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**PETALING JAYA:** The Malaysian AIDS Council has conveyed its condolences to the families of 295 people aboard Malaysia Airline Flight MH17.

It made special mention of the AIDS researchers on board MH17 who were en route to the International AIDS Conference 2014 in Melbourne, Australia.

The conference starts today.

Its president Datuk Dr Raj Karim said that the tragedy was a colossal loss to the global scientific community as AIDS researcher Prof Joep Lange was a brilliant scientist and extraordinary humanitarian who fought tirelessly to