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CROI and Community and YOU
Preparing for CROI 2023

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Actions and Solutions on Dapivirine Ring Access
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Agenda

• What is CROI?
• Key dates
• Meet CROI 2023 co-chairs
• Meet CROI Community Liaisons
• Meet IAS-USA organizers
• Community scholar program
• Margarita Breakfast Clubs, WhatsApp, and other community/advocate activities
• QA and discussion throughout
What is CROI?

- Conference on Retroviruses and Opportunistic Infections (CROI)
- Established in 1993 (2023 is 30th anniversary)
- The CROI Foundation partners with the International Antiviral Society–USA to organize and produce the conference
- Forum for basic scientists and clinical investigators to present, discuss, critique research around epidemiology, biology of human retroviruses and associated diseases
- Synergy of basic science and clinical investigation has been a major contributor to success of CROI
- Community engagement critical component
- CROI has facilitated presentation of important discoveries, accelerating progress in HIV research
- Best and most consequential original research defines the science at CROI, including research in HIV, hepatitis viruses, SARS-CoV-2, MPV, and other viral infections and their related conditions.
What CROI is:

- PURELY SCIENTIFIC CONFERENCE
- 501(c)(3)
- NOT-FOR-PROFIT
- INTERNATIONAL

What CROI is NOT:

- MEMBERSHIP SOCIETY
- COMMERCIALY DRIVEN
- GOVERNMENT FUNDED
• Live talks
• Moderated symposia
• Posters
• Technical review
• Scholarships
• Database
• Info guide
• Abstract book
• Media briefings
• Website
- 45 volunteer scientists
- 3 volunteer community liaisons
- 80+ abstract reviewers
- Thousands of hours planning, logistics, and implementation – before, during, after

**What did vCROI cost?**

$2.5+ Million USD

**Estimated Cost**

- Historically Financed by:
  - 10% Foundation Reserves and Other Sources
  - 25% Independent / Unrestricted Industry Grants
  - 65% Participation Registration Fees

- CROI is NOT Financed by:
  - Membership Dues
  - Exhibit Fees
  - Symposia Fees
  - Journal Subscription Fees
  - Advertising

It's more than just a Zoom call.
August 29 – submission opens for general abstracts on HIV and Hepatitis viruses/related conditions and scholarship applications, incl. Community Scholar program

Mid September – registration opens

September 20 – submission deadline for general abstracts on HIV and Hepatitis viruses/related conditions and scholarship applications

November 1 – dispositions sent by email for general abstracts on HIV and Hepatitis viruses/related conditions and scholarship applications

February 19 – 23 – CROI 2023 in Seattle, Washington, USA
Meet CROI 2023 Chair, Co-Chair
CROI Scientific Program

CROI-2023: (A Big Year!)

February 19-22, 2023
Seattle, WA

- 1st In-person CROI since 2019
- CROI’s 30th Anniversary
- Special events for Young Investigators
- Inviting Abstracts in Behavioral & Social Sciences

Community Liaison Subcommittee
Jim Pickett  Dawn Averitt  Ntando Yola
Key things to know about CROI: What we strive to do!

- Create a program for presenting cutting-edge, new science relevant to HIV/AIDS: (CROI 2023: also SARS-CoV-2, Monkeypox)
  (e.g. basic science, prevention, treatment, complications/comorbidities, cure)

- Provide a forum to welcome, mentor and inspire Young Investigators: i.e., the next generation of scientists, educators, advocates and community voices

- CROI is a truly international meeting for scientists, educators and communities from all over the world

- CROI is not subsidized by pharmaceutical companies or industry

- The CLS plays an integral and critical role in developing the CROI Program and achieving its mission and goals.
Meet CROI Community Liaisons
Meet IAS-USA colleagues
CROI invites community leaders who engage in communication, advocacy, and educational activities focused on the prevention, treatment, and cure research of HIV, hepatitis viruses, SARS-CoV-2, monkeypox, and other viral infections and their related conditions, to apply for a CROI Community Scholarship. Community Scholarship applicants must demonstrate an established commitment to sharing scientific knowledge with community members and stakeholders as well as an ability to expand research and science literacy among communities affected by topics presented at CROI.
Community Scholar Program – Who?

• Community leaders who engage in communication, advocacy, and educational activities focused on px, tx, and cure research of HIV, hepatitis viruses, SARS-CoV-2, MPV and other viral infections, related conditions

• Leaders, highly motivated to learn & apply dynamic, ever-evolving research

• Demonstrate established commitment to sharing scientific knowledge w/community members, stakeholders & ability to expand research/science literacy among communities affected by CROI topics

• Demonstrate competency, skills to translate complicated science to wide array community members, stakeholders in different contexts

• Community leaders w/ scientific conf experience, who have not attended CROI, encouraged to apply

www.croiconference.org/community-scholarship
Community Scholar Program – What?

• **Full Scholarship** comp. conference registration. Up to US $750 (US/Canada) or US $1500 (international) to and from conf at lowest fare for economy travel and up to 5 nights hotel. Daily stipend possible for awardees from resource-limited countries.

• **Partial Scholarship** comp conf registration. Covers travel OR hotel depending on recipient’s need as demonstrated in application

• **Registration Scholarship** comp conf registration

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Community Scholarship Criteria

• Active in comms, education, advocacy efforts in communities. Only candidates affiliated with orgs that provide comms, advocacy, or educational services (limit 2 apps per org).

