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Plenary Speaker Bios

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Microbicides and other prevention technologies

Prof. Gita Ramjee is the Director of the HIV/AIDS Lead Programme for the South African Medical Research Council (MRC) and Director of MRC's HIV Prevention Research Unit.

Her research focuses on HIV prevention and women-initiated prevention options such as microbicides, as well as treatment and care research in HIV-positive populations. Prof. Ramjee currently serves as the Principal Investigator on three Phase III and one Phase IIB microbicide trials, one Phase III trial of the vaginal diaphragm and a trial to test the effectiveness of short-course antiretroviral therapy at HIV-1 seroconversion. She and her team of 240 researchers and support staff are involved in the testing of five out of six microbicide products that have reached this advanced stage of development.

Prof. Ramjee is a long-standing contributor to the International AIDS Conference, having served as committee member and reviewer of abstracts. She was also Co-Chair of the recent Microbicides 2006 Conference in South Africa and is a Track Chair for the 4th International AIDS Society Conference on HIV Pathogenesis, Treatment and Prevention: IAS 2007 in Sydney. She received her PhD at the University of Natal, South Africa, and was awarded Distinguished Visiting Professorship by the Tamil Nadu Medical University in India in 2005.