# **17th European AIDS Conference** Is durable HIV remission achievable?

EACS is willing to strengthen **basic and translational sciences** within the 17th European AIDS Conference and is collaborating with the ANRS to organise a special session on **HIV cure**. This joint session will be held on Thursday, November 7 from 10:00-12:00:

#### **HIV cure symposium**

The existence of the Berlin and London patients, as well as the reports on longterm control of viremia after antiretroviral treatment interruption in some individuals (post-treatment controllers) is inspiring the hope that a state of durable HIV remission is achievable. Stem-cell transplantation is nonetheless not a scalable regimen and a therapy leading to durable remission has not been identified yet. [Continue reading]

**Chairs**: François Dabis (France); Annemarie Wensing, (Netherlands) **Lectures**:

- Mechanisms of HIV persistence, Maria Jose Buzón (Spain)
- Cell metabolism and HIV pathogenesis, Asier Saez-Cirion (France)
- Antiviral NK cells and HIV-1 immunotherapy, Marcus Altfeld (Germany)

#### Scientific programme

EACS is receiving support from the canton Basel-City (Basel-Stadt), Switzerland, to offer scholarships to **basic and translational researchers/scientists**. The <u>scholarship applications</u> are open until July 11, 2019.

Three **best poster discussion sessions** will be held at the 17th European AIDS Conference (Friday, November 8, 12:45-13:45). They will gather the best of the poster abstracts that will be submitted and accepted for the conference. These three sessions will address respectively: Antiretroviral (ARV), Ageing: Long-term complications, and Hot topics. <u>Abstract submission</u> is open until July 11, 2019.

### Important deadlines:

EACS is collaborating with the H.W. & J. Hector Foundation, which announces the <u>European Hector Research Award in HIV 2019</u>. It will be awarded for the best scientific achievements in HIV research.

Clinical and/or epidemiological papers and basic science, translational papers will be considered.

Registration for individuals and groups is now open. The early registration fee applies until July 12, 2019. A reduced fee is available for allied professionals, students and community members. Registering early will give you the opportunity to register to the pre-educational course, the WAVE workshop, and the meet-the-expert sessions, which are free of charge but organised on a firstcome first-served basis.

The <u>scholarship programme</u> is open to clinicians/physicians, public health experts, researchers from basic and translational sciences, allied professionals, community members, and other service providers involved in HIV/AIDS. We welcome scholarship applications until July 11, 2019.

<u>Clinical cases</u> can be submitted until September 2, 2019. Selected clinical cases will be presented during the dedicated session on Saturday, November 9, 2019.

The main sessions of the Conference will be translated into **Russian** and we hope that this will give the opportunity to Eastern-Central European countries to increase their participation. More information will follow.

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