HIV Vaccine Awareness Day 2012

We invite you to join us in commemorating HIV Vaccine Awareness Day, 18 May 2012, the day in which we recognize and give thanks to all involved in our collective effort to develop a preventive vaccine against HIV.

In recognition of this day, below is a listing of events/activities occurring in communities around the world. We encourage you participate and share this information with your communities. The listing can also be accessed in full on our web site: http://www.vaccineenterprise.org/content/HVAD2012.

KENYA

**Fun Run**
Date: 18 May, 09:00
Location: Kericho, Kenya

Event description: 5 Km fun run and 10 km competitive race. The Salvation Army Band will lead the procession from the District Commissioner’s gate round town to the Moi Gardens where the fun run and the 10k race will end. Voluntary Counseling and Testing will be provided during the event.

Organizer: Walter Reed HIV Project

**Soccer Match**
Date: 18 May, 16:00 – 18:00
Location: Kericho, Kenya

Event description: A soccer match will be held between Kericho High School and Kericho Tea Secondary School at the Green Stadium. Speeches on HIV prevention and HIV vaccine research will be given by scientists and local leaders. The Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Public Health and Sanitation (Mark Bor) will be the Chief Guest.

Organizer: Walter Reed HIV Project
Going Green to Zero HIV Infection
Date: 18 May

Details: To mark World AIDS Vaccine Day this year, IAVI’s Kenya office is partnering with three local NGOs to organize an event in Nairobi’s Kibera neighborhood. IAVI and partners at the Kenya AIDS Vaccine Initiative, I Choose Life–Africa (a youth-serving NGO), and Kenya AIDS NGOs Consortium (KANCO) have set the theme “Going Green to Zero HIV Infection” for this year’s celebrations. Several activities are planned, including tree planting, community dialogue, educational entertainment, and speeches by HIV vaccine researchers from KAVI. For more information about these activities, please contact Daisy Ouya at douya@iavi.org.

SOUTH AFRICA

Zero Stigma and Discrimination For Trial Participants
Date: Friday, 18 May
Location: Weltevreden Community Hall, Philippi township – Cape Town

Details: The event is driven by Cape Town youth and adult CAB supported by the site. It’s aimed at raising awareness on HIV Vaccine research and what role communities can play. There will also be sharing of trial participation experiences by willing participants.

Klerksdorp (Aurum-KOSH), Taking a stand against HIV/AIDS
Date: 19 May, 09:00 - 14:00
Location: Tigane Hall, New York, NY

Details: The theme for this day is “Taking a Stand against HIV/AIDS.” The theme encourages everyone from individuals to communities to take personal and collective responsibility to stop new infections and to partake in the fight against HIV/AIDS by participating in research for an HIV and AIDS vaccine. The event will bring attention to the ways in which the general public can be a part of the world-wide effort to curb the HIV/AIDS epidemic. The campaign will also be linked to the call to know one’s HIV status.

THAILAND

Description: The Armed Forces Research Institute of Medical Sciences (AFRIMS) will invite a small media group to tour the specimen processing facility learn about HIV vaccine research and Thai-US collaboration in HIV vaccine research. The goal is promote the recent progress made, and to thank Thai volunteers who participated, or are participating in clinical trials.
Organizer: Armed Forces Research Institute of Medical Sciences (AFRIMS)
UGANDA

HIV Vaccine Roundtable Discussion; Radio Broadcast
Date: 19 May, 16:00 – 18:00
Location: Kampala, Uganda

Details: Locally known as E’kimeza, the discussion is aimed at facilitating direct engagement on HIV vaccine research between local community members and scientists in the field. It will be aired live on one of the lead FM radio stations in Uganda – Simba FM, and will be moderated by a popular local talk show host – Mr. Dick Nvule.

Organizer: Makerere University Walter Reed Project

UNITED STATES

California

"I want to end HIV for __________," San Francisco Department of Public Health
Saturday, 19 May, 21:00 – 23:00
Location: Café Flore, San Francisco
Collaborators: Bay Area Young Positives

Details: Our celebration for HIV Vaccine Awareness Day will be in conjunction with our celebration of the 2nd Anniversary of our monthly drag show, Hot & Healthy. The show will feature a wide array of drag queens, performance artists, and musical numbers. Each Hot & Healthy show features a fundraising component where a local CBO is a beneficiary to proceeds collected from a raffle. We have made an extra special effort to get extra special prizes for the event in hopes of raising a nice sum of money for the beneficiary, Bay Area Young Positives which serves HIV positive youth up to the age of 25. The celebration will also feature the kick off of our "I want to end HIV for __________" campaign. This campaign will ask people to fill in the blank - who do they want to end HIV for? They will hold up a large sign where they can write in their answer on a dry marker erasable surface. The photo will be posted on our Facebook page with their signed consent and they will be encouraged to "like" our page so that they may see their picture and tag themselves in it. We will also give them the option of being a part of a video collage with other participants that are answering the same question. This campaign will be used throughout the year to bridge our street outreach efforts with our internet recruitment strategies.

