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Closing comment

I arrived at the conference expecting that it would be something of a jamboree/circus and it was, but it did serve to remind me of much and teach me some new ways of looking at issues - especially, it at times made me feel optimistic again, something that happens seldom in our world these days.

My optimism related primarily to microbicide developments and the absolutely positive power of young people. I only wish the young people would stop saying that "we (the youth) are the future" - they are NOT the future, they are the present, here and now, and until they learn to say and accept this, people will always delay attention to their issues - and leave it for "the future", when indeed, it may be too late.

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