

**PLENARY SESSION, TUESDAY 13 JULY**  
**08:30 – 10:00, Session Hall A (Arena)**  
**DAILY THEME: Scaling Up Access to Treatment**  
**SPEAKER BIOS:**

**Kiat Ruxrungtham**

Chulalongkorn University, Thailand

Dr. Kiat Ruxrungtham has made a notable contribution to the campaign to scale up antiretroviral treatment for PLWHAs in Thailand and is outspoken on access-related issues such as supervision and monitoring programs. A physician at a leading research and teaching institution, Chulalongkorn Hospital in Bangkok, and secretary of the Thai AIDS Society, Dr. Kiat is also a deputy director for the HIV Netherlands Australia Thailand Research Collaboration (HIV-NAT), which provides HIV medicine, conducts clinical trials training and runs multi-center HIV clinical trials.

**Papa Salif Sow**

University of Dakar, Senegal

Dr. Salif Sow is a pioneer in the control and treatment of infectious and tropical diseases in Senegal and Africa, and has gained great acclaim for his efforts in the fight against HIV/AIDS. He serves as a professor of infectious diseases at Dakar University, where he has worked since 1990, and has been spokesperson for the selection committee of Senegal's National AIDS Programme.

He once said, "Once treatment has begun, it cannot stop as long as there is life," (*Panos Features*, July 2000). More recently, he has been quoted in association with antiretroviral therapy access issues, saying, "Many patients can't even afford to eat, let alone pay for expensive treatments" (*Agence France-Presse*, 31 March 2004).

**Diane V. Havlir**

AIDS Research Institute, University of California, San Francisco, USA

Dr. Havlir's achievements extend beyond outstanding work in HIV care to include research efforts in antiretroviral therapy and the interaction between HIV and tuberculosis on local and international levels. Dr. Havlir has worked extensively in Latin America and India, and is currently chief of the Positive Health Program at San Francisco General Hospital, assistant adjunct professor of Medicine at UCSF, and principal investigator for the Adult AIDS Clinical Trials Group (AACTG).

**Jim Yong Kim**

World Health Organization

A renowned physician-anthropologist, Dr. Kim serves as director of the Department of HIV/AIDS at the World Health Organization (WHO). His main areas of expertise are infectious diseases and access to pharmaceuticals amongst poor populations. In addition to his roles as Associate Professor of Medicine and Medical Anthropology and Director of Infectious Disease and Social Change Program at Harvard Medical School, Dr. Kim is a Founding Trustee of the non-profit organisation Partners in Health, and Co-Chief of the Division of Social Medicine and Health Inequalities at Brigham and Women's Hospital in Boston.

His book, *Dying for Growth: Global Inequality and the Health of the Poor*, examines the socio-economic forces affecting health outcomes of the poor throughout the world. On being named one of 24 MacArthur Fellows in 2003, Dr. Kim said, "I want to find a way to accelerate what I've been doing for the past 15-20 years, helping the poor get access to better health care. Perhaps I can do something really significant. I feel a deep sense of responsibility to do so" (*Harvard Gazette*, October 2003).