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THE AUSTRALASIAN SOCIETY FOR HIV MEDICINE will announce today, Thursday 1 December (World AIDS Day) at 1.45pm, that it will co-host the *International AIDS Society Pathogenesis, Treatment and Prevention Conference* in Sydney in 2007. Co-Chair for the Conference Professor David Cooper, along with NSW Health Minister Hatzistergos and Tourism Minister Nori will make the announcement at Parliament House.

ASHM Chief Executive Officer, Levinia Crooks, said "This highlights the excellent reputation of Australian HIV researchers and clinicians. ASHM works extensively, training and supporting the health workforce, here and overseas. This will be a fantastic opportunity to showcase our work and our city."

"Planning is on track and the Conference Organising Committee met this week", said Crooks.

Craig McClure, Executive Director for the IAS said "The *International AIDS Society Conference on Pathogenesis, Treatment and Prevention* is the world's premier meeting to focus on state of the art science in the context of the global HIV pandemic. This conference brings together the world's scientific community from across developing and developed world settings to review progress in scaling up access to prevention and treatment technologies and to chart recent developments in science to advance our future response to HIV/AIDS."

"The International AIDS Society is thrilled to be working with ASHM to bring the meeting to Sydney, Australia in 2007. This will be the first major AIDS conference in Australia; a country that has been at the forefront of scientific research to end the epidemic."

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