



Plenary Speaker Bios

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Prevention of the Sexual Transmission of HIV-1: A View from Early in the 21st Century

Myron Cohen is the J. Herbert Bate Distinguished Professor of Medicine, Microbiology, Immunology and Public Health at the University of North Carolina (UNC) and the Associate Vice Chancellor for Medical Affairs-Global Health. He is also the Director of the UNC Division of Infectious Disease and the UNC Institute for Global Health and Infectious Disease, as well as Associate Director of the UNC Center for AIDS Research. Dr. Cohen serves on the Senior Leadership Group of the National Institutes of Health (NIH) Center for HIV Vaccine Immunology (CHAVI) and is part of the leadership group of the NIH HIV Prevention Trials Network (HPTN). He is Associate Editor of the journal *Sexually Transmitted Diseases* and the comprehensive textbook, *Sexually Transmitted Diseases*. Dr. Cohen's research focuses on the transmission and prevention of HIV, with emphasis on sexually transmitted disease (STD) co-infection. He has conducted landmark studies related to the biology of HIV transmission and the use of antiretroviral agents for prevention. In 2005, Dr. Cohen received a National Institutes of Health MERIT Award for ongoing support of this work. He is the author of more than 400 publications. Much of his research has been conducted in resource constrained countries, especially in Malawi and in the People's Republic of China. Dr. Cohen received his medical degree from Rush Medical College and completed an Infectious Disease Fellowship at Yale University.