

CONFERENCE PARTICIPATION



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Overview

- Key conferences
- How to get there
- Utilizing your time
- Learning and implementing



The conference diary for Europe

- Glasgow HIV Drug Therapy 2016
- International AIDS Society AS 2017 (Paris)
- European AIDS Clinical Society 2017 (Milan)
- European HIV and Hepatitis co-infection conference 2017 (London)
- European Association for the Study of the Liver (EASL)
- International AIDS Society World AIDS Conference 2018 (Amsterdam)
- Glasgow HIV Drug Therapy 2018
- Eastern Europe and Central Asia Conference (EECAAC)
 - Plus about 100 Others around the world



Getting there – funding options

- Scholarships – everyone wants one, few get one!
- Community registration – hard to get and needs evidence – which will be checked!
- Pharmaceutically funded – needs to evidence base how you will feedback and how attending will benefit your community and or your development.
 - Warn against “tied” to contracts and or obligations
- Press registration – often press affiliation is required
 - Certainly required is previous published materials
 - On-line, printed, video, all yes
 - Very grey areas are on-line “blogs” and usually not accepted
- Government funding
 - Often very hard to find where the money is
 - Even harder to jump through the hoops to get it

Scholarships

- Full scholarship
 - Usually only for developing countries
 - Low or middle income countries
 - Certain :key populations”
- Partial scholarship
 - Registration for the conference – usually open to everyone
 - Accommodation – priority given to low / middle income countries
 - Travel – usually low / middle income
 - occasionally “key populations”



Know your learning skills.

- Do you remember every slide that is shown?
 - Genius, you should be on record breakers...
- Do you hear things, see things, write things, speak?
- Make notes
- Visualize
- Conferences are busy places



Making the most out of a conference

- Read the programme – pick your sessions
- Do NOT try to do it all – impossible!
- Network – often more beneficial
- Posters are often a very good source of learning and information
- Take time out to digest – and to eat!



Reporting

- Make notes
- Write up each day
- Watch the video presentations back
- Thank your funders!



And so to Glasgow

HIV
Drug
Therapy

2016

GLASGOW



**Training
Academy**

STEP-UP: Skills Training to Empower Patients

