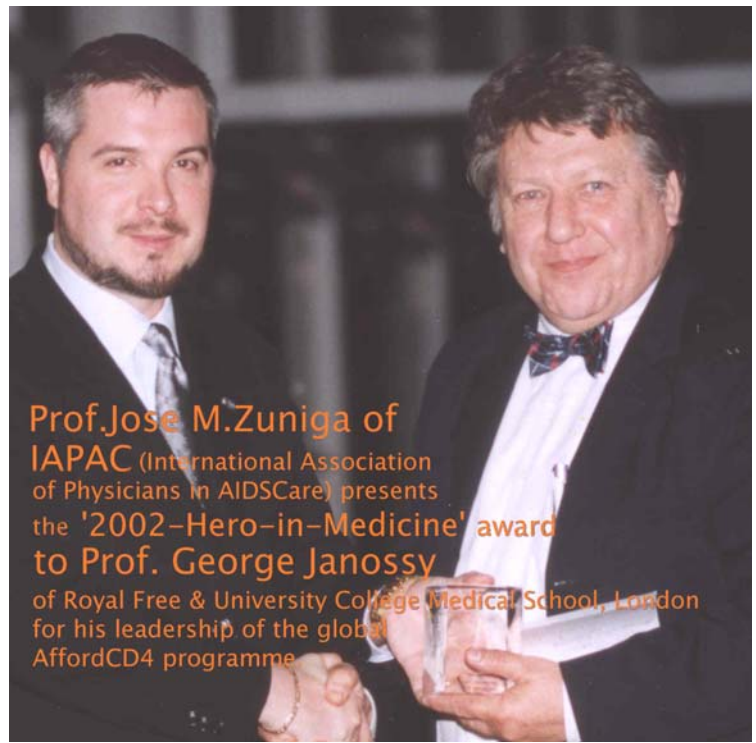


Dear Colleagues,

To provide monitoring services for ART in resource-poor countries is a difficult task. Still, we have had a marvellous year, and we are on a fast track for a number of reasons.

- (i) Using two reagents, CD4 and CD45, and the panleucogating strategy is a delight: robust, precise and informative; this protocol can replace more complicated multi-reagent assays.
- (ii) The flow cytometers currently in use are incredibly stable; the evidence is at hand to show that expensive beads are no longer needed in every tube to get absolute CD4 counts on single platforms.
- (iii) There is support for supplying countries with selected generic monoclonal antibodies as a pioneering venture;
- (iv) Manufacturers of flow cytometers are now interested in protocols that accommodate these new developments.
- (v) The user-friendly software for these changes is forthcoming.



Prof. Jose M. Zuniga of IAPAC (International Association of Physicians in AIDS Care) presents the '2002-Hero-in-Medicine' award to Prof. George Janossy of Royal Free & University College Medical School, London for his leadership of the global AffordCD4 programme



Dr. Deborah K. Glencross laureate of the 2002 JP Morgan Health award

Also, please share our pleasure that on the 26<sup>th</sup> of October in Chicago George Janossy and the AffordCD4 team were awarded the '2002-Hero-in-Medicine' award by the International Association of Physicians in AIDS Care for these activities. A few days later Debbie Glencross was the runner up laureate for the J.P. Morgan-Chase Health Award, organised by the Tech Museum of Innovation, San Jose, Ca.

There are difficult tasks ahead in teaching these simple and modern concepts. Hopefully, with the involvement of our website, training courses and clear new protocols will serve some of these educational needs.

We thank for your help again and we wish you all a very happy Christmas and richly rewarding New Year

Warm regards,  
George, Debbie, Ilesh, David, Bruno Frank and Howard.