



**7th IAS CONFERENCE ON HIV PATHOGENESIS,
TREATMENT AND PREVENTION (IAS 2013)**

**Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia
30 June - 3 July 2013**

MEDIA GUIDE



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Dear Editors and Journalists,

As planning for the 7th IAS Conference on HIV Pathogenesis, Treatment and Prevention (IAS 2013) gathers pace, the IAS 2013 Communications Team has prepared this Media Guide to assist you in organising your coverage and participation. Please check the [Online Media Centre](#) page of the website, for updated versions of this guide and for the latest information about the conference programme.

The IAS conference is the world's largest open scientific conference on HIV and AIDS. Held every two years, the conference attracts about 5,000 delegates from all over the world and is a unique opportunity for science, health, and development journalists to access the world's leading scientists, clinicians, public health experts and community leaders. IAS 2013 also represents an exceptional opportunity for networking, helping to connect journalists with the people, opportunities and information they need to further develop their HIV scientific reporting.

Malaysia is the first Asian host of the IAS Conference on HIV Pathogenesis, Treatment and Prevention, and has been chosen as host country for its government's commitment to provide free HIV treatment to all Malaysians in need of antiretroviral therapy and for its leadership in the area of HIV prevention for people who use drugs. We hope that your media coverage will help us make IAS 2013 another important milestone in the global response to the HIV epidemic and will highlight successes and challenges specific to the region.

We look forward to supporting your work in Kuala Lumpur or to facilitating your coverage remotely. If we can be of assistance, please contact us at media@ias2013.org.

Kind Regards,

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IAS 2013

IAS 2013 PROGRAMME OVERVIEW

Scientific Programme Content

The content of the IAS 2013 programme will be of a scientific nature. If you are not a health or science reporter and wish to familiarize yourself with the latest information on HIV science and clinical care, you may wish to review the following resources and websites before the conference:

- **Clinical Care Options/HIV:** <http://clinicaloptions.com/HIV.aspx>
- **Medscape/Web MD:** <http://www.medscape.com/hiv>
- **AIDSmap.org** fact sheets: [HIV & AIDS Information :: Resources](#)
- **The Body.com** website for fact sheets and related information: <http://www.thebody.com/sitemap.html>
- **The Kaiser Family Foundation's** [Reporting Manual on HIV/AIDS](#)

Online Programme Information

The entire IAS 2013 Programme is now available through the online [Programme-at-a-Glance](#) (PAG) and through our mobile application (free download). All sessions, satellites and other programme activities are listed. Links to abstracts, slide presentations, key sessions, rapporteur reports and e-posters will be added as they are available.

You can use the [Programme-at-a-Glance](#) to view topic-focused roadmaps and build your own personalized itinerary, which allows you to select individual sessions and print out your attendance plan. You may use your conference profile to save your itinerary.

In order to enjoy the full interactive experience, you will need to download the free Microsoft Silverlight plug-in from the following address: www.microsoft.com/getsilverlight/.

The Conference CD-ROM contains all accepted abstracts presented in the abstract-driven oral sessions, oral poster discussions and the poster exhibition, as well as electronic posters. It also contains a printable copy of the conference programme. All delegates will receive the Conference CD-ROM.

CONFERENCE PROGRAMME

Opening Session

IAS 2013 will begin with an opening session on Sunday 30 June, 19:45 - 20:45. This will be an opportunity for conference delegates to hear from conference organizers, local and international dignitaries and other key speakers, including Steven Deeks, Professor of Medicine at the University of California, San Francisco. An opening press conference (featuring speakers from the opening session) will be held at 18:00 in the media centre before the opening session.

Abstract driven sessions

The Abstract Driven Sessions will present the latest HIV research across all four conference tracks:

- Track A: Basic Sciences
- Track B: Clinical Sciences
- Track C: Prevention Science
- Track D: Operations and Implementation Research

The Abstract Driven Sessions will be divided in: oral abstract sessions, oral poster discussions sessions, poster exhibition and late breaker sessions.

