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Prof Hendrik Streeck announced as the Local Scientific Chair of IAS 2021

24 July 2019 (Mexico City, Mexico) – The International AIDS Society (IAS) today announced that Professor Hendrik Streeck is the Local Scientific Chair of the 11th IAS Conference on HIV Science (IAS 2021), which takes place in Berlin, Germany, on 18-21 July 2021.

Professor Streeck is the Director of the Institute for HIV Research at the University Hospital, Medical Faculty University Duisburg-Essen, in ESSEN. IAS President-Elect Dr Adeeba Kamarulzaman has been named as IAS 2021 International Scientific Chair.

“As Berlin was once divided, HIV continues to divide societies, leaving many patients behind. In Berlin, we want to change this narrative once and for all,” Professor Streeck said. “Collaborative efforts are under way to work on novel HIV prevention and cure strategies, as well as the latest treatment options.

“I am honoured to be serving as the IAS 2021 Co-Chair alongside Dr Kamarulzaman. Hosting IAS 2021 in Berlin will be an important opportunity to assess progress on identifying, treating and caring for people living with HIV across the European region.”

Professor Streeck is the former Chief of the Cellular Immunology Section of the U.S. Military HIV Research Program and adjunct Assistant Professor in Emerging Infectious Diseases at the Uniformed Services University of the Health Sciences. He is also an IAS Member.

In March 2015, Professor Streeck became the Chair of the Institute for HIV Research and remains a visiting scientist at the Military HIV Research Program on HIV vaccine and cure research. Currently, he leads the largest systematic study to understand the feasibility of conducting a Phase 3 HIV vaccine trial in Europe and to understand the epidemic of sexually transmitted infections (STIs). As a result, the European HIV & STI prevention network was established in January 2019.

Professor Streeck completed his medical training in Berlin in 2006 and received his PhD from Friedrich-Wilhelm University in Bonn in 2007. After completing his postdoctoral fellowship at the Partners AIDS Research Center, he became Assistant Professor at the Ragon Institute of MGH, MIT and Harvard and assistant immunologist at the Massachusetts General Hospital in Boston, Massachusetts.

Berlin hosted the 9th International AIDS Conference in 1993, but this is the first time that the city will host the IAS Conference on HIV Science.

“As a multiple award-winning clinician-scientist, Professor Streeck will bring a fresh perspective and deep expertise as the IAS 2021 Local Scientific Chair,” Dr **Adeeba Kamarulzaman** said. “He is highly respected within the scientific community both in Germany and at the international level. I am truly honoured to work with him to create a diverse and robust scientific programme.”



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The International AIDS Society (IAS) leads collective action on every front of the global HIV response through its membership base, scientific authority and convening power. Founded in 1988, the IAS is the world's largest association of HIV professionals, with members in more than 170 countries. Working with its members, the IAS advocates and drives urgent action to reduce the impact of HIV. The IAS is also the steward of the world's most prestigious HIV conferences: the International AIDS Conference, the IAS Conference on HIV Science, and the HIV Research for Prevention Conference. For more information, visit www.iasociety.org.

The IAS Conference on HIV Science is the world's most influential meeting on HIV research and its applications. This biennial conference presents the most critical advances in basic, clinical and operational research that moves science into policy and practice. Through its open and inclusive programme development, the meeting sets the gold standard of HIV research featuring highly diverse and cutting-edge studies. The 10th IAS Conference on HIV Science – known as IAS 2019 – is taking place in Mexico City, Mexico, on 21-24 July 2019. For more information, visit www.ias2021.org

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