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REGISTRATION BROCHURE

Call for Abstracts • Participant Registration • Scholarship Application



EIGHTEENTH ANNUAL
UNITED STATES CONFERENCE ON AIDS

October 2-5, 2014
Hilton San Diego Bayfront Hotel
San Diego, CA

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Dear Friends and Colleagues:

The United States Conference on AIDS (USCA), set for October 2 - 5, 2014, at the Hilton San Diego Bayfront Hotel in San Diego, CA, is an event you cannot afford to miss. For nearly two decades, USCA has sought to increase the strength and diversity of the community-based response to the HIV/AIDS epidemic through education, training, new partnerships, collaboration and networking. This year, USCA will work to high-light the changes in our movement that have brought us closer than ever to ending the epidemic, and ways that we can move forward as a community to make this dream a reality.

USCA is the largest AIDS-related gathering in the U.S., bringing together over thousands of workers from all fronts of the HIV/AIDS epidemic—from case managers and physicians, to public health workers and advocates, people living with HIV/AIDS (PLWH/As) to policy-makers—to build national support networks, exchange the latest information and learn cutting-edge tools to address the challenges of HIV/AIDS. We hope you will be one of them.

This conference brochure includes: the Call for Abstracts, as well as Registration and Scholarship Application forms. The 2014 USCA Planning Committee has issued the Call for Abstracts to solicit proposals from people working in the field of HIV/AIDS interested in convening a seminar, workshop, roundtable or poster presentation at USCA. When preparing submissions, please follow all of the guidelines outlined in this document, and submit required materials on or before April 4, 2014, by 5:00 p.m. (EST). Abstracts may be submitted online at www.2014USCA.org.

The committee will notify everyone accepted as presenters well in advance of the conference dates, and send them information concerning all applicable registration and/or hotel discounts.

Early Bird Registrations must be postmarked on or before June 27, 2014. To apply for the limited number of USCA scholarships available, carefully read and complete the application form, and submit all required materials on or before July 11, 2014, by 5:00 p.m. (EST).

For more information about USCA, and/or to submit abstracts, registrations and scholarship applications online, visit <http://www.2014USCA.org>. Questions may be referred directly to the Conferences and Meeting Services Division at conferences@nmac.org or (202) 483-NMAC (6622). Keep up with breaking news and receive deadline reminders by:

- Signing up for USCA e-alerts at <http://tinyurl.com/USCAalerts>
- Following USCA on Twitter: <http://www.twitter.com/NMACcommunity>; be sure to mark all USCA-related tweets with the hashtag: #USCA2014.

The journey toward a world without HIV/AIDS requires the skills, experience and passion that each of us brings to this struggle. As the 2014 USCA approaches, I hope we can count on you to join us as we renew our spirit and recommit ourselves to ending the HIV/AIDS epidemic.

Yours In the Struggle,



Paul Kawata, Executive Director
National Minority AIDS Council

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National Alliance of State and Territorial AIDS Directors • National Native American AIDS Prevention Center

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2014 USCA AGENDA

Wednesday, October 1
4:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.

Registration Opens

Thursday, October 2
7:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.
8:30 a.m. – 10:00 am
10:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.
10:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.
12:30 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.
2:30 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.

Registration
Opening Plenary Breakfast
Exhibit Hall Open
Session 1 Workshops and Roundtables
Plenary Luncheon
Seminars

Friday, October 3
8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.
8:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.
10:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.
12:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.
2:30 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.
4:30 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.

Registration
Seminars
Exhibit Hall Open
Plenary Luncheon
Session 2 Workshops and Roundtables
Session 3 Workshops and Roundtables

Saturday, October 4
8:30 a.m. – 11:30 am
9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.
10:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.
12:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.
2:30 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.
4:30 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.

Seminars
Registration
Exhibit Hall Open
Plenary Luncheon
Session 4 Workshops and Roundtables
Session 5 Workshops and Roundtables

Sunday, October 5
8:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.
12:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.