Non-abstract driven sessions

In addition to Abstract-Driven Sessions, the conference will offer non-abstract driven sessions which will address a variety of current viewpoints and issues.

Non-abstract driven sessions will include workshops, symposia and bridging sessions that offer and interdisciplinary review and discussion of a specific topic. Also, for the first time this year the conference will include 'meet the experts' sessions.

Morning plenaries

Each morning at 8:50 a panel of [experts](#) will address all delegates as part of the morning plenary session. The daily plenary sessions feature some of the world's most distinguished HIV scientists, policy specialists and community leaders. Following each plenary, at 11:00, speakers will be available in the Media Centre to take questions from the media at the official daily press conference.

Satellite Sessions

Satellite sessions will take place all day on Sunday, 30 June and in the mornings and evenings of the remaining days, from Monday, 1 – Wednesday, 3 July. In addition to the satellites of IAS 2013 Major Industry Sponsors, a limited number of slots for non-commercial and corporate satellites, on specific HIV/AIDS-related issues, will also be available. The contents and speakers of the satellite sessions will be reviewed by the Programme Committee to ensure that they meet the scientific and ethical principles of the conference.

Affiliated Independent Events

Affiliated Independent Events take place outside the conference venue and are scheduled at times that do not conflict with the conference programme. In the past, Affiliated Independent Events have included meetings, forums, cultural events, galas and performances. All Affiliated Independent Events should reflect and/or support the vision and goals of the conference whilst addressing HIV/AIDS, co-infections or issues faced by individuals or organizations affected by or responding to HIV/AIDS.

Exhibition Area

The exhibition space at the conference will be open from Sunday, 30 June from 12.00 to 18.30 and on the remaining days, Monday to Wednesday, 1-3 July from 10.00 to 18.30. An area of over 3,000 square meters will be available to commercial and non-commercial organizations to showcase their products, programmes and services to a targeted audience.

Pre-Conference Media Training

For media representatives attending an IAS conference for the first time, or for those wishing to improve their scientific reporting, the IAS 2013 communications team will host a pre-conference media training, open to all media delegates. The media training session will take place on **Sunday, 30 June, from 10:00 to 12:00 in the Press Conference Room inside the Media Centre** and will include talks on how to get the best out of the conference, and how to report on HIV/AIDS and latest science news.

THE ORGANIZERS

The 7th IAS Conference on HIV Pathogenesis, Treatment and Prevention (IAS 2013) is organized by the **International AIDS Society (IAS)**, in partnership with the **Centre of Excellence for Research in AIDS (CERiA)**, University of Malaya.

The [International AIDS Society \(IAS\)](#) is the world's leading independent association of HIV professionals, with over 16,000 members in 196 countries working at all levels of the global response to HIV/AIDS. IAS members represent scientists, clinicians, public health and community practitioners on the frontlines of the epidemic. The IAS is the custodian of the biennial International AIDS Conference and the host of the IAS Conference on HIV Pathogenesis, Treatment and Prevention.

The Centre of Excellence for Research in AIDS (CERiA), [University of Malaya](http://www.um.edu.my) was established in 2007 to undertake HIV-related research with a particular focus on HIV and substance use and related co-morbidities including tuberculosis (TB) and hepatitis C.

Professor Françoise Barré-Sinoussi, IAS President and Director of the Regulation of Retroviral Infections Unit, Institut Pasteur, Paris is IAS 2013 Conference International Chair:

Professor Adeeba Kamarulzaman, Director of CERiA, University of Malaya, Kuala Lumpur, is IAS 2013 Conference Local Co-Chair:

