

Invitation to Participate
First International Conference on Alcohol and HIV in India
August 3-4, 2009
Pre-conference training workshop: August 1-2, 2009

The International Institute for Population Sciences (Mumbai, India), The Institute for Community Research (USA) and the National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism, N.I.H. (USA) are sponsoring the “*First International Conference on Alcohol and HIV in India*”. **This conference will take place in Mumbai, India, August 3 – 4. The conference will be preceded by a two-day training workshop August 1 – 2. For further details go to <http://www.alchivconf2009.in/>**

The conference aims to examine the role that alcohol plays in contributing to sexuality and sexual risk related to sexually transmitted diseases and HIV by highlighting the work of current Indian and U.S.-Indian partnership research on these topics. The outcome is an agenda for continued research in India on alcohol consumption and its association with sexual risk, violence, unwanted pregnancies, unwilling sex, and other sexual health problems. Invited keynote and plenary speakers will provide overviews of issues in alcohol and sexuality research, research methods and current studies.

South Asian researchers and international researchers working in India are invited to submit abstracts for posters/oral presentations. Approximately 40 – 50 abstracts will be chosen for poster presentations, oral presentations or both; abstracts will be posted on the conference website.

The conference pre-training workshop will provide doctoral students and more advanced researchers with an orientation to the field of alcohol and HIV research, both in India and internationally, and methods training in the collection and analysis of alcohol use data, and qualitative/ethnographic approaches to data collection on sexual behaviors, gender norms, and alcohol consumption. **Approximately 20 candidates for the training workshop will be chosen and fellowships covering all training expenses will be provided to successful candidates. Trainees will be expected to attend the conference. Interested candidates can apply on the conference website.**

The conference venue will accommodate a total of 150 – 160 participants including all keynote speakers, poster and panel presenters and attendees. Up to 70 conference attendees who are non-presenters are invited to register at the conference.

The deadline for all applications is April 30, 2009. Notification of acceptance, May 31, 2009.

Conference registration costs: Indian residents and nationals, Rs. 3000; international attendees, \$200. Conference materials will be available upon registering. All meals will be provided to every registrant during the conference.

For further updates about the *First International Conference on Alcohol and HIV in India*”, please visit the conference website: <http://www.alchivconf2009.in/> We look forward to seeing you in Mumbai, India.

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