Seminars
Closing Plenary Luncheon

2014 USCA HOTEL INFORMATION

To reserve a room at the USCA Conference venue, the San Diego Bayfront Hotel, call: 800-Hiltons on or before September 2, 2014. The hotel address is:

Hilton San Diego Bayfront Hotel
1 Park Boulevard
San Diego, CA 92101

Rates: Single/Double: \$159
Reservations Deadline: September 2, 2014

All rooms are subject to state and local taxes. Room reservations will require a first night's deposit paid with a major credit card on or before September 2, 2014.

Be sure to mention the 2014 United States Conference on AIDS (USCA) to qualify for the special conference rate. Rooms always sell out prior to the deadline, so make your reservations early!

IMPORTANT DEADLINES

Abstracts
April 4, 2014

Early Participant Registration
June 27, 2014

Scholarship Applications
July 11, 2014

Hotel Reservations
September 2, 2014

Regular Participant Registration
August 29, 2014

Participant Reg. Cancellations
September 5, 2014

The mission of the United States Conference on AIDS is to increase the strength and diversity of the community-based response to the HIV/AIDS epidemic through education, training, new partnerships, collaboration and networking.

Registration Form

NMAC encourages all registrants to fill out online registration forms at www.2014usca.org. The 2014 USCA is set for October 2 – 5, 2014, at San Diego Bayfront Hotel in San Diego, CA. If you do not have access to the internet or a credit card, please complete and return the following form with the appropriate payment, purchase order or training authorization form, on or before June 27, 2014 for the Early Bird rate, and by August 29, 2014 for the regular rate, to:

The United States Conference on AIDS
Attention: Conference Registrar
1931 13th Street, NW, Washington, DC 20009 – 4432
Forms may be returned via email to conferences@nmac.org

For additional information, or to register online, visit: www.2014usca.org.
Otherwise, contact the conference registrar by telephone: (202) 483- NMAC (6622) or e-mail: conferences@nmac.org.

Please print clearly or type. Photocopied submissions are accepted. Since nametags will be produced from the following information, please submit a separate form for each registrant.

PARTICIPANT INFORMATION

First Name: _____

Last Name: _____

Title: _____

Organization: _____

Address: _____

City: _____

State: _____ Zip: _____ Country: _____

Telephone: _____ Fax: _____

E-mail (required for confirmation): _____

Website: _____

Twitter:@ _____

SPECIAL NEEDS

Check all that apply:

- Kosher Sign interpretation
 Spanish Translation Vegetarian
 Wheelchair access Other: _____

DEMOGRAPHIC INFORMATION

The confidentiality of contact and demographic details provided on this form – including name, mailing address, zip code, telephone number, gender and HIV status cannot be guaranteed. The registration and scholarship selection processes often require that information provided on forms be shared with NMAC staff, USCA partners and corporate sponsors. Please note: USCA partners and corporate sponsors may use your contact information to send e-mails and other communications regarding events at USCA. To opt out of receiving such messages, please send an e-mail request to communications@nmac.org.

Gender:

Female Male Transgender

Age:

Under 20 20-24 25-34 35-44 45-54 55-64 65+

Ethnicity: Check all that apply.

- African American/Black American Indian/Alaska Native
 Caucasian Latina/o or Hispanic
 Asian and Pacific Islander Other: _____

HIV Status:

Positive Negative Unknown Undeclared

REGISTRATION TYPE/FEE CATEGORY

Registration Type	Deadline	Fee
<input type="checkbox"/> Early NMAC Member Reg. Fee	June 27, 2014	\$450
<input type="checkbox"/> Early Non-member Reg. Fee	June 27, 2014	\$570
<input type="checkbox"/> NMAC Member Reg. Fee	Aug. 29, 2014	\$550
<input type="checkbox"/> Non-member Registration Fee	Aug. 29, 2014	\$655
<input type="checkbox"/> On-Site Registration Fee	after Aug. 29, 2014	\$775
<input type="checkbox"/> Federal Fee		\$510

You must submit proof of NMAC membership in order to receive an NMAC member registration rate. All registrations postmarked after August 29, 2014 are considered on-site registrations. Youth – those 25 years of age and under – are eligible for a 50% discount on registration in all categories. Please contact the Conference Division at (202) 483-NMAC (6622) or conferences@nmac.org to take advantage of this offer.

