

AIDS Foundation of Chicago at AIDS2010

The AIDS Foundation of Chicago (AFC) is playing an integral part of the 2010 International AIDS Conference (IAC) in Vienna, leading sessions, facilitating discussions, and showcasing several of AFC's innovative projects.

A few highlights of AFC's AIDS2010 participation are listed below.

Be Heard, the AIDS2010 MSM Pre-Conference

- Jim Pickett, AFC Director of Advocacy and Chair of the International Rectal Microbicides Advocates (IRMA) is moderating a session called *Condoms Aren't Enough! Will Pills and Lubes Define the Future of Sex?* This forum will give a detailed overview of new prevention technologies and debate the current Test and Treat/Treatment as Prevention paradigm.
- Jim Pickett will also be leading a session called *The Gay Men's Health Agenda: Advancing Our Lives Worldwide*. The discussion will highlight this collaboration of gay, bisexual, and trans men who are advocating for access to health care and quality, culturally appropriate services across the life course.

Global Village New Prevention Technologies Display

- IRMA, along with partners, will have a booth at IAC's Global Village devoted to new prevention technologies. They also have planned a 2.5 hour networking session of global MSM advocates.

The Impact of Housing on AIDS Health Care and Prevention Poster Presentation

- AFC Vice President of Housing, Arturo Bendixen, will have a poster presentation, 'The Impact of Housing on AIDS Health Care and Prevention - The Chicago Housing for Health Partnership,' that highlights AFC's housing work.
- Bendixen will also be participating in a global satellite meeting on the intersection of HIV and Housing.

The Future of Sex - Lubes or Pills or Both?

- IRMA co-chair Jim Pickett will be leading a conversational session on rectal microbicides, other prevention technologies and how they might affect the MSM population.

Coalition for a National AIDS Strategy Poster, Presentation and More

- AFC Vice President David Ernesto Munar will be presenting a poster on the Coalition's experience on advancing a more coordinated, accountable, and outcomes-oriented response through advocacy toward a National HIV/AIDS Strategy for the United States.
- Munar is also speaking on a North American regional panel in representation of current issues and future directions for the fight against HIV/AIDS in the United States. He has also been asked to join White House officials for a session about the National HIV/AIDS Strategy.
- Munar will be blogging about his experience during AIDS2010. Check out his posts at preventionjustice.org and nationalaidsstrategy.org.

Posters and other AFC materials from AIDS2010 will be available soon on AFC's website
www.aidschicago.org