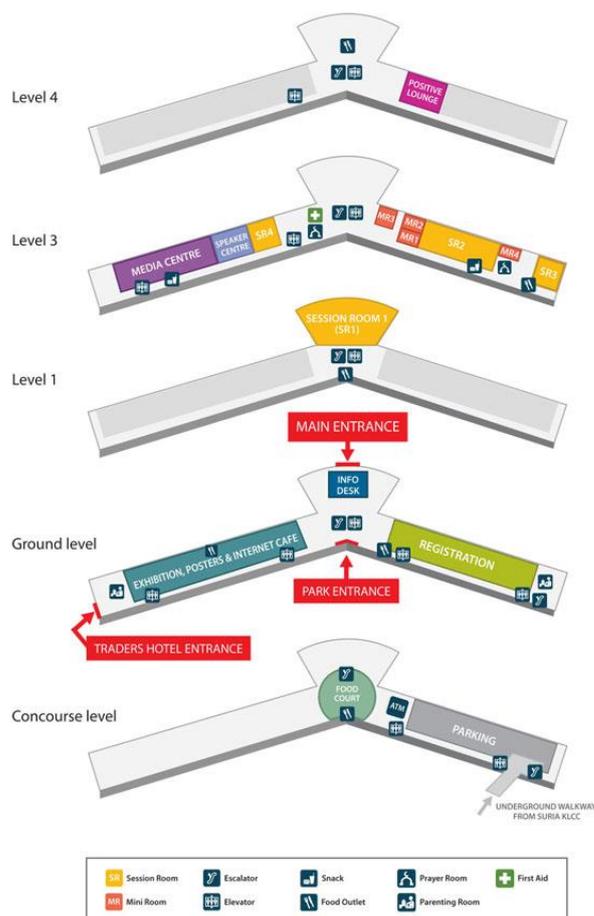
An international panel of world-renowned scientists, researchers and clinical health leaders have served on the Conference Coordinating and Scientific Programme Committees. The Community Advisory Group includes representatives from India, Italy and Malaysia.

CONFERENCE VENUE

IAS 2013 will take place at the **Kuala Lumpur Convention Centre (KLCC)** a purpose-built convention and exhibition facility in the heart of Kuala Lumpur. Next to the iconic PETRONAS Twin Towers, the KLCC is part of a vibrant area with many hotels, shopping and entertainment facilities, and convenient transport connections.

For more information on the Kuala Lumpur Convention Centre, please visit www.klccconventioncentre.com.

Conference Venue Map



Restricted Access

With the exception of the Registration Area, the Kuala Lumpur Convention Centre will be closed to the public during the conference period. Access to conference facilities and session rooms will be restricted to those wearing IAS 2013 conference badges. Members of the media must be accredited in order to receive press badges (more information below) so they can access the media centre within the venue.

Safety and Security

Providing a safe, secure environment for all delegates and the general public is one of the highest priorities for conference organizers.

The conference organizers are working with a professional security consulting firm, as well as local, state and national police and security services to implement a security programme that will mitigate potential risk with the intention of keeping all participants safe throughout the conference.

Smoking Policy

All internal areas of the Kuala Lumpur Convention Centre are non-smoking. It is therefore prohibited to smoke in any indoor area of the convention centre.

MEDIA REGISTRATION AND GENERAL RULES

MEDIA REGISTRATION

The registration for media representatives includes entry to all conference sessions, the exhibition and poster area, the opening and closing session and the media centre. A conference bag and conference materials are also included. All conference bags and conference materials will be distributed onsite. Conference bags and conference material will not be mailed to media representatives.

All pre-conference registrations for IAS 2013 must be submitted through the online registration form.

Before you can register, you need to create a [conference profile](#) from which you can enter the registration system. Your conference profile will then become your online gateway to all conference-related submissions. Delegates of previous International AIDS Conferences or IAS Conferences can use previous profile log-in information to access their profile. To register for IAS 2013 please click [here](#). **There is no registration fee** for accredited media.

After **17 June** media registration and accreditation will only be provided on-site at the Media Desk in the Registration Area in the Kuala Lumpur Convention Centre. Please note that on-site media accreditation can take up to two hours to complete. Therefore, **media are strongly encouraged to apply beforehand.**

The conference organizers strongly recommend that media representatives bringing professional video equipment into Malaysia obtain an ATA carnet (a Merchandise Passport) to ease customs processes at the border. Information regarding the carnet is available [here](#). Failure to follow Malaysia customs procedures may result in equipment being delayed at the border.