* All federal employees are required to pay this fee. The federal fee does not include meals.

PAYMENT

Registrations will only be accepted with payment, purchase order or training authorization form.

Check or Money Order Attached (Payable to the United States Conference on AIDS)

Total Amount Enclosed \$ _____.

Credit Card:

American Express Discover Card MasterCard VISA

Account/Card Number: _____

Cardholder's Name: _____

Exp. Date: ____/____ Today's Date: _____

Cardholder's Signature: _____

Government Purchase Order/Training Authorization Form: Attach one copy of completed purchase or training authorization form to this conference registration application. Purchase orders are only accepted until August 29, 2014.

PLEASE NOTE: ON-SITE REGISTRATION IS LIMITED.

The United States Conference on AIDS reserves the right to return forms after capacity has been reached.

Method of Payment

The conference accepts checks and money orders made payable to the United States Conference on AIDS, as well as the following credit cards: MasterCard, VISA, American Express and Discover. Government purchase orders and training authorization forms also are accepted. Registrations will only be accepted with payments.

Cancellation and Refund Policy

Written cancellations postmarked or faxed on or before September 5, 2014, by 5:00 pm (EST), will be honored in full, less a \$150.00 processing fee. Refunds will NOT be issued for cancellations postmarked or faxed after this date.

Conference Agenda

A more detailed agenda will be available online after Sept. 15, 2014. A complete schedule at a glance and description of institute, seminar, workshop and poster presentation topics, times, locations and faculty will be available on-site. The agenda will also be available via a mobile application.

Scholarship Application

USCA SCHOLARSHIPS

A limited number of scholarships will be available for current dues-paying members of the National Minority AIDS Council (NMAC) . Scholarship applicants can select from either:

- Option A: Registration only, or
- Option B: Registration, \$100.00 travel subsidy and two nights lodging at the official conference hotel.

Scholarship recipients who qualify for Option B will receive the travel subsidy on- site when they register for USCA. To receive the two complimentary nights of lodging at the official conference hotel, recipients must make their own hotel arrangements, and submit the room confirmation number to the conference registrar if they are awarded a scholarship.

Though all staff members, directors and volunteers who meet the above criteria are invited to apply, only one scholarship per agency will be awarded. Scholarships will be awarded based on financial need, geo-graphic distribution and population(s) served. Also considered are the skills the participant will be able to use in his/her agency and community. Applications will be accepted from current dues paying members of NMAC only. Please provide reverification of NMAC membership. Scholarship applicants with questions about their membership or constituency status should contact NMAC prior to returning this form.

We encourage you to apply online at www.2014usca.org. Please complete scholarship applications on or before July 11, 2014, by 5:00 pm (EST). Applications sent by fax, or received after the deadline will not be considered.



Call for Abstracts

CALL FOR ABSTRACTS

The USCA Conference Planning Committee has issued this Call for Abstracts to solicit abstract proposals from people working in the field of HIV/AIDS interested in convening a seminar, workshop, round table or poster presentation at the 2014 United States Conference on AIDS.

Abstracts will be reviewed by the USCA Conference Planning Committee, and authors will be notified in writing if accepted to serve as a presenter. All committee decisions are final.

PROGRAM FORMAT

The USCA Conference Program sessions fall into four categories: seminars, workshops, roundtables and poster presentations.

Seminars: A seminar is an in-depth, three- hour presentation on an AIDS-related topic relevant to one or more of the tracks.

Workshops: A workshop is an in-depth, one and one half hour presentation on a topic relevant to one or more of the conference tracks.

Roundtables: A one and one half hour informal participatory session at a table of ten-twelve participants concerning a topic relevant to one or more of the conference tracks. The roundtable leader facilitates discussion among the session attendees. Due to the smaller venue, the number of roundtable presenters must be limited to one or two people. Audio visual equipment will not be provided for roundtable presentations.

Poster Presentations: Poster presentations are placard-type exhibits relevant to one or more of the conference tracks displayed in a special exhibition area at the conference that often are accompanied by related handouts or materials.

