VIP Speaker Bios

Juan Jacobo HERNANDEZ (Mexico), *Co-Founder and Director, Colectivo Sol, International Consultant, International HIV/AIDS Alliance, and AIDS 2008 Community Programme Committee Co-Chair*

Juan Jacobo Hernandez is Director of Colectivo Sol, a nonprofit organization in Mexico working on issues related to sexual diversity and human rights. He is one of the co-founders of the response to HIV in Mexico, Latin America and the Caribbean, a co-founder of the Latin American and Caribbean Council of AIDS Service Organizations (LACCASO), and one of the pioneers of the gay liberation movement in Mexico. Mr. Hernandez has worked extensively on projects related to sexual and reproductive health and HIV-related stigma and discrimination, and has developed several guidelines on sexual health, peer education, and HIV prevention for men who have sex with men using participatory methodologies. Mr. Hernandez has worked in the United States, Latin America and the Caribbean, Africa and Asia, and has consulted with many national and international organizations, including Family Health International, YouthNet and the International HIV/AIDS Alliance.