• Motivation, creativity, competency, scientific literacy, English fluency and demonstrable ability to understand, disseminate research in communities

Preference given to individuals who:

• Have demonstrated the capacity and commitment to engage diverse communities with relevant science and research information

• Individuals whose efforts in this area go beyond direct-to-client prevention services (incl. biomedical; service and clinical trial recruitment)

• Financial need considered

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• Medical professionals, administrators, researchers, media professionals are not eligible to apply

• Recipients limited to total 3 scholarships. Policy to limit # designed to expand opportunities

• Due to CROI 2020 transition from in-person to virtual, scholarships received for 2020 not included in limit

• All CROI Community Scholars required to participate in full conference, including Program Committee Workshop for New Investigators and Trainees. After conf, recipients must complete all evaluations. Recipients who cannot participate in full conf must decline award.

• Scholarship not transferable

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Margarita Breakfast Club

- Intimate virtual Zoom setting for attendees to connect, engage, ask questions
- CROI reg not required
- Organized by CROI CLS in collaboration w/ staff from AVAC, EATG and other global orgs and individual partners
• From Long to Longer – How New ARVs are Rewriting the Script for HIV Prevention and Treatment
  Date: Monday, February 14
  Speaker: Dr. Chloe Orkin
  Moderators: Ntando Yola and Jim Pickett
  182 registrants

• River Deep, Mountain High: Pathways Toward a Cure for HIV
  Date: Wednesday, February 16
  Speakers: Dr. Katharine Bar and Moses Supercharger
  Moderators: Danielle Campbell and Michael Louella
  221 registrants

• Aging with HIV – Frailty, Comorbidities and a Call to Action
  Date: Tuesday, February 22
  Speakers: Dr. Kristine Erlandson and Jules Levin
  Moderator: Jeff Taylor
  181 registrants

• Rings and Injectable Things: Moving from Options to Choices for HIV Prevention in Cisgender Women
  Date: Wednesday, February 23
  Speakers: Drs. Sinead Delany-Moretlwe and Kenneth Ngure
  Moderator: Danielle Campbell and Breanne Lesnar
  203 registrants

• Long COVID – What We Know, What We Need to Know, and What We Need to Do
  Date: Thursday February 24
  Speakers: Dr. Steve Deeks and JD Davids
  Moderator: Michael Louella
  193 registrants
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453 unique registrants across all 5 programs.

100 +/- attended each session live

Recordings and slides shared with all registrants.

2022 Margarita Breakfast Clubs
CROI Community 2022 WhatsApp

Jim Pickett
YESSSSSS to compensation
11:11 AM
It's really messed up how our systems expect community folks to volunteer so much time. We need to banish that.

+1 (203) 639-5817 — Michael Louella
Yes.
11:13 AM

+266 5852 2872 — Lepheana Mosisoaene
+1 (203) 639-5817 — Michael Louella
I find myself singing Supercharger's song a lot these days 😁.
Very interesting song with message and he is very passionate about care. That is also reflected in his songs.
11:13 AM

+254 723 790248 — Sims
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*Having paid Advisory Boards* states Chloe. It's interesting.
It would bring professionalism in our participation in these boards...other than just voluntary passive participation
11:25 AM

+1 (646) 431-7525 — JD Davids
RECOVER Press Release and Backgrounder Feb 14.pdf
Here is a Press Release from PEOPLE LIVING WITH LONG COVID that talks about how we have NOT been given meaningful involvement in the big NIH RECOVER Initiative. Please note that it is NOT criticizing anyone on today’s panel, as none of them are the top leaders of the Initiative.
We appreciate the support of the global HIV Community as we call for the meaningful involvement that has been so important in HIV research to become the standard in Long COVID research!
https://drive.google.com/file/d/14s3Kr-cfBPrwipprz29fMLyGJ7bZzvQ/view?usp=sharing
2:07 PM

Katharine Kripke
Really important point, JD! Not registered, so didn't see the session, though.
Thank you - this is also why it is SO IMPORTANT to have people with Long COVID involved, as we have been talking about this issue constantly...It's like a basic obvious thing for us!
2:08 PM

Katharine Kripke
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Sorry to hear you are suffering from long COVID and totally agree
2:10 PM

+256 753 406913 — Teopista
We have such a great group here! So I know that me and Dr. Hiller are psyched up for the prevention sessions today. Who else wants to share what they are excited about??
10:07 AM

+256 772 581000 — Supercharger
Hey our good people, don’t miss the Margarita break fast show at CROI conference. It’s gonna happen tomorrow Wednesday yes Wednesday at 5:10 pm EAT. Somewhat very special about HIV our...
I am sorted and will attend. There is much hope in CURE!
10:17 AM

Same here. We have come a long way. The community embraces prevention there is no way we would have continued doing study after study!
10:20 AM

+287 72 766 746 — Kan
The Aging With HIV meeting is another session that shouldn't just end with CROI conference presentations. We seriously need to move into action. We need to guidelines to include some focus towards people like me aging with HIV. Interventions aimed at reducing the burden of comorbidities as we age is critical...
10:23 AM

+256 753 406913 — Teopista
How did you guess. Timely resource converting mountain time
10:23 AM

+256 753 406913 — Teopista
Outstanding juxtaposition today. Pardon me, couldn’t get my comment out yesterday.
Thank you