aidsimpact.com)

### ***Members of the Local Organizing Committee (LOC)***

Chair: Udi Davidovich, Co-Chairs: Kai Jonas and Ton Coenen, Members: Bouko Bakker, Pieter Brokx, Colin Dixon, Han Fennema, Lambert Grijns, Catherine Hankins, Anita Hardon, Gerjo Kok, Maria Oud, Alexander Pastoors, Michiel Plugge, Peter Smit, Fred Verdult.

### ***Members of the International Board***

Frans van den Boom, NL, Jose Catalan, UK, Lucie Cluver, UK, Richard Harding, UK, Barbara Hedge, UK, Bridgette Prince, SA, Kees Rietmeijer, US, Lorraine Sherr, UK, Yoni Sherr (technical and logistical coordinator), UK, Bruno Spire, FR.

### ***Amsterdam – a compact metropolis!***

No other European city can rival Amsterdam's 7.000 historic buildings, some of which date back to the 14th century. The well-known symmetrical rings of canals with over 1.000 bridges summon up visions of Holland's Golden Age. Amsterdam has a dazzling array of cultural attractions with something for everyone. Virtually all points of interest are well within walking distance. Besides, Amsterdam can be reached quickly, directly and comfortably from all over the world.



### ***Amsterdam Gay Pride 2015***

Gay Pride Amsterdam is one of the best and most fun pride celebrations in the world. This year Pride Week is held from **25th of July until the 2nd August 2015**. Make sure you book your hotel early! Amsterdam will have street parties, the best club parties and of course, the famous Canal Pride Parade. Gay pride is one of the busiest weekends of the year in Amsterdam and a favourite of young and old, straight and gay.

**The Gay Pride Canal Parade on Saturday August 1**, a day after the AIDS Impact Conference ends, is the highlight of the Amsterdam Gay Pride week! Over 80 festooned boats sail along the Prinsengracht canal in a carnivalesque atmosphere of dance, costumes and thermal floats. For more details please see [www.amsterdamgaypride.nl](http://www.amsterdamgaypride.nl)

### ***2nd Announcement***

The 2nd announcement, including the Program at-a-glance, will follow in May 2015.



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