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### RE: Sixth International Workshop on HIV Persistence during Therapy

Following on the success of its last edition (<http://www.informedhorizons.com/persistence2011>) I am delighted to announce the **Sixth International Workshop on HIV Persistence during Therapy**, scheduled for December 3-6, 2013 in Miami, Florida (<http://www.informedhorizons.com/persistence2013>) at the JW Marquis Hotel.

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Since we launched this Workshop in 2003, the issue of “**HIV Persistence & Reservoirs**” has moved to the forefront, not only for researchers but also for clinicians facing the problem of a long-term control of a persistent retroviral infection.

With the ultimate goal of finding a cure against HIV, the study of “**HIV Reservoirs & Sanctuary sites**” is critical for several reasons:

- Patients under optimal combination therapy still experience neuro-cognitive disorders, persistent inflammation, accelerated aging...
- Life-long antiretroviral therapy is not sustainable in terms of cost, compliance and toxicity;
- Characterization of the exact nature of HIV reservoirs is still incomplete;
- Mechanisms of HIV latency need to be better understood;
- New biological tools to assess the reservoir need to be invented;
- New therapeutic approaches targeting the HIV reservoir have to be discovered and tested.

Therefore, there is a need to develop quickly new strategies for a HIV functional cure.

All the aspects of “**HIV Persistence**” will be discussed during the workshop. The program format of this 6<sup>th</sup> edition will be in line with the past editions, including State-of-the-Art presentations given by international experts and new, unpublished data selected among submitted abstracts. It will favour scientific discussions and include, for the first time, working in sub-groups to tackle specific issues.

Over the last 10 years, this meeting has been recognized as the reference workshop on “**HIV Reservoirs**”, bringing together a brilliant faculty and a group of researchers and clinicians of outstanding quality.

**In 2013, the Scientific Committee has been modified to include the exact persons working in the field, both from academia and industry<sup>1</sup>.**

Priority will be given, as usual, to the quality of the scientific data presented and the participants will have to submit an abstract to sign up to this workshop. This is a guarantee of quality; limiting the attendance to around 300 persons, i.e. people really working in the field throughout the globe.

The abstract book will again be published as a special issue of the “Global Antiviral Journal”.

In 2009 for the first time, the workshop received support from the NIH, the ANRS, and was CME accredited by the University of Massachusetts Medical School.

On behalf of the Steering Committee, I would like to ask for your support, which is vital for the success of this next edition.

Informed Horizons, LLC (IHL) will serve as the Secretariat for the Sixth International Workshop on HIV Persistence during Therapy. Your contribution should be made payable to:

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If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me directly or contact Kristen Morris, Secretariat, at +1 770 573 3020. To commit your support, please fax your completed fax-response form to: +1 770 997 2488.

We would like to express our gratitude for your generous support for the Sixth International Workshop on HIV Persistence during Therapy.

Kind regards,



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On behalf of the Steering Committee

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