

## KEY FIGURES IN LATIN AMERICA

### **Ricardo Baruch (Mexico)**

Mr. Baruch is a young activist and coordinator the XVII International AIDS Conference's program for young people. He represents Latin America in the NGO delegation of the Global Fund and he is the Regional Focal Point for Latin America for the Global Youth Coalition against AIDS (GYCA). He is co-coordinator of the HIV/AIDS Work Force for the Youth Coalition on Sexual and Reproductive Rights.

[www.youthaidscoalition.org](http://www.youthaidscoalition.org)

### **Mabel Bianco (Argentina)**

Dr. Bianco is a renowned women's rights activist. She is a doctor and epidemiologist as well as the founder and current director of the Fundación para el Estudio e Investigación de la Mujer (Foundation for the Study and Research of Women – FEIM). She was advisor to the Argentinean Health and Social Action Ministry and directed the Health Ministry's National Program for the fight against AIDS and STDs.

[www.feim.org.ar](http://www.feim.org.ar)

### **Carl Brown (Guyana)**

Mr. Brown is Director of the Pan Caribbean Partnership against HIV/AIDS (PANCAP), which connects the different Caribbean countries through their Health Ministries to provide a regional answer to the HIV/AIDS epidemic.

[www.pancap.org](http://www.pancap.org)

### **Mario Bronfman (Mexico)**

Dr. Bronfman was Head Researcher for the Mexican National Institute of Public Health and Chief Executive Officer of the same institute's Public Health Research Center. He is a member of the National System of Researchers and the National Secretary of the International Forum for Social Sciences in Health. Dr. Bronfman represents Mexico and Central America for the Ford Foundation.

[www.fordfound.org](http://www.fordfound.org)

### **Robinson Cabello (Peru)**

Dr. Cabello is a member of the Executive Committee of the Latin American and Caribbean Council of AIDS Service Organizations (LACASSO). His position is to represent and monitor the actions of the Regional Secretariat. He is Chief Executive Officer of Vía Libre.

[www.laccaso.org](http://www.laccaso.org)

[www.vialibre.org.pe](http://www.vialibre.org.pe)

### **Pedro Cahn (Argentina)**

Dr. Cahn MD, Ph.D is Chief of the Infectious Diseases Unit, Juan A Fernandez Hospital and Assistant Professor in Infectious Diseases at the Buenos Aires University Medical School, where he received his medical degree. In 1989, Dr. Cahn founded Fundación Huésped, one of the most prestigious HIV/AIDS NGOs in Argentina, where he now serves as Director. He is Conference Co-Chair of the International AIDS Conference in Mexico City in 2008 and is the current President of the International AIDS Society.

[www.huesped.org.ar](http://www.huesped.org.ar)

**Xiomara Castro de Zelaya (Honduras)**

Mrs. de Zelaya is Honduras' First Lady. Throughout her administration she has promoted efforts geared toward the prevention, treatment and care of HIV/AIDS. She was key in organizing the First Ladies and Female Leaders Coalition in Latin America to explore the topic of women and AIDS.

[www.primeradama.gob.hn](http://www.primeradama.gob.hn)

**Pedro Chequer (Brazil)**

Dr. Chequer is coordinator of the United Nations AIDS program in Brazil. He co-founded and for several years was director of Brazil's National AIDS Program where he oversaw the implementation of Brazil's policy of universal access to treatment and prevention.

[www.unaids.org/en/CountryResponses/Countries/brazil.asp](http://www.unaids.org/en/CountryResponses/Countries/brazil.asp)

**Raquel Child (Mexico)**

Ms. Child is the regional advisor for the Prevention of HIV/AIDS for the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA), an international agency focused on development that promotes equal opportunity, health and human rights.

[www.unfpa.org](http://www.unfpa.org)

**Julio Frenk (Mexico)**

Currently the Chief Executive Officer of the Carso Health Institute and a member of Mexico's National Medical Academy, Dr. Frenk was Mexico's Minister of Health from 2000 to 2006. He has also served as Chief Executive Officer of Research and Policy Information for the World Health Organization and a visiting professor at Harvard University. Dr. Frenk was the first director of Mexico's National Institute of Public Health.

[www.salud.carso.org](http://www.salud.carso.org)

**Eduardo Gotuzzo (Peru)**

Dr. Gotuzzo is Director of the Alexander von Humboldt Tropical Medicine Institute at the Universidad Peruana Cayetano Heredia (UPCH) in Lima and of the Gorgas International Course in Clinical Tropical Medicine, a joint program between UPCH and the University of Alabama. He has overseen the International Society of Infectious Diseases (ISID), the Peruvian Association of Internal Medicine and the Pan-American Association of Infectious Diseases. He is an honorary member of American Society of Tropical Medicine and Hygiene and the National Medical Academy.

