The 13th annual INTEREST Conference will be held in Accra, Ghana, from May 14-17, 2019. Known as the “African CROI”, INTEREST brings together scientists, implementers, and health care professionals involved in HIV treatment, pathogenesis, and prevention research from around the world. The conference provides a platform to share pivotal findings, promote collaboration, and transfer experiences across several fields and continents including Africa, Europe, and North America.

Before the morning plenary program, there are:
- Joep Lange early career guidance mentoring sessions
- Grantspersonship sessions that provide a forum for research funders such as Fogarty International Center/U.S. National Institutes of Health (NIH), the European and Developing Country Clinical Trials Partnership (EDCTP); and France Recherche Nord & Sud Sida-Hépatites (ANRS) to discuss opportunities and describe the profiles of successful applications
- Thematic guided poster discussions led by experts

Language of the conference:
- Presentations may be made in English or French
- Bidirectional simultaneous translation of French and English will take place for all plenary sessions
- Abstracts may be submitted in either English or French

Registration for INTEREST 2019 is now open!
We are pleased to introduce the Local Organising Committee (LOC) of the 13th INTEREST Conference to be held in Accra. Key Ghanaian experts actively engaged in the field of HIV, they include academics, care providers, and representatives from government institutions and civil society. Under the leadership of the INTEREST 2019 Local Chair Professor Kwasi Torpey, their valuable input and expertise is ensuring the success of INTEREST 2019.
We encourage researchers from around the world to submit their abstracts and help shape the program of INTEREST 2019. Abstracts can be submitted in French or English and scientific peer review will be conducted in both languages.

We invite you to choose one of the following categories for each submitted abstract:

- Antiretroviral treatment and HIV care
- Basic science and HIV cure
- Community/civil society engagement
- Economics, innovative financing, development goals
- Epidemiology
- Health system strengthening
- HIV co-infections, including hepatitis, tuberculosis, sexually transmitted infections, and (re)emerging pathogens
- HIV and co-morbidities
- HIV prevention including HIV vaccines and antibodies
- Implementation science, cost-effectiveness, and modelling
- Information technology innovations for HIV (mHealth, electronic records, social media, etc.)
- Key Populations: prevention and treatment challenges
- Knowledge translation to policy and programming
- Laboratory monitoring/diagnostics
- New PrEP technologies and PrEP rollout
- Paediatrics and prevention of mother-to-child transmission (PMTCT)
- Regulatory, ethical, and research conduct issues
- Socio-behavioural research
- Stigma and discrimination
- Structural determinants and interventions
- Women and HIV

Abstracts accepted for oral or mini-oral presentation are eligible for travel and accommodation support.

Abstract Submission Deadline: 1 February 2019
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