



## ***Global Network of Researchers on HIV/AIDS in the MIDDLE EAST and NORTH AFRICA Region (GNR-MENA)***

### **Satellite Meeting**

**Date** Tuesday, 13th July 2004

**Time** 18.00-20.00

**Location** Room: EC1

#### **Background and Objectives**

The Global Network of Researchers on HIV/AIDS in the Middle East and North Africa (GNR-MENA) was launched at the University of Illinois – Chicago in April 2003. Its goal is to serve as a forum for scientific exchanges, debate and networking for researchers from around the world who are interested in studying and better understanding the HIV/AIDS epidemic in the Middle East and North Africa.

#### **Membership**

Membership in GNR-MENA is voluntary, individual, free and open to researchers and clinicians from all disciplines who focus their research on HIV/AIDS in specific MENA countries or on the region as a whole.

#### **SESSION PROGRAM**

18:00 – 18:05	Introduction and Welcome <b>Dr. Sandy Sufian</b> , UIC, GNR-MENA Founder
18:05 – 18:20	“Vulnerability to HIV/AIDS in the Middle East and North Africa: A Socio-Epidemiology Overview” <b>Dr. Carol Jenkins</b> , The World Bank
18:20 – 18:35	“Averting HIV/AIDS in the Middle East and North Africa: Challenges, Opportunities and the Way Forward” <b>Dr. Oussama Tawil</b> , UNAIDS
18:35 – 18:50	“HIV/AIDS Prevention-Care Continuum in MENA: Realities and Obstacles” <b>Dr. Inon Schenker</b> , Hebrew University of Jerusalem
18:50 – 19:05	“The Best Practice Model for Prevention and Care for HIV/AIDS and Potentials for Expansion into a Muslim Country Program.” <b>Dr. Kamiar Alaei</b> , National Research Institute of Tuberculosis and Lung Disease (NRITLD); <b>Dr. Arash Alaei</b> , NRITLD
19:05 – 19:20	“The Meaning of the 3 by 5 Initiative for Global Health and the Middle East” <b>Dr. Jos Perriens</b> , WHO
19:20 – 20:00	Round Table: Researching HIV/AIDS in MENA-- Challenges and opportunities Moderator: <b>Dr. Sandy Sufian</b> , UIC

**ROUND TABLE PARTICIPANTS:** **Dr. Suliman Eid**, Aman Center, Gaza; **Dr. Hadia Karam**, World Bank; **Dr. Jaouad Mahjour**, MOH Morocco; **Dr. Pascal Stenier**, UNAIDS; **Dr. Etaf Maqboul**, Bethlehem University; **Dr. Mostafa El Nakib**, Lebanon National AIDS Program; **Dr. Hanni Oren**, Jerusalem AIDS Project; **Dr. Pardis Mahdavi**, Columbia University School of Public Health

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