Rejection and isolation

➢ Individual patients
➢ Societal response was irrational
➢ Hospital authorities distanced themselves
➢ Institutional hostility

“if you brought up at a dinner party that you worked in the AIDS clinic at the San Francisco General, half the room left”

Dick Chaisson
Zachie Achmat
Treatment Action Campaign
Mark Heywood
Aids LawProject
Launched at the Indaba Hotel, Johannesburg in December, 1998.

Initial membership was 288

The opening function was opened by Judge Edwin Cameron

The Society has played, and continues to play, a key role in the many and varied facets of the AIDS epidemic in South Africa and beyond it’s borders.
DESPERATION!
The X111th International AIDS Conference – Durban 2000
“President Mbeki, this is the cause of AIDS, do not let your inaction on this be your legacy....”

David Ho
It was the best of times, it was the worst of times, it was the age of wisdom, it was the age of foolishness, it was the epoch of belief, it was the epoch of incredulity, it was the season of Light, it was the season of Darkness, it was the spring of hope, it was the winter of despair, we had everything before us, we had nothing before us

Charles Dickens