



Plenary Speaker Bios

Bruno SPIRE, PhD (France)

HIV Prevention: What Have We Learned from Community Experiences in Concentrated Epidemics?

Bruno Spire is a researcher living with HIV. He is currently President of AIDES, the primary nongovernmental HIV organization in France. He also holds a position in the French National Institute for Medical Research. In 1998, Dr. Spire turned his research to public health issues in order to reconcile the objectives of scientists and activists. He has led a large number of analyses of the issue of patient adherence, demonstrating that adherence cannot be predicted in advance, solely on the basis of socio-demographic characteristics. His research demonstrates that adherence is influenced by a patient's experience. Dr. Spire's research has contributed to the knowledge of determinants of patients' quality of life in the ART era. Part of his research also focuses on the sexual behaviours of PLHIV. Dr. Spire was trained as a Medical Doctor in Paris. He obtained his PhD in Virology in 1990 while working on the Françoise Barré-Sinoussi team, which was involved in the discovery of HIV. He started a post-doctoral position in London in 1990 with Professor Robin Weiss to study the Vif Protein of HIV virus. In 1993 he returned to Marseille to continue studying HIV in the field of molecular biology. Dr. Spire is an advocate for the right of minorities, gay men, injecting drug users and migrants to obtain equal access to health care.