

Dear *ACRIA Update* Reader:

We've all seen a lot of changes over the course of the HIV/AIDS epidemic, particularly in the past decade or so. Astounding medical advances have brought new hope—and longer, healthier lives—to people living with the virus. At the same time, we've learned more about the disease and new issues have arisen, along with new approaches to prevention and treatment.

Today, we are announcing another change, one that we believe will improve our ability to meet our readers' needs.

This is the last issue of the *ACRIA Update* that you are used to. **ACRIA has joined hands with Gay Men's Health Crisis, publisher of the esteemed *Treatment Issues*, to produce a joint, comprehensive quarterly that combines the important features of both the *Update* and *TI*.**

The new publication—so new, in fact, that we haven't even named it yet!—will have a whole new look, but will contain all the features that *ACRIA Update* readers have come to expect: articles on a variety of topics around a single theme of importance in HIV/AIDS, written by experts in the field, in easy-to-understand, nonscientific language, each issue's theme illustrated by first-person "Personal Perspectives."

The change comes in the breadth of our coverage of each theme. The *Update's* traditional emphasis on treatment will be broadened to include greater attention to prevention, and the new publication will feature discussions of the policy implications of the medical and social issues featured in each issue. A "Letters to the Editor" section and an interactive Q&A feature will involve our readers in exploration of the issues.

Those of us at ACRIA and GMHC who have worked to make the new publication a reality see it as a step forward in bringing important treatment, prevention, and policy issues to all members of the HIV/AIDS community and feel that through this unique partnership we can best meet your needs, each and every issue.

While economy is one of the advantages in combining these two respected publications, production and distribution remain costly. **We must still rely on the continued generosity of you and our other readers and supporters. I hope that in recognition of this invaluable service, which has meant so much too so many, you will take the opportunity to make a donation to ACRIA earmarked for support of the publication.**

We expect the new publication to launch in June 2008. Please watch for it, read it, then take a moment to let us know what you think of it and how we can make it even more useful.

Sincerely,

Daniel Tietz
Executive Director