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Call for Abstracts
The 2013 National African American MSM Leadership Conference on HIV/AIDS and other Health Disparities in Los Angeles, California

Atlanta, Georgia – The conference planning committee for the 10th annual National African American MSM Leadership Conference on HIV/AIDS and other Health Disparities have officially launch the call for the submission of abstracts, posters, institutes and workshops to be presented at the 2013 Conference. The conference packet contains all the pertinent information for submittal of abstracts for workshops, institutes and poster presentations that can be access online at www.naesm.org. Also, you may click on the following link to access the abstract submission form. Online Abstract Submission Application

Completed abstracts must be submitted online via link for online submission. Submissions must be submitted via online by 9:00 PM EST on October 31, 2012.

This year’s conference will explore and cause conversation on a plethora of HIV/AIDS and other Health Disparities subject matters important to us and for us in the struggle to understand, share and to provide a foot path to sustain focus for our brothers on what’s important now as we move forward engaging the theme “10 Years and the Dialogue Continues” - HIV Prevention as Social Justice for Black Gay Men/MSM 2013 and Beyond.

Six track topics will be offered in 2013:

**Track 1: Executive Directors/Board Development**
This track will help Executive Directors and Board members to develop skills, identify resources, network, and identify best practices that support community-based, health service organizations or social justice agencies.

**Track 2: Prevention Programs, Community Planning and the 12 City Projects**
Participants will learn about the effective program planning and how to strengthen African American parity, inclusion, and representation in the Community Planning process and the 12 City Projects.

**Track 3: HIV, STD and other Health Disparities**
This track will focus on health disparities and their impact on African American MSM’s health, as well as effective care strategies.

**Track 4: Advocacy, Community Mobilization and Awareness**
This track will address the development, sustainability, and accessibility of effective health promotion services, interventions, and programs, including those that target social justice issues.

**Track 5: Youth and Young Adults**
This track will address issues and matters that focus on youth and young adults (29 years or younger).
Track 6: Special Interests
This track will focus on topics that address other health disparity issues, either directly or indirectly, that can help remove health burdens from the community, increase self efficacy, or have a general interest in the African American MSM community.


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Thank you for helping remove HIV/AIDS and other health disparities from the African American community.

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2013 National African American MSM Leadership Conference on HIV/AIDS and other Health Disparities is being held in Los Angeles, California

Atlanta, Georgia – NAESM, UCLA Health, Hope & Healing (H3) Conference, the local Host Committee and participating sponsors to date are preparing to present the 10th edition of the 2013 National African American MSM Leadership Conference on HIV/AIDS and other Health Disparities slated for January 17 – 20, 2013 at the Hilton Los Angeles Airport Hotel located at 5711 West Century Blvd, Los Angeles, California.

This year’ conference marks the 10th year of bringing this most important undertaking to Black gay men and our community as a whole. This is the only National conference for and by Black gay men. It is with pleasure and grace that we invite you to the 2013 National African American MSM Leadership Conference on HIV/AIDS and other Health Disparities in Los Angeles, CA from January 17– 20, 2013. We are looking forward to this being another large turn out with the help of the residents, government officials and the host committee of Los Angeles. We are also excited to introduce the fifth Creating Responsible Intelligent Black Brothers (CRIBB) Fellowship participants. We welcome for the first time a new conference partner this year, UCLA (H3) conference.

The H3 conference will take place the day before the 2013 conference starts. Its purpose is to: 1) explore the current research, examining the intersection of behavioral, psychological, socio-cultural, and biomedical risk factors contributing to the HIV epidemic, as well as protective and resiliency factors among Black MSM; 2) Develop and sustain local and national relationships between current and aspiring investigators, and community based participatory research collaborative to advance research and training aimed at reducing HIV among Black MSM; and 3) Generate reports, monographs and manuscripts that document key issues and provide recommendations for future research, programs and funding opportunities.

“10 Years and the Dialogue Continues” - HIV Prevention as Social Justice for Black Gay Men/MSM 2013 and Beyond is our theme/charge! During the 2013 conference, there will be a renewed sense of unity and commitment to an end of HIV. There is strength in our diversity and we have seen that we, as a community are a powerful force to be reckoned with. During the 2012 conference we witnessed again how our youth/young Black brothers are maturing and stepping into more prominent leadership roles; as they keep moving forward, we must continue to provide them with encouragement and meaningful opportunities for engagement and leadership. This newest generation of leaders comes with inspiration, innovative ideas and the drive to make lasting change among Black Gay men, as well as the overall Black community. We must remember our fallen brother Dr. Colomb and encourage, as he did, many young leaders to be the best they can and also keep community in mind and not self. I ask that we all take a pledge to be our brother’s keeper and each teach one and/or become a mentor to a young Black gay man. With that said, “10 Years and the Dialogue Continues” HIV Prevention as Social Justice for Black Gay Men/MSM 2013 and Beyond. Without doubt, we can remove HIV/AIDS and other health disparities from our community.

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NAESM mission is to provide national and local leadership to address the myriad of health and wellness issues confronted by Black gay men through advocacy, services, and education. Conference 2013 will have over 40 abstracts and poster presentations dealing with HIV/AIDS and other health disparities as it relates to African Americans MSM.

Conference 2013 expects to attract researchers and clinicians, doctors, youth and young adult’s organizations, people living HIV/AIDS, health care professionals, health and social advocates, international and regional professionals, pharmaceutical companies and churches with an HIV/AIDS and other Health Disparities focus. Scholarships are also awarded to youth and young adults through the application process by visiting our website.

Registrants have the opportunity to take advantage of the early registration which ends August 31, 2012. Opportunities exist for exhibit booth space and advertising as well as for submission of abstracts, posters and workshops to be presented at the conference and details are available at www.naesm.org or click on the links below.

Conference Registration Form
https://adobeformscentral.com/?f=gVquRFQ9NmUUATyvhHtnUg
Please note, there will be no Onsite Registration

Emerging Leaders Award Nomination Form
https://adobeformscentral.com/?f=gnZnYo3DjL72aFKG8TcHZA

Scholarship Application Form
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CRIBB Fellowship Application Form
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Abstract Submission Application Form
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Sponsor/Exhibitor Application Form
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For more information on the conference please visit www.naesm.org or call headquarters in Atlanta at 404 691 8880.

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