2ND TRANS-DISCIPLINARY HIV AND AIDS RESEARCH INDABA 2010: CROSSING DISCIPLINARY BOUNDARIES

UNIVERSITY OF PRETORIA, SOUTH AFRICA, 27-28 FEBRUARY and 1st March 2010

CONFERENCE OVERVIEW

This Conference serves to 1) promote dialogue on HIV and AIDS across disciplines and 2) show case HIV and AIDS-related research and knowledge at the University of Pretoria.

Since the beginning of the HIV epidemic, basic sciences and health sciences have been at the forefront of initiatives for understanding and tackling HIV and AIDS. Yet, the HIV epidemic has uncovered the social determinants of health like no other epidemics before it. In fact, one of the challenges of effective interventions to curb the HIV epidemic has been its over-medicalisation, which has often resulted in the abstraction of HIV from its social, economic, political and cultural milieu.

This Conference aims to bring together researchers from all disciplines and people working in the field of, or interested in HIV and AIDS to discuss and share views and knowledge of the epidemic in a holistic view that takes into account the medical and the social aspects of HIV and AIDS.

CONFERENCE DATES

The Conference will be held on 27, 28 February and 1st March 2010.

CONFERENCE VENUE

Main Campus (Hatfield), University of Pretoria, South Africa.

CALL FOR ABSTRACTS

Staff and registered students of the University of Pretoria are invited to submit abstracts of 250-300 words on any of the Conference themes. Abstracts should be emailed to <u>csa@up.ac.za</u> 29 January 2010. Full papers should be submitted by 12 February 2010.

All abstracts submitted will be reviewed by a Scientific Committee.

ABSTRACTS ARE CALLED UNDER THE FOLLOWING TRACKS

Track A: Natural Sciences

Track B: Clinical Care

Track C: Public Health and Epidemiology

Track D: Social Science and Social Theory

Track E: Community and Human Rights

PROGRAMME OF THE CONFERENCE

The programme of the Conference will be available at <u>www.csa.za.org</u> from 8 February 2010.

All five tracks will run simultaneously during the Conference to ensure the inter-disciplinarity of the sessions and enable dialogue between disciplines. Each session will comprise presentations in basic science and presentations in social sciences.

CONFERENCE REGISTRATION

An indication for participation in the Conference should be emailed to <u>csa@up.ac.za</u> by 15 February 2010. No registration fee is required.

ORGANISERS

The Conference is organised jointly by the Faculty of Health Sciences, The Faculty of Humanities through the Institute for Women's and Gender Studies, and the Centre for the Study of AIDS at the University of Pretoria.

For further information regarding any aspect of the Conference, please contact Ms Mianko Ramaroson Tel: 012 420 4391 until 21 December or Email: <u>csa@up.ac.za</u>. In January, contact Mr. Johan Maritz 012 420 4410. Or Ms Marinda Maree Tel: 012 420 3898 or Email: <u>marinda.maree@up.ac.za</u>.