Despite the international community's best efforts the HIV pandemic continues unabated. Today more than 33 million people are living with HIV worldwide and more than 2 million lose their lives to AIDS every year. For every two persons put on retroviral therapy, five people become newly infected with HIV. The need for a safe and effective AIDS vaccine remains as urgent as ever.

On May 19th, in connection to World AIDS Vaccine Day, AIDS-Fondet, ENRECA Health – The Danish Research Network for International Health and Aidsnet –The Danish NGO Network on AIDS and Development organise an afternoon of presentations and debates focusing upon the still present HIV/AIDS pandemic and the continuous need for a vaccine.

For more information and signing up, please contact Mille Urban at mille@aidsfondet.dk or 36310404 / 22453731

The seminar is moderated by Lars Østergaard, Professor, Aarhus University Hospital - Skejby, Chair at AIDS-Fondet.

Programme

14.30-15.00 Emmanuel Cormier, Immunology Manager, International AIDS Vaccine Initiative (IAVI): Overview of global HIV vaccine research
Discussant: Jens Lundgren, Professor, Copenhagen HIV Programme (CHIP)

15.00-15.30 Anders Fomsgaard, Chief of Virus Research and Development, Statens Serum Institut (SSI): Collaborative HIV vaccine research from Statens Serum Institut
Discussant: Frans van den Boom, Vice President IAVI for Country and Regional Programmes

15.30-15.45 Coffee Break

15.45-16.15 Birgitte Bruun, Ph.D. student:
Trial ethics from study participants’ perspective: examples from Zambia
Discussant: Maria Vang Johansen, Senior Researcher, Life-DBL, University of Copenhagen

16.15-16.30 Frans van den Boom, Vice President IAVI for Country and Regional Programmes:
Sustaining support for AIDS vaccine research

16.30-17.00 Panel discussion

17.00 -17.30 Drinks and networking