MEDIA ACCREDITATION

Media representatives must register online by creating a [conference profile](#). Only fully completed registration forms will be accepted. To be able to register as a media representative, you must be at least 18 years old. You may be asked to present an official identity card stating your age.

At no time can any media delegates share their passes with other delegates. Identification checks will be done on entry to the media centre to avoid this happening.

A list of the documents required and the terms of conditions for media delegates are available [here](#)

Registration confirmation

A registration confirmation will be sent by email after the IAS 2013 Registration Department has received the fully completed registration form, the related payment (if applicable) and the applicant's media credentials have been verified and confirmed. Media representatives may be requested to present this registration confirmation at the registration counter as proof of their registration.

Please note that access to the media centre may be refused without this identification.

On-site Registration

Most journalists will complete the accreditation process before the conference begins. However, an on-site accreditation desk will be available in the registration area located on the ground floor. The hours for on-site accreditation are as follow:

Saturday, 29 June	13:00 – 20:00
Sunday, 30 June	07:30 – 20:00
Monday, 1 July:	06:30 – 18:30
Tuesday, 2 July:	06:30 – 18:30
Wednesday, 3 July:	06:30 – 18:30

Journalists are encouraged to register online before the conference to avoid long delays – often up to several hours – when registering on-site.

Registration name change

A name change to an existing media registration is not possible. The granted media registration must be cancelled and the new media representative must register and submit the required documents.

Electronic Name Badge

All participants, including media representatives, will receive an official conference name badge. This name badge must be worn at all times during the conference and is not transferable. If, for whatever reason, a participant's name badge is used by another person in his or her stead, the participant is fully liable for any consequences of this person's actions. Access to the conference facilities and session rooms will not be granted without a proper name badge. For security reasons, your name badge will be scanned at the entrance to the conference venue.

In most cases, conference name badges will be mailed to journalists who register at least one month before the start of the conference. **All accredited journalists who have not received their conference name badge by postal mail in advance must check-in at the Media Desk in the Registration Area upon arrival at the convention centre.** Please do not report to the Media Centre directly as you will not have access without an official name badge

The conference name badge can be used as an electronic business card at some exhibition booths and at the entrance to some satellite symposia as a way for delegates to provide their contact details to exhibitors.

Lost name badge

The conference name badge must be worn at all times during the conference. Access to the conference facilities will not be granted without a proper name badge. If a media representative loses, misplaces or forgets the name badge, a handling fee of USD 65 will be charged for a new name badge. Upon handing out a new name badge, the lost badge will be deactivated and become invalid.

Conference Bags

Conference bags (which will include the printed programme, the abstract CD-ROM voucher and a media kit) will be available to all registered media at one of the conference material desks located in the Registration Area upon presenting the official conference name badge. If your badge was not mailed to you, please check-in at the Media Desk in the Registration Area to receive your badge and pick up your conference bag. **The voucher in your conference bag must be exchanged for the abstract CD-ROM.**

CONFERENCE EMBARGO POLICY

In the case of IAS 2013, as with most scientific/medical conferences, all conference abstracts are released to delegates and media under a strict embargo policy. A detailed breakdown of the embargo variations for different types of abstracts is available below. All regular delegates, presenters and media are asked to respect this policy.

- **Oral Abstracts**

Information about the oral abstracts may not be published or presented before the start of the session at IAS 2013 in which the abstract is being presented.

- **Oral Abstracts and Poster Exhibition Abstracts**

Information about the oral poster discussion and poster exhibition abstracts may not be published or presented before 10:00 (Malaysia Standard Time) on Friday, 28 June 2013

Embargo Breaks for Media Reporters

As well as having access to the materials detailed above, the media is also given prior access to the speakers' slides. However access is only granted to media onsite at the conference and the same embargo rules apply meaning the information in speakers slides cannot be referenced or published before the start of the presentation.

