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## Plenary Speaker Bios

**TUESDAY, 15 August**

**Francoise BARRÉ-SINOUSSE, PhD, France**

***Dynamics of HIV/AIDS vaccine research: From dream and nightmare to reality and hope***

Prof. Françoise Barré-Sinoussi is Director of the Regulation of Retroviral Infections Unit (formerly the Retrovirus Biology Unit) at the Institut Pasteur in Paris, and has been involved in retrovirology research since the early 1970s. She is recognized in particular for her contributions to the identification and characterization of HIV in the 1980s. Prof. Barré-Sinoussi is first author of the publication (in *Science* in 1983) that first reported the discovery of a retrovirus later named HIV, in a patient at risk of developing AIDS. Prof. Barré-Sinoussi became responsible for her own laboratory at the Institut Pasteur in 1998 and initiated research programmes on viral and host determinants of HIV/AIDS pathogenesis. Between 1988 and 1998, she was also involved in collaborative programmes on HIV vaccine research, using primate models. Today, her research focuses on innate regulations of HIV/SIV infection.

Prof. Barré-Sinoussi is author or co-author of more than 200 original publications and of more than 120 articles in book reviews. She has received 10 national or international awards for her contributions to HIV/AIDS. Along with her research activities, Prof. Barré-Sinoussi has strongly promoted the integration between HIV/AIDS research and actions in resource-limited countries, and is involved in capacity development, training and technology transfers on-site in Africa and Asia.