



## PARENT/GUARDIAN INFORMATION & CONSENT FORM FOR SPONSORED DELEGATES

On behalf of the Conference Organisers, the International AIDS Society and Toronto Local Host, we thank you for supporting your child attending the XVI International AIDS Conference in Toronto, Canada from 13-18 August 2006 (the "**Conference**").

Your child is a Sponsored Delegate, whose care and supervision will be the responsibility of \_\_\_\_\_ (the "**Sponsoring Organisation**"). The Sponsoring Organisation is not affiliated with the Conference or its organisers in any way, except as a sponsor of Conference attendees, and the Conference and its organisers will not be responsible for any actions and omissions of the Sponsoring Organisation or any of its staff or volunteers with respect to the care and supervision of your child.

All Sponsored Delegates under the age of 18 (as of 13 August 2006) attending the Conference **MUST** have this consent form, signed by their parent/guardian, authorizing their child/ward to travel to Toronto to attend this Conference. This form must be signed **in triplicate** by a custodial parent or guardian of a participant less than 18 years old, and one copy returned to the Sponsoring Organisation. The second copy of this form is for your records. The third copy is to be given to the child for them keep on their person when attending the Conference. We also ask that you advise your child of your consent to his or her attendance at the Conference.

Travel to and around Toronto, supervision, care, accommodation, board, and all other matters are the responsibility of your Sponsoring Organisation.

If you have any questions please contact your Sponsoring Organisation at:

Name of Sponsoring Organisation: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Person(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Tel: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

It is **your responsibility** to make sure that your child has all the necessary travel documents in order before departure. It is also **highly recommended** that you make sure that your child has appropriate travel health insurance if your child is not a resident of Canada.

**In attending the Conference, the following is the type of experience and exposure that you and your child can expect:**

The Conference sessions are organised into five tracks: Biology and Pathogenesis of HIV; Clinical Research; Treatment and Care; Epidemiology; Prevention and Prevention Research; Social, Behavioural and Economic Science; Policy. The Conference covers all aspects of HIV/AIDS, for example: medical information, sexuality, health, sexual and reproductive health, issues of poverty, sexual orientation, racism, gender, stigma and discrimination, drug use, and medicine.



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A lounge for people living with HIV/AIDS (“PLWHA”) will be available on site. The PLWHA lounge will be a place of rest and support where there will be complimentary snacks, spaces for informal meetings and relaxation and private facilities for taking medication.

The Cultural Programme of the Conference will showcase film, video, visual art, theatre, poetry, dance, music, and other creative pursuits. Activities and events will be showcased at the Conference centre, city public venues and community organisations.

Exhibit areas with education displays and presentations will include content on human sexuality, sexual and reproductive health including condoms, female condoms, homosexuality, drug use and paraphernalia. There will be some visual art displaying the lives of people living with HIV and communities affected by HIV. There will be displays by pharmaceutical companies promoting their products including HIV/AIDS medications.

Networking areas will allow for different populations to gather as peers including scientists, researchers, health professionals, gays and lesbians, people living with HIV, prostitutes, drug users, people from ethno cultural communities, former prisoners, faith-based communities, transgendered people, women and men.

The Youth Pavilion within the Global Village will be a youth focused space for meetings, forums, and evening sessions; a space to highlight and showcase youth achievements, connect with peers to facilitate networking opportunities and engage adults in dialogue, a youth media hub, and a lounge.

Food can be purchased on-site and there will be an information desk available for delegates.

As a condition of your child’s admittance to the Conference, we require you to accept the terms and conditions set out in this form. **Please read this form carefully**, provide the requested information and sign at the bottom to indicate your acceptance.

**Name of child/ward:** \_\_\_\_\_ has my permission to attend and participate in the Conference and any activities relating to the Conference from **13 – 18 August 2006** with supervision arrangements as provided for by the Sponsoring Organisation.

### **Contacts during the Conference:**

During the duration of the Conference, I may be reached at

\_\_\_\_\_  
Address

\_\_\_\_\_  
Phone

\_\_\_\_\_  
Alternate Phone



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In the event of an emergency, if I cannot be reached, the following person is hereby authorised to act on my behalf and **has been notified that she/he has been granted this authority and may be contacted by the Conference or the Conference Organisers:**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Relationship to child/ward: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Address

\_\_\_\_\_ Phone

\_\_\_\_\_ Alternate Phone

In the event of an emergency, if parent/guardian or secondary contact person cannot be reached, **your signature on this form gives permission to the Conference and the Conference Organisers to take whatever steps they deem necessary to ensure the safety and health of your child/ward.**

**Informed Consent: I have read and understood the information provided with this form and herein. I understand that there is a degree of risk in attending the Conference. After carefully considering all the risks involved, I authorise my child/ward to participate in the Conference as described above.**

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\_\_\_\_\_  
**\* SIGNATURE OF CUSTODIAL PARENT/GUARDIAN OR PARTICIPANT (IF OVER 18)**

\_\_\_\_\_  
**RELATIONSHIP TO PARTICIPANT (IF APPLICABLE)**

Name:  
Address:

\_\_\_\_\_  
**SIGNATURE OF WITNESS (OVER 18)**

Name:  
Address:

\* When only one parent signs to indicate consent, he/she does so in good faith and is presumed to be acting with the consent of the other legal parent/guardian.