Breaking of the embargo policy by a reporter will lead to one or more of the following measures:

- Immediate suspension of the reporter's media conference credentials
- Immediate barring of the reporter from the meeting premises
- Removal of the reporter's name from the IAS Media Distribution List for two years
- No access to the next International AIDS Conference and IAS Conference\

Any breaches in the embargo by media will be brought to the attention of the Media Embargo Committee. If you have questions, please contact the IAS 2013 communications team at media@ias2013.org.

ACCESS TO FULL ABSTRACT TEXTS

The posting of full abstract texts to the online Programme-at-a-Glance is now being staggered to reflect the timing of the updated Conference Embargo Policy. However, all delegates will be able to view the full abstract texts using the abstract CD Rom from Saturday at 13:00. Media delegates who prefer to use the Programme-at-a-Glance to view the full abstracts will still be able to do so, as a log-in and password will be available in the media centre to allow you access to the abstract texts through the Programme-at-a-Glance

ACCESS TO SPEAKER SLIDES

Media delegates will also be given full access to speaker's PowerPoint presentations. The login and password will also be communicated to you in the media centre.

MEDIA ACCESS

All media accredited by the conference secretariat will have free access to the Media Centre. Media registrants will also have access to all sessions and exhibitions, including the Opening and Closing Sessions.

At certain times, access to some parts of the conference may be restricted because of space or security considerations. Coverage of restricted areas will then be arranged on a "pool" basis, and conference staff will escort selected journalists.

All sessions are open to journalists, however in some sessions there may be a ban on recordings, photographs and/or video due to protect the anonymity of speakers. Conference Secretariat offices are not accessible to journalists.

Access to Camera Platforms and Audio Distribution Panels

Reserved space for camera-persons and still photographers is available in Session Room 1 where all plenaries, the opening session and the closing session will take place. The space is at the front on the right hand side of the stage. Media will be able to access Session Room 1 via a separate entrance (please see signage onsite). In the press conference room located in the Media Centre, a camera platform will be available.

Space in front of the stage in Session Room 1 and on the camera platform in the press conference room is on a first come, first served basis only. Audio splitter distribution panels will also be available at these locations.

Restricted Access to Positive Lounge

The Positive Lounge (lounge for persons living with HIV) is off-limits to journalists, except those who are themselves living with HIV, in which case, the person entering the lounge does so as a PLHIV and not as a journalist. We trust that all journalists will respect the privacy of the PLHIV Lounge.

Should you wish to interview a person living with HIV, please contact the Information Desk at the Media Centre. We will liaise with various NGOs and the Positive Lounge to set up interviews for you.

PLEASE NOTE! Protection of confidentiality of persons living with HIV/AIDS

Many conference participants are people living with HIV/AIDS, and for many, their HIV status is unknown in their home countries. For this reason, we impose the following restrictions:
In all conference sessions, you may film (video or photograph) the presenter/s of the session.
The media may film group shots of the audience but if they film individuals asking questions they must obtain that person's permission to broadcast/publish this information once the session is over and BEFORE it is broadcast/published. Session chairs may impose further restrictions regarding visual recording at their discretion. It might happen that minors speak at sessions and request anonymity. In this case, they must not be photographed or recorded on video and their real name should not be used.

PRINCIPLES AND VALUES FOR CONFERENCE PARTICIPATION

By attending the 7th IAS Conference on HIV Pathogenesis, Treatment and Prevention, delegates agree to comply with the [IAS 2013 IAS Principles and Values of Conference Participation](#). The conference organizers reserve the right to confiscate the conference name badge, and therefore deny access, to anyone who does not comply with this policy.

The IAS endorses freedom of expression as an essential principle in the fight against HIV/AIDS and in promoting full participation in our conferences. The combined efforts of all stakeholders in the public and private sectors and civil society are required to halt and reverse the AIDS pandemic. Activism and advocacy contribute to advancing commitment, policy and practice aimed at ending the epidemic.

The right to participate at an IAS supported conference is fundamental to ensuring open dialogue between all stakeholders. The IAS encourages debate and dialogue as key elements of

participation, among all conference participants including delegates, sponsors, speakers and presenters, researchers and scientists, community representatives, leaders and the media.

