



FRANÇOISE BARRÉ-SINOUSSE

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Dr. Françoise Barré-Sinoussi is a French virologist known for her co-discovery of the human immunodeficiency virus (HIV). Former Director of the Pasteur Institute's Regulation of Retroviral Infections Unit and a past President of the International AIDS Society (IAS), she has long emphasized the need for a response to HIV that is rooted both in science and respect for human rights.

A self-described “scientist-activist”, Barré-Sinoussi advocates for universal access to prevention, treatment, and care for those living with HIV, and she has worked to ensure that patient representatives and individuals from resource-limited countries take part in global discussions about the infection and its impact. She is a world leader in developing capacity for science and has established numerous HIV research and training collaborations with scientists in Africa and Southeast Asia.

Including in her role as President of the IAS, Barré-Sinoussi has spoken out against the stigmatization of HIV-positive individuals and of populations that are at high risk of infection. She advocates for an end to discriminatory laws and policies that impair human dignity and interfere with comprehensive HIV prevention, care, and treatment.

“What we are fighting for is the non-negotiable fundamental right to health for all.”