All conference program presentations are relevant to one or more of the seven USCA tracks: High Impact Prevention, Organizations and Change Management, Linkage to Care and Primary Care, Retention in Care and Primary Care and Viral Suppression, Housing, Domestic/International Issues Intersection and Science and Research Translation.

SUBMITTING AN ABSTRACT

The following are several things to consider when submitting an abstract for USCA 2014.

- Does the abstract or session suggestion have sufficient interactive elements?
- How closely does the abstract relate to the track description and objectives?
- Is the topic cutting edge or essential?
- Will conference attendees find this session interesting?
- Are the ideas presented in your abstract presented clearly?
- Does the format of the proposed session meet the needs of the conference?

We strongly suggest you write out the four portions of your abstract in a word processing system before typing it into the online system, for ease of editing and to keep for your records. There is no word limit, however, we do ask that submissions be no longer than two, typed pages in length.

CONFERENCE TRACKS

All abstracts are guided by an 'ending the epidemic' theme and every abstract should incorporate this theme into the proposed discussion/ presentation.

Domestic/International Issues Intersection

This track seeks abstracts on a wide range of HIV/AIDS issues that are relevant to our domestic agenda, but have an international component, e.g., the effects of immigration, migration and health workforce shortages on HIV/AIDS prevention, treatment, care, etc. programs. Possible abstract topics could include: dealing with stigma, funding, treatment protocols, orphans and vulnerable children, peer education, palliative care, various prevention approaches, HIV vaccine trials, border health issues and partnering with domestic and international nongovernmental organizations (NGOs) regarding immigration/migration opportunities/challenges, etc.

High Impact Prevention

This track seeks interactive and dynamic abstracts that consider not only program effectiveness but also the overall impact on the course of the epidemic. In order to maximize reductions in new HIV infections, prevention strategies need to be combined in the smartest and most efficient ways possible for the populations and areas most affected by the epidemic. Abstracts should address HIV prevention issues that community planning members, community-based organizations and health departments can use in order to optimize and enhance their prevention program efforts. By using combinations of scientifically proven, cost-effective, and scalable interventions targeted to the right populations in the right geographic areas, this approach promises to increase the impact of HIV prevention efforts – an essential step in achieving the goals of that National HIV/AIDS Strategy. This approach is designed to maximize the impact of prevention efforts including implementing an improved approach to funding distribution, expanding HIV testing and Initiating demonstration projects for those most vulnerable to HIV infection, including gay and bisexual men, communities of color, women, injection drug users, transgendered persons, and youth. Possible topics include: HIV testing, biomedical interventions/antiretroviral therapy, prevention with positives; prevention with negatives; substance use/abuse treatment; screening for other sexually transmitted infections; access to condoms and sterile syringes, etc.

Housing

This track seeks abstracts that underscore the importance of housing and its impact on health outcomes and what has worked in specific communities. Abstracts for this track should be developed in combination with one of the other track topics. Possible topics could include quality, affordable and appropriate housing; developing, operating and sustaining housing programs; national, statewide and/or local HIV/AIDS organizing and policy advocacy; development of regional and local HIV/AIDS housing continuums; and special population housing.

Linkage and Engagement in HIV Care

This track seeks abstracts that explore the opportunities and challenges of connecting those who test positive to life saving care and treatment. Topics could include counseling and referral, health education and health literacy, peer navigation models, managing life with HIV including adherence counseling and medication management.

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Organizations and Change Management

This track seeks advanced-level abstracts that address the needs of organizations that are changing and the opportunities and challenges in doing so. Possible topics could include board leadership, executive/senior management level leadership, strategic and financial planning, personnel/staff skill sets; and organizational management, etc.

Retention in HIV Care Leading to Viral Suppression

This track seeks abstracts that explore the opportunities and challenges of retaining HIV-positive patients in quality HIV care with the ultimate goal of viral suppression. Topics could include the barriers to retention including the co-existing issues of substance use, mental illness, Hepatitis C and homelessness; innovative strategies and models of care that promote retention in care; and best practices to increase viral suppression and improve the health outcomes of people living with HIV.