Peaceful protest has always been and continues to be a key element of participation at the conferences. The IAS opposes the destruction of property or the use or threat of physical force by any individual or group of individuals during the conferences. The IAS opposes the disruption of conference sessions or satellite meetings that results in the inability for dialogue and debate to take place.

ON-SITE MEDIA CENTRE

Media delegates are strongly advised to bring their own laptops, however, conference organizers will be able to provide 30 computer workstations.

The Media Centre will serve the needs of print, radio and broadcast journalists covering IAS 2013. Services provided to registered journalists include: computer work stations, Internet connections, ISDN lines, printers and photocopying machines for limited numbers of photocopies. A multi-lingual communications staff will be available to assist journalists with editorial, technical and logistical support. A room will be available for interviews, and a press conference room will be used for the official daily briefing and third-party press conferences.

Location

The Media Centre will be located on Level 3 of the KLCC.

Opening Hours

Media Centre operations begin on Saturday, 29 June, at 13:00. The Media Centre is accessible from 6:00 to 24:00 (on Wednesday 3 July it closes at 22:00) and is staffed between 08:00 and 20:00 each day.

Access

Access to the Media Centre is reserved for conference-accredited journalists. Should journalists arrange to interview non-media conference delegates, kindly meet the interviewee at the entrance to the Media Centre. **Unaccompanied interviewees will not be allowed access to the Media Centre.** On completion of the interview, kindly escort guests back to the entrance of the Media Centre.

Media Information Desk

A Media Information Desk at the entrance of the Media Centre will assist journalists with background information. A multi-lingual communications staff will be on hand to assist journalists with stories and facilitate interviews with conference officials before and during the event.

As part of our CSR efforts, we aim at reducing the amount of paper used, therefore we encourage journalists to avoid printing material unless strictly necessary. Most, if not all of these documents (as well as many others, such as presentation slides) will also be made available electronically, through the online [Programme-at-a-Glance](#) (on the conference website) and/or through our online partners Clinical Care Options and NAM.

Kindly note that while every effort is made to have press releases available to you in good time, delays are sometimes unavoidable and we ask for your patience in these cases.

Photos

Photographic coverage of the conference proceedings will be provided. High-resolution photographs will be available for download on the [Online Media Centre](#) of the IAS 2013 website.

Videos

Key sessions will be recorded and made available via the Programme-at-a-Glance (PAG).

Third Party Press Releases and Materials

Some tables will be made available for the distribution of press releases and materials produced by third parties (organizations other than the conference itself) in the Media Centre.

Press Conference Room

The Media Centre will be equipped with a press conference room. When not in use by conference organizers, the press conference room will be available for use by third parties (this refers to all parties other than the conference organizers, including presenters, NGOs, international organizations or agencies, and/or industry representatives).

An initial schedule of each day's press conferences will be provided on the IAS 2013 website and in your media kit distributed at on-site check in. Updates will be posted at the information office in the Media Centre. Only accredited members of the media and press conference speakers will be allowed to attend press conferences.

Speakers' Corner

In addition to the Press Conference room, a smaller meeting room, the Speakers' Corner, is available. The Speakers' Corner can accommodate up to 20 people and it is ideal for press conferences on very specific topics.

45 minutes slots for the Speakers' Corner (Monday 1 and Tuesday 2 July, from 10:00 to 15:00; Wednesday 3 July from 10:00 to 12:00) can be reserved in advance by sending a booking request at media@ias2013.org with the title of your event and date/time of your requested slot, or directly on-site. Bookings will be approved on a first-come first-served basis.

Official Press Conferences

An official opening press conference will be held before the conference Opening Session on Sunday, 30 June at 18:00, and will feature speakers from the opening session. At 11:00 on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, conference organizers will hold a press conference featuring that day's plenary speakers and other speakers from special sessions. All official press conferences will be in English.

