



## Who we are

We are a group of concerned citizens, patients, health leaders that have voluntarily taken up the banner to form community partnerships, alliances and task forces in our respective countries, states and cities throughout the world in an endeavor to bring services to those affected by hepatitis, enhance access to care and public health reform. We are here to meet the needs of local communities from the bottom on up while building a united voice to rally support for those efforts and utilizing the latest technology to bridge the sharing of information, communication of ideas and strategies for generations to come.

## Mission Statement

Our mission is to provide support, networking for developing existing community hepatitis task forces, reinforcing local efforts for better access to care for those affected and deliver greater tools to encourage the medical and scientific community throughout the world while acting as a common voice at local levels and nationally to government, industry, corporations and media for greater involvement in addressing community outreach and research needs, thus facing the challenges of hepatitis including de-stigmatizing these major health concerns on behalf of patients and their families.



### Application for Membership

Dear Friends,

I am honored that you along with your group or organization have decided to apply to join the International Association of Hepatitis Task Forces (IAHTF), and partner in the international effort to eliminate viral hepatitis under the umbrella of the California Hepatitis C Task Force (CAHCVTF). Together we can change the worldwide landscape and save lives by organizing millions of patients and their loved ones to advocate for better access to healthcare and cures for viral hepatitis. No financial contribution is required. If you are interested in joining us, please fill out the form and return to me. Thank you for lending your name and voice to our call for change! We will get back to you shortly.

Sincerely yours,

William (Bill) Remak

Chair, California Hepatitis C Task Force, Inc.

Chair, Term 2016 -2020, formerly the National Association of Hepatitis Task Forces (NAHTF)

Now the International Association of Hepatitis Task Forces (IAHTF)

## APPLICATION FORM

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1. Country \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_
2. Full Name of Organization or Individual Advocate \_\_\_\_\_
3. Address \_\_\_\_\_
4. City \_\_\_\_\_ Postal code \_\_\_\_\_
5. Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_
6. Mobile Number \_\_\_\_\_
7. E Mail address \_\_\_\_\_ Skype Name \_\_\_\_\_
8. Attach Profile of Organization or resume if Individual as a separate document (check here if done) \_\_\_\_\_ Photograph of person or group attached \_\_\_\_\_
9. Number of Staff or Volunteers \_\_\_\_\_ Website Address \_\_\_\_\_
10. Registered NGO or NON-PROFIT organization? YES \_\_\_\_\_ NO \_\_\_\_\_
11. If YES, write registration or corporate number \_\_\_\_\_
12. Signature of Applicant \_\_\_\_\_
13. Name of principle applicant \_\_\_\_\_

Mail, fax or email to: IAHTF, Attention: William Remak, 149 Wyndham Way #223, Petaluma, California, USA 94954-3875 Fax: 415 276-5893 [info@IAHTF.net](mailto:info@IAHTF.net)

## **National Association of Hepatitis Task Forces (NAHTF) Expands Reach Globally**

*Nationwide group expands internationally to advocate for viral hepatitis community worldwide*

**Petaluma, Calif. (November 30, 2017)** – The National Association of Hepatitis Task Forces (NAHTF) today announced its international expansion and upcoming rebrand to the International Association of Hepatitis Task Forces (IAHTF) as well as its renewed commitment to removing disparities in national infectious disease priorities for people living with viral hepatitis globally. As the world prepares to recognize World AIDS day on December 1<sup>st</sup>, IAHTF reminds people to not forget the censored disease – viral hepatitis - that has emerged with far costlier and deadlier consequences to public health.

“We began our conversion several years ago to embrace the global health perspective, and to view hepatitis as a part of a larger chronic disease and chronic care management system,” stated William (Bill) Remak, Chair of IAHTF. “Viral hepatitis does not receive the global attention it deserves, and IAHTF intends to change that and guide the conversation to accelerate the ‘NO HEP’ awareness movement.”

Viral hepatitis caused 1.34 million deaths in 2015, a number comparable to deaths caused by tuberculosis and HIV<sup>1</sup>. However, funding for viral hepatitis does not accurately reflect the deadly and costly effects of this infectious disease. IAHTF will fight to ensure people living with viral hepatitis do not become collateral damage in the war against AIDS.

"It is essential that we cooperate as a global community so we all can benefit from the latest advancements in treating and curing these viruses," said Kathleen Ogin, NAHTF board member. "Our goal is to advocate for patients with viral hepatitis and eliminate worldwide hepatitis by 2030."

The rebrand from NAHTF to IAHTF showcases the comprehensive approach the group is taking to eliminate global hepatitis. IAHTF firmly believes patients living with viral hepatitis deserve nothing less than the same consideration to those with HIV/AIDS. Moving forward, IAHTF efforts will reflect an improving public health alignment and guidance from patients, communities, government, health systems, providers and innovators for the sake of all persons suffering with viral hepatitis worldwide.

Founded in 2003, NAHTF advocated for ways to broaden the reach and use of innovative practices to create positive outcomes and reduce the suffering by viral hepatitis patients. This international growth will allow NAHTF, now IAHTF, to better support, serve and advocate for the viral hepatitis community worldwide.

Through its continued work with international partners, the IAHTF will work to expand access to services to all populations, improved prevention and initiate policy reforms that will help the viral hepatitis community.

A new website and social media channels are being created to better communicate the global message and will be unveiled in 2018.

*"Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed citizens can change the world. Indeed, it's the only thing that ever does." - Margaret Mead*