[www.upch.edu.pe](http://www.upch.edu.pe)

**Javier Hourcade Bellocq (Argentina)**

Mr. Hourcade Bellocq is Co-President of the Leadership Program Committee for the XVII International AIDS Conference. He is the Latin American regional representative for the International Alliance against HIV/AIDS. He is also a member of the Governing Council for the Global Fund and is part of the delegation that supports communities of people living with HIV and TB as well as those affected by Malaria.

[www.aidsalliance.org](http://www.aidsalliance.org)

**Carol Jacobs (Barbados)**

Dr. Jacobs leads the National Commission for HIV/AIDS in Barbados. From 2004–2006, she chaired the Board of the World Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria, representing Latin America and the Caribbean.

[www.hiv-aids.gov.bb](http://www.hiv-aids.gov.bb)

**Nils Kastberg (Panama)**

Mr. Kastberg is Director of the United Nations Children’s Fund (UNICEF) for Latin America and the Caribbean. He has diverse work experience in developing countries and has led advancements in issues related to maternal health, HIV/AIDS and the rights of children and teenagers.

[www.unicef.org/lac](http://www.unicef.org/lac)

**Orlando Montoya (Ecuador)**

Mr. Montoya is Director of the Fundación Equidad Ecuatoriana (Ecuadorian Foundation for Equality) and Coordinator of the Asociación para la Salud Integral y Ciudadanía de Latinoamérica (Association for Integrated Health and Citizenship of Latin America – ASICAL). He is also a part of the Latin-American Network of Groups GLBTT and MSM.

[www.asical.org](http://www.asical.org)

**Jean Pape (Haiti)**

Dr. Pape is a professor of Medicine at Weill Cornell and the State University of Haiti. He has worked in Haiti since the AIDS epidemic began in the early 1980s and founded GHEISKIO (Groupe Haitien d’Etude du Sarcome de Kaposi et des Infections Opportunistes). He directs the research and training programs for HIV/AIDS and tuberculosis for the National Health Institute and was distinguished as one of the ten Haitians who have contributed most to their country.

[www.gheskio.org](http://www.gheskio.org)

**Carlos Passarelli (Brazil)**

Dr. Passarelli is Chief Executive Officer of the International Center for Technical Cooperation on HIV/AIDS (CICT), the only organization to facilitate international technical cooperation for HIV/AIDS in Latin America. He is Vice-President of the National program for AIDS in Brazil.

[www.aids.gov.br](http://www.aids.gov.br)

**Jorge Pérez (Cuba)**

Dr. Pérez is Director of the National AIDS Program in Cuba and Vice-Director of the Institute of Tropical Medicine, Pedro Kouri (IPK). He also leads the IPK Hospital in Havana and was the founding director of the Sanatorio Santiago de las Vegas.

[www.sld.cu/servicios/sida](http://www.sld.cu/servicios/sida)

**Patricia Pérez (Argentina)**

Ms. Pérez is member of the Board of Directors for the International Community of Women Living with HIV/AIDS (ICW) and is the Regional Secretary of that group for Latin America and the Caribbean. She was integral in forming the First Ladies and Female Leaders Coalition in Latin America to examine the issue of women and AIDS.

[www.icwlatina.org](http://www.icwlatina.org)

**Elena Reynaga (Argentina)**

Ms. Reynaga is the General Secretary for the Asociación de Mujeres Meretrices de la Argentina (Association of Female Prostitutes in Argentina – AMMAR) and Executive Secretary of the Red de Mujeres Trabajadoras Sexuales de Latinoamérica y el Caribe (Latin American and Caribbean Network of Female Sex Workers – RedTraSex). She is a member of the board of directors of the Central de Trabajadores de la Argentina (Argentinean Workers Union – CTA).

[www.ammr.org.ar](http://www.ammr.org.ar)

[www.redtralsex.org.ar](http://www.redtralsex.org.ar)

**Marcela Romero (Argentina)**

Ms. Romero is coordinator of the Latin American and Caribbean Network of Trans People (REDLACTrans), an organization that represents transvestites, transsexuals and transgender individuals. She is Vice-President of the Federación Argentina de Lesbianas, Gays, Bisexuales y Trans (Argentinean Federation of Lesbians, Gays, Bisexuals and Trans).

[www.redlactrans.org](http://www.redlactrans.org)

[www.lgbt.org.ar](http://www.lgbt.org.ar)

**Mirta Roses Periago (Argentina)**

Dr. Roses Periago is Director of the Pan American Health Organization. She was Regional Director for the Americas within the World Health Organization and she is coordinator of Epidemiology Unit of the Caribbean Epidemiology Center (CAREC) in Trinidad and Tobago. She worked in Argentina's Ministry of Public Health, where she completed various jobs in areas of Epidemiology, Research and Public Health Emergencies.