Broadcast Facilities

Unlike the International AIDS Conferences, the IAS conference does not have a host broadcaster. Broadcasters are required to capture their own video, and obtain audio from the sound desks in session rooms and the press conference room.

Electricity

Electricity in Malaysia is 240volts, 50 cycles alternating current (AC). Make sure you go to an electric supplies store and buy an adapter if needed. International adapters will not be available in the Media Centre.

ONLINE MEDIA CENTRE

During the conference, the [Online Media Centre](#) will feature links to videos of sessions and press conferences, photos, presentation slides, speeches and press releases. Access to other information – including conference abstracts, presentation slides, news reports and summaries of scientific sessions - will also be available through the website and through our online partners, Clinical Care Options, Inc. and NAM.

News Reports by NAM

NAM will offer news stories on major scientific presentations and host online discussion forums

for HIV implementers on www.aidsmap.com. NAM's will publish a free daily news bulletin in English and translated into French, Portuguese, Spanish and Russian.

Scientific Analysis by CCO

Clinical Care Options' (CCO) online coverage will begin the week before the conference and include expert audio highlights, Capsule Summaries of important clinical data, downloadable slidesets, and more.

OTHER USEFUL INFORMATION

LANGUAGE

Bahasa Melayu or Malay is the national language and English is widely spoken. Most Malaysians can speak at least three languages including Mandarin and Tamil.

TRANSPORTATION

From airport to Conference venue

Kuala Lumpur International Airport (KLIA) is Malaysia's main international airport and is about 50 km from Kuala Lumpur.

The Low-Cost Carrier Terminal is located about 20 km from the KLIA's main terminal building.

By Train

From both Kuala Lumpur International Airport and the Low Cost Carrier Terminal you can take the KLIA Ekspres train direct to Kuala Lumpur's main station (KL Sentral). From KLIA it takes 28 minutes one way and costs RM35. Tickets can be bought from counters or automated ticketing machines. Trains depart at 15 minute intervals during peak hours and 20 minute intervals during off-peak hours.

Express Rail offers a special discount to delegates taking the train to/from Kuala Lumpur International Airport (KLIA) and KL Sentral (central station). More information is available at www.ias2013.org/transportation.aspx.

From KL Sentral station take the Light Rail Transit (LRT), Kelana Jaya Line (direction Gombak), to KLCC station. Walk through the Suria KLCC shopping centre and take the covered walkway to reach the conference venue - approximately a 10 minute walk.

By Taxi

Airport Limo offers a 24-hour taxi service. The ticket counter is found just inside the exit doors of the arrival hall. Prices are fixed according to destination. The journey can take up to 1.5 hours depending on traffic. For more information is available at www.klccconventioncentre.com.

Within Kuala Lumpur

By Train

The Light Rail Transit (LRT) system has two lines - Kelana Jaya and Ampang. The closest stop for the conference venue is KLCC (Kuala Lumpur City Centre) on the Kelana Jaya line.

The Monorail line runs from 06:00 – 24:00, every 2 – 55 minutes during peak hours and 5 – 10 minutes off-peak. The closest stop for the conference venue is Raja Chulan.

More information is available at www.myrapid.com.my.

By Taxi

Delegates are encouraged to take metered taxis, or to check the price before getting in. Kuala Lumpur traffic jams are common, especially during peak hours. Surcharges often apply after midnight.

By Bus

Rapid KL buses run from 06:00 – 22:00/23:30 (depending on area). More information is available at www.myrapid.com.my. Go KL is a free bus service which operates from 06:00 – 23:00. The green line stops at KLCC (Kuala Lumpur City Centre), near the PETRONAS Twin Towers. More information is available at www.malaysia-traveller.com/KL-City-Bus.html.

By Foot

Outside the main entrance to the Kuala Lumpur Convention Centre is an air-conditioned walkway which goes to Bukit Bintang area, with additional exits along the way. It is open from 06:00 – 23:00.

At the Conference Venue

Car Parks

Two car parks are available; one below the Kuala Lumpur Convention Centre and another at the Suria KLCC shopping centre.