Sexual Health Education Resources & Outreach (SHERO)
Date: Wednesday, 16 May, Lunch Time
Location: Oakland’s City Hall
Contact: For more info: +1 510.395.3349
Collaborators: Get Screened Oakland

Details: A Vaccine and Biomedical 101 lunch time workshop that will provide a space for providers, advocates and other interested community members to ask questions, give feedback and dispel myths that may exist around vaccine and biomedical research.

**Frontiers of HIV Research: Searching for a Cure**
Date: 16 May, 17:30-19:00
Location: Harbor UCLA Medical Center

Details: A discussion for community members and HIV providers regarding HIV vaccine development, among other topics. There will be dinner and raffle prizes as well as a panel discussion and Q&A. This is a good opportunity for the community to meet researchers and ask experts their burning questions.

**Georgia**

**SISTERLOVE Event**
Date: Friday, 18 May
Time: 12:00 – 15:00
Location: SisterLove MotherHouse Community Location/1237 Ralph David Abernathy, Blvd. SW, Atlanta, GA 30310
Contact: Lisa Diane White & Kiyana Scott, Phone: +1 404.505.7777
Collaborators: HOPE Clinic of the Emory Vaccine Center Clinical Trials Unit

Details: An HIV Vaccine Awareness Day/Biomedical Prevention Program targeting African Americans with a focus on women and men who have sex with men. Former trial participants will talk about their experience participating in biomedical prevention trials. We will also have a presentation about clinical trials myths and misinformation. Participants will complete biomedical quizzes and participate in a question and answer session to be sure everyone has the basic information provided in the quizzes.

**Massachusetts**

**Latin American Health Institute**
Date: Thursday, 17 May, 12:00 pm to 16:00
Location: Latin American Health Institute, 95 Berkeley Street, 1st Floor Conference Room B, Boston, Massachusetts
Collaborators: Brigham & Women's Hospital and BTG Bridge

Details: This event celebrates National HIV Vaccine Awareness Day and helps build awareness around HIV vaccines and biomedical HIV prevention. The format of the event will be a luncheon and a panel discussion which will provide attendees with the most recent HIV vaccine and biomedical HIV
prevention updates. We will also provide educational materials, and showcase YouTube videos from BTG Bridge. A brief presentation will provide basic information on HIV vaccine and biomedical HIV prevention as well as what LHI is doing to educate the Latino community in the Greater Boston area.

**Multicultural AIDS Coalition**

**Date:** Thursday, 17 May, 18:00 – 20:00  
**Location:** Whittier Street Health Center – 1290 Tremont Street, Roxbury Crossing, MA 02120; Community Room, 2nd Floor; Call for info: +1 617.238.2404  
**Collaborators:** The Fenway Institute at Fenway Health & Brigham and Women’s Hospital

**Details:** What is in your prevention toolbox? – featuring the AWARE Ensemble. AWARE is a social justice theatre ensemble with a special commitment to addressing HIV/AIDS in communities of color. Emphasizing theatre that is “for the people” and “by the people”, AWARE uses innovative techniques that invite audience participation, and uses fun to inspire us to think, engage and build relationships. For more information, visit, [http://www.mac-boston.org/macnewsheadlines/2012/04/17/national-hiv-vaccine-awareness-day.php](http://www.mac-boston.org/macnewsheadlines/2012/04/17/national-hiv-vaccine-awareness-day.php).

**New York**

**Rochester**

**Big Ass Drink Night**

**Date:** Thursday, 17 May  
**Location:** Buffalo at Cathode Ray Nightclub, Rochester, NY

**Details:** Tabling event and setup during the bar’s “Big Ass Drink Night” – promoting HVAD with our BTG partner MOCHA

**G&L Dance Club Event**

**Date:** Friday, 18 May  
**Location:** Tilt Nightclub, Rochester, NY

**Details:** Tabling event and MIC time at Rochester’ G&L dance club – promoting HVAD with our BTG partner MOCHA

**2012 Big Gay Prom**

**Date:** Friday, 18 May, 19:00 – 21:00  
**Location:** Gay Alliance of Genesee Valley – Big Gay Prom, Rochester, NY


**New York City**
**Vaccine-O-Licious at Cattle Call**  
Location: New York, NY  
Date: Wednesday, 16 May, 23:00  
Location: Therapy, 348 West 52nd St, New York.

Details: Vaccine-o-licious - A hot night of singing, dancing and extreme fun. Peppermint, our Queen of Vaccine, will be hosting our annual event for HIV Vaccine Awareness. Featuring DJ Cory Tut. All free. For more info, +1 212-388-0008 ext. 313 or projectachieve.org.

Organizers: The one-night-only show is presented by Project ACHIEVE, the New York Blood Center’s vaccine trial effort and Columbia University Medical Center. The evening is also sponsored by AVAC Global Advocacy for HIV Prevention and Gay Men of African Descent (GMAD).