[www.paho.org](http://www.paho.org)

**Gracia Violeta Ross (Bolivia)**

Ross is a young Bolivian who became an activist after being raped and infected with HIV. Today she is the National Chair of the Bolivian Network of People Living with HIV/AIDS (REDBOL), as well as a member of the International Community of Women Living with HIV/AIDS. In her public appearances, she encourages women to become more involved in political, cultural and gender issues. In 2006, she served as co-chair of the Community Program Committee for the XVI International AIDS Conference in Toronto.

[www.icw.org](http://www.icw.org)

**Jorge Saavedra (Mexico)**

Dr. Saavedra has led the National HIV/AIDS Program in Mexico (Censida) since 2003 and launched the program aimed at universal access to AIDS medications. He previously served as a Board Member of the Global Fund. In 2000, Dr. Saavedra founded the first Ambulatory Care AIDS Clinic in Mexico City, which has become Mexico's largest such care center. As the first openly gay person to hold a senior position in the Mexican government, Dr. Saavedra has advocated for the rights of gay people who are HIV-positive.

[www.salud.gob.mx/conasida](http://www.salud.gob.mx/conasida)

**Horacio Salomón (Argentina)**

Dr. Salomón is Director of the Centro Nacional de Referencia en Sida (National Reference Center for AIDS – CNRSIDA) within the Medical Faculty at the Universidad de Buenos Aires. He graduated from the Universidad Nacional de Córdoba with a degree in biochemistry and with a PhD in Virology from the Universidad de Buenos Aires. He is a researcher for Consejo Nacional de Investigaciones Científicas y Técnicas (National Board of Scientific and Technical Research – CONICET) and for the World Health Organization.

[www.cnrsida.org.ar](http://www.cnrsida.org.ar)

**Mauro Schechter (Brasil)**

Dr. Schechter is Professor of Infectious Diseases and leads the AIDS Research Laboratory at the Universidad Federal de Río de Janeiro. He is a member of advisory panels on antiretroviral therapies for the WHO, IAS and the Brazilian Ministry of Health. He is also a member of the Scientific Committee for the International AIDS Vaccine Initiative (IAVI) and the Board of Directors for the International Center for Equal Healthcare Access (ICEHA) in New York.

[www.ufrj.br](http://www.ufrj.br)

**Luis Soto Ramírez (Mexico)**

Dr. Soto Ramírez is Director of the Molecular Virology Unit within the Department of Infectious Diseases of the Instituto Nacional de Ciencias Medicas y Nutricion Salvador Zubiran (National Institute of Medical Sciences and Nutrition Salvador Zubiran – INNSZ). He has been a member of the Board of Directors of the International AIDS Society since 2000 and has represented the Latin America and Caribbean region since 2004. He is the author of more than forty scientific publications, and is co-president of the XVII International Conference about AIDS, AIDS 2008.

[www.innsz.mx](http://www.innsz.mx)

**Richard Stern (Costa Rica)**

Dr. Stern is a renowned activist for the rights of people living with HIV/AIDS. He is the president of the Human Rights Association Agua Buena in Costa Rica.

[www.aguabuena.org](http://www.aguabuena.org)

**Paulo Teixeira (Brazil)**

Dr. Teixeira previously was Director of the World Health Organization's (WHO) HIV/AIDS Department. He gained worldwide recognition for his work on HIV/AIDS in Brazil and Latin America. Dr. Teixeira was director of the National STD/AIDS Program at the Ministry of Health in Brazil, where he created the first national AIDS program in 1983. Dr. Teixeira pioneered Brazil's program for free, universal distribution of ARVs, which has become a model for other developing countries dealing with HIV/AIDS. He is now involved in environmental issues.

[www.who.int/hiv](http://www.who.int/hiv)

**Patrick Welsh (Nicaragua)**

Patrick Welsh is Vice President of the Association of Men against Violence in Nicaragua. Born in Northern Ireland, he has an extensive background in international cooperation in Central America. Thousands of men have received the workshops he gives for the Association of Men against Violence.

[www.canteranicaragua.org](http://www.canteranicaragua.org)

**Marcelo Wolff Reyes (Chile)**

Dr. Wolff Reyes is an infectious disease doctor and Associate Professor of Medicine at the Universidad de Chile. He is Director of the Fundación Arriarán, the primary institution for training and clinical research on HIV/AIDS in Chile.

[www.fundacionarriaran.cl](http://www.fundacionarriaran.cl)