CLIMATE AND CLOTHING

Kuala Lumpur experiences a tropical climate with warm weather all year round. Temperatures range from 21°C (70°F) – 32°C (90°F), and the average humidity exceeds 82%.

We suggest you dress according to the climate, with light clothing and even a hat and sunscreen. Also take into account that air conditioning is everywhere in Kuala Lumpur (conference venue, shopping centres, and restaurants) and it can be cold indoors.

Kuala Lumpur is a cosmopolitan city that is modern in most aspects. The city is open to the contemporary fashion and people wear almost every type of clothing. However, if visiting mosques, wearing revealing clothes is inadvisable. In addition, we recommend that you bring appropriate smart clothing with you for any formal dinner or special occasion you may be attending.

BANKS AND CURRENCY

The monetary unit of Malaysia is the Malaysian Ringgit and is written as RM or MYR. It is divided into 100 sen (cents). View the latest exchange rates here www.xe.com.

In most states banks are open Monday – Friday, 09:30 – 16:30. Some banks and their branches open on Saturdays. Foreign Exchange Booths are common and clearly state the exchange rate for all major currencies.

ATMs are located at major bank branches, most shopping malls, airports and bus terminals.

BUSINESS HOURS

In general shops are open from 10:30 – 21.30 in the large cities. They open and close earlier in the smaller towns and rural areas. Bukit Bintang is one of Kuala Lumpur's premier shopping districts, and Chinatown is wellknown for its bargains, as well as a being a lively and vibrant night market.

DRINK AND EAT

Delegates are encouraged not to drink tap water.

In Kuala Lumpur there are people from many different cultures, and it is easy to find restaurants to suit your taste. Ethnic Malay food is a mixture of various cuisines from around the world. There are a variety of different areas around the conference venue, such as Kuala Lumpur City Centre, Bukit Bintang and Chinatown, amongst many others. All offer a diverse range of food at a variety of prices.

SECURITY AND SAFETY IN KUALA LUMPUR

In general Malaysia is very safe. However, the usual travel precautions apply. Credit-card fraud is a growing problem, so only use your cards at established businesses and guard your credit card

numbers. The snatching of bags by thieves on motorcycles is a recurring crime, so keep bags away from the roadside.

In general, whether you are staying in the area close to the conference venue or travelling around the city, it is necessary to consider the following common-sense principles for travellers to any city :

- Avoid areas of the city that are unfamiliar to you,
- Always travel with someone or in a group,
- Beware of pick-pockets,
- Avoid carrying large sums of money with you; bring only what you will need,
- Always let people know where you are and, if possible, carry a mobile phone with you,
- Always carry identification (including a copy of your passport) with you, along with the name, address and contact information of your hotel.

TIME ZONE AND PHONE CALLS

Kuala Lumpur is eight hours ahead (+8) of Greenwich Mean Time (GMT) and 16 hours ahead (+16) of U.S. Pacific Standard Time.

Emergency telephone number : 999. Calls to the European Union and GSM standard emergency number 112 are automatically routed to 999 operators.

Dialling to Malaysia from abroad : + 60, followed by phone number. Dialling internationally from Malaysia : 00, followed by country code, and phone number. Dialling fixed lines within Malaysia : 0, followed by area code, and phone number.

TAXES AND TIPS

A 16% goods and service tax (GST) is applied to all goods and services.

The custom of tipping is not practised in Malaysia. To tip or not depends entirely on you.

Most hotels and large restaurants have already included a 10% service charge in addition to the 6% government tax to the bill. If it is not included, it is usually indicated with the ++ sign.

ELECTRICITY

The electricity supply in Kuala Lumpur is 220 - 240 volts, AC at 50 cycles per second. The plugs and sockets are the standard 3-pin, the same as the UK format.

IAS 2013 COMMUNICATIONS TEAM CONTACT INFORMATION

Please note that the latest updated contact details, including the Media Centre phone number, will be made available on the [IAS 2013 Media Centre page](#) shortly before the start of the conference.

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