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I am Professor of Medicine; formerly Chair of Medicine at the University of Zimbabwe College of Health Sciences. In addition I am the Director of the UZ Clinical Research Centre and a Co-PI in the UZ-UCSF Collaborative Research Program, two programs which are involved in HIV/AIDS research including antiretroviral therapy, prevention, opportunistic infections and perinatal HIV. I am the Principal Investigator of the UZ Medical Education Partnership Initiative-NECTAR, a PEPFAR and NIH funded programme (2010-2016), whose goal is to improve medical education capacity and research capacity strengthening to cope with the heavy burden of all diseases, especially HIV/AIDS in Africa.

I trained at Makerere University, Uganda (MBChB); University of Nairobi, Kenya (MMed-internal medicine); Royal Colleges of Physicians UK (MRCP-UK); University of Newcastle, Australia (MMedSci-Clinical Epidemiology); University of Cape Town (Health Professions Education). I did a post-doc in Cardiology at Aachen, Germany. I am a fellow of the Royal Colleges of Physicians of London and Edinburgh. I have recently been nominated for an award of a Doctor of Science in Medicine from University College London at a graduation ceremony in July 2016.

I have diverse research interests in HIV/AIDS including antiretroviral therapy, prevention, opportunistic Infections and long term complications of HIV/AIDS. I have been involved in seminal HIV research through funding and collaboration with MRC-CTU (UK), NIH (USA), EDCTP (Europe), Rockefeller Foundation, DIFD, Wellcome Trust, etc. I have authored/co-authored more than 150 articles, book chapters and scientific communications. I am a member of the following organizations:

- 1. WHO Adult & Adolescent Guidelines Review 2009/2010 chair of International Committee
- 2. IAS-I participate as a reviewer and chair in IAS and World AIDS meetings
- 3. UNAIDS Advisory Committee member-2014-to date
- 4. CROI-I was a program committee member-2007-2013
- 5. Glasgow HIV Therapy program member-2006-to date
- 6. INTEREST meeting-chair Lusaka meeting 2014. Local host and chair Harare meeting May 2015
- 7. ICASA 2015-Host and Local chair 2015 meeting
- 8. ACTG and HPTN/DIADS networks member conducted/conducting up to 15 clinical trials
- 9. NACCAP (Netherlands)-program committee member 2006-2016
- 10. Editorial Board Clinical Infectious Diseases-2007-to date

The IAS has played, and continues to play, a pivotal role in ensuring that all stakeholders are engaged in addressing the key scientific, programmatic, human rights, societal and community

concerns of the epidemic. The IAS has been a major proponent in ensuring that PLH are at the centre of the response to the epidemic, and that the benefits of research and programs continue to be developed until HIV/AIDS is cured.