



Highlights of Wednesday 27th February, 2008

Report of abstract session on “Community involvement to improve clinical trial method”

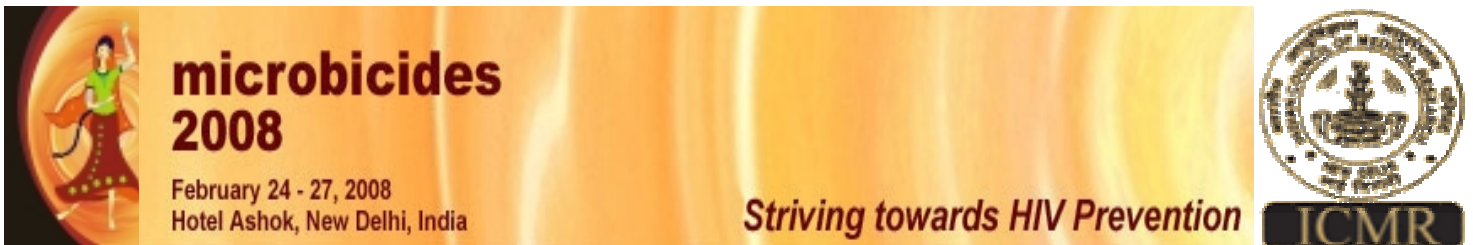
The entire four scheduled abstract were presented. The abstract of Mr. Siboniso Bathelezi was presented by Ms. Shelley Hees.

The presentation from India and Uganda brought out different community strategies for information of communities and meeting participants. A range of methods for retention and reduction of attentions were described. The abstract from Kwazuluvata described community participatory method in the form of theatre sketches that was enacted by participants or members of community. The abstract by Sean Philpalt elaborated on the US policies that restricted participants and the opportunities even within the policies of misconceptions are removed. He discussed the anti-prostitutous clause, the Mexico city policy (gag rule) and the restrictions on ancillary treatment.

The questions and clarifications all related to the last presentation. A strategic advocacy for national level was put forward. One representative from NIH clarified same in was related to restrictive policies.

Recommendation for reviews

The 4th presentation was slightly different and covered larger areas.



Panel on Planning for introduction and access Co-chaired by Jeff Spieler (USAID) and Kim Dickson (WHO)

This panel addressed how access and availability of microbicides will be assured following demonstration of safety and effectiveness, first in the study population where the trials were held, and thereafter in the trial country, region and around the world. Two different types of candidate products were featured; the vaginal microbicide gel PRO 2000 and the anti-ratoviral drug Truvada used for pre-exposure prophylaxis (PrEP). The perspectives of the trial investigators and the companies providing the brief summary of the Microbicides Access Forum organized by IPM and WHO and held in Nariobi in 2007.

The conference was concluded by organizing a memorable closing ceremony. It was chaired by Honorable Union Minister of Science and Technology and Earth Sciences Sh. Kapil Sibbal. During this, a brief report about the conference was presented. The venue for the *Microbicides 2010* was announced and it would be *Pittsburgh*.