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Policy on Disclosure of Potential Conflicts of Interest

The Canadian Association for HIV Research requires that presentations at the Annual Canadian Conference on HIV / AIDS Research (CAHR Conference) be free of commercial bias and that any information regarding commercial products and/or services be based on scientific methods generally accepted by the scientific community.

In order for Conference delegates to properly evaluate information, analyses, and opinions presented during a CAHR Conference scientific session or in a CAHR Conference poster, they must be informed of anyone or anything that might significantly affect the speaker's or presenter's attitude or judgment of the matter under consideration.

The CAHR requires that a disclosure statement be provided by each person submitting an abstract on-line. In addition to this on-line disclosure statement, each speaker must provide any disclosure immediately prior to each presentation or indicate if no conflicts exist. Poster presenters must include this information on their poster.

Disclosures made by the presenters must be relevant to their presentation, including conflicts held within five years of the Annual Conference. Disclosures must be meaningful and relevant (i.e. It is not sufficient to simply enumerate a list with all the companies that a speaker has had a financial relationship). Meaningful disclosure includes an indication of the type(s) of financial relationship that have taken place, including, but not limited to the following:

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- Employee
- Founder
- Grants
- Clinical Trials Investigator
- Honoraria
- Speaker Bureau
- Stock Holder
- Patent Inventor/Holder
- Website/Publications

In some instances, presenters may not be certain whether a specific relationship warrants disclosure or is relevant. If in doubt, it is preferable to disclose or to consult with the (Co-) Chair of the annual conference, or the respective Conference Track (Co-) Chair for the track most applicable to the research.

Alternatively, presenters may consult the Track member of CAHR Council (Board of Directors) for that particular track, for advice and guidance.

Disclosures of potential conflicts of interest will be published in the Annual Conference Final Program. A slide including the disclosure will be provided at each session room and to the speaker for inclusion in their presentation. **Failure to provide this statement may result in a denial of the opportunity to present an oral session or poster.**

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