**Ohio**

**HIV Vaccine and Prevention Community Conversation**  
Date: Friday, 18 May, 12:00 noon  
Location: Case Western Reserve University, Cleveland, Ohio 44106

Details: For information and to RSVP contact Bob Bucklew at rob2@case.edu or at +1 216-844-2247

**Pennsylvania**

**Feel the Spirit and Join the Fight**  
Date: 17 May, 17:30 – 19:00  
Location: 1700 Market Street 15th Floor, Philadelphia, PA

Details: Principal Investigator Dr. Ian Frank, Deb Dunbar, Clinical Nurse Cordinator and two participants enrolled in HVTN 505. It's ask the experts about HIV vaccine research, entertainment, refreshments, sponsored by our CAB, UPenn CTU HIV Prevention Research Division, & community partner SafeGuards.

**Icecream Social**  
Date: 18 May, 16:00 – 19:00  
Location: More Than Just Ice Cream  1119 Locust Street Philadelphia, share a special phillyvax sundae

Details: Ice Cream Social meet & greet to learn about HIV vaccine research

**TENNESSEE**

**Be the Generation Open House Social on HVAD at Nashville CARES**  
Location: Nashville CARES  
Date: 18 May, 21:00 – 02:00
Details: This is a BTG/Brothers United/Young Brothers United Open House Social. There will be vendors, a dance and outreach for HIV Vaccine Research and HIV prevention education. This is an event that is a part of our BTG Bridge Program partnership with Nashville CARES.

**Grizz Glee event with the Nashville Grizzlies**
**Date: 18 May**

Details: This event is hosted by Nashville’s gay men’s rugby team, the Nashville Grizzlies on Numerous team members are volunteers in our study, and are featured in our newest marketing materials. The event promises to be quite a spectacle with the guys singing and dancing at Play Dance Bar a la the hit television show, “Glee,” while advocating for volunteerism in HIV Vaccine Research with our program. There will be fun prizes provided by local sponsors, and a significant education and outreach presence for the Vanderbilt HIV Vaccine Program. This event is a crucial part of our sponsorship of the Grizzlies for their 2012 season.

**Washington, DC**

**Date:** Friday, 18 May, 21:00 – 01:00  
**Location:** LGBTQ bars/businesses on Capitol Hill  
**Collaborators:** Seattle HVTU & The Sisters of Perpetual Indulgence – The Abby of St. Joan

Details: Launch of new Seattle HVTU community campaign featuring Sisters of the Abby of St. Joan & their support for HIV vaccine research. Sisters will join Seattle HVTU outreach team out & about to promote HVAD & autograph posters of new campaign.

**Washington State**

**“Vaccinology 101”**  
**Gay City Health Project**  
**Date:** Wednesday, 16 May, 18:00  
**Location:** Entre Hermanos, Seattle, WA  
**Collaborators:** Entre Hermanos & HVTN-Seattle

Details: “Vaccinology 101” (with an overall biomedical research component) is an event in Spanish targeting Latinos.

**Seattle HIV Vaccine Trials Unit (HVTU)**
**Date:** Friday, 18 May, 17:30 – 19:30  
**Location:** Entre Hermanos, 1505 Broadway  
**Collaborators:** Seattle HVTU, Entre Hermanos & Gay City Health Project
Details: 4th Annual HVAD dinner for Latino leaders & health providers, with HIV vaccine presentations in Spanish.

**Seattle HVTU Community Campaign**
Date: Friday, 18 May, 21:00 – 01:00
Location: LGBTQ bars/businesses on Capitol Hill
Collaborators: Seattle HIV Vaccine Trials Unit (HVTU) & The Sisters of Perpetual Indulgence - The Abby of St. Joan

Details: Launch of new Seattle HVTU community campaign featuring Sisters of the Abby of St. Joan & their support for HIV vaccine research. Sisters will join Seattle HVTU outreach team out & about to promote HVAD & autograph posters of new campaign.

**Other**

**HIV Vaccine Awareness Day: Priorities for AIDS vaccine science and advocacy in 2012 and beyond**
Date: Friday, 18 May, 10:00 am EDT
Organizers: AVAC: Global Advocacy for HIV Prevention

Details: Please join AVAC, fellow advocates and leaders in the AIDS vaccine field for a special HVAD webinar that will include an update on the state of the science as well as time to discuss advocacy priorities for 2012. To register, click here, [http://mlist.orchidsuites.net/lists/lt.php?id=NkoCCwNSUwBeBx4FC1BQDkoBAJvJSD1]%3D>.

**National Black Gay Men’s Advocacy Coalition (NBGMAC)**
Date: TBD (14 May or 29 May), 15:00 – 17:00
Location: Webinar (online)
Collaborators: NBGMAC, National Minority AIDS Council, Harvard Center for AIDS Research, NAACP, others
Presenters: Ken Mayer (Fenway Institute/Harvard CFAR); Ernest Hopkins (NBGMAC/SFAF); Pending: Darrell Wheeler, (Loyola University); Keith Green (AIDS Foundation of Chicago); young Black MSM – TBD; others – TBD

Details: A webinar focused on implications of biomedical HIV prevention strategies for Black MSM in the US.