Science and Research Translation

This track seeks abstracts that present state-of-the-art scientific advances on a wide range of issues that are relevant to biomedical research, prevention research, implementation research and integration of biomedical and behavioral research. This track will accept research that may have already been presented at a scientific conference and researchers are encouraged to translate their research for a non-scientific audience and explain its relevance to program practitioners. Biomedical research includes but is not limited to HIV vaccine research, microbicide research, pre-exposure prophylaxis research, and research on test and treat strategies for reducing HIV incidence. Possible biomedical abstract topics could come from a range of science and research that include: HIV pathogenesis, vaccine and cure research, ARV drug development and pipeline, pre-clinical and human trials, drug resistance and toxicities. Prevention research includes behavioral research, clinical research, epidemiological research, laboratory research, and implementation research. Possible prevention research abstracts could include treatment adherence, access to testing and treatment, HIV diagnostics, viral suppression, male circumcision, pre-exposure prophylaxis (PrEP), post exposure prophylaxis (PEP), HAART (highly active antiretroviral therapy), cART (effective combination antiretroviral therapy), REP (replicating effective programs) including evidence in effectiveness in reducing high-risk behaviors, and evidence based interventions (EBIs). In addition, research in both biomedical and behavioral research should consider HIV/AIDS co-morbidities and co-infections including hepatitis viruses; HIV related and non-related malignancies; cardiovascular, renal, hepatic, bone, lipid and glucose challenges and other opportunistic infections. Implementation and integration research could address any of the biomedical and prevention research topics.

ABSTRACT SUBMISSION GUIDELINES

Please use the following guidelines to prepare your abstract submission. For additional guidance, or to submit an abstract online, visit: www.2014USCA.org.

Authors must identify their abstract as a seminar, workshop, roundtable or poster presentation, and prepare their submissions according to the format, time length and scheduling requirements of each session category. In addition, only one target audience may be selected: beginner, intermediate or advanced.

Though each abstract may be submitted for consideration in all four session categories, the USCA Conference Planning Committee strongly encourages authors to limit their choice to those most appropriate. For instance, if an abstract works ONLY as a seminar, do not indicate on the form that it also should be considered for selection as a workshop, roundtable or poster presentation.

ABSTRACT SUBMISSION FORMATS

Authors are required to submit abstracts in one of the following formats:

Format I: For abstracts concerning a specific program, project or study:

- I. OBJECTIVE: Describe the purpose of the program, project or study.
- II. METHODS: Briefly describe the methods or strategies used in the program.
- III. RESULTS: Describe the objective outcomes of the program, project or study. Include quantifiable data, if possible.
- IV. CONCLUSIONS: State the conclusions reached as a result of the program.

Format II: For abstracts addressing a broader issue area, problem or community need:

- I. TOPIC: Identify the topic of the proposed presentation.
- II. ISSUES: Dictating the specific issues, problems or needs it will teach or discuss.
- III. LEARNING OBJECTIVES: Describe what the audience will learn from the presentation.
- IV. STRATEGIES, METHODS, MODELS, EXAMPLES: Provide information about the teaching or discussion strategies and methods that will be employed. Include models or examples, if possible.

ABSTRACT SUBMISSION DEADLINES

Please submit abstract submissions on or before April 4, 2014 by 5:00 p.m. EST online at www.2014USCA.org or by postal mail:

Please Note: Abstract submissions will only be accepted via online submission. Faxed or mailed submissions will NOT be considered.

HONORARIUMS AND REIMBURSEMENT

The committee regrets that it cannot offer conference presenters honorariums or reimbursements for food and/or transportation costs. All seminar, workshop, roundtable and poster presentation panels, however, will receive ONE free, non-transferable conference registration. Seminar and workshop presentations also will receive one night of complimentary lodging at an official USCA hotel, as well as a \$100 travel subsidy, which will be disbursed on-site during registration at the conference.

QUESTIONS

Contact the Conferences and Meeting Services Division directly at conferences@nmac.org or (202) 483- NMAC (6622).

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If you experience difficulty with the online submission process, please call the Conferences and Meetings Services Division at (202) 483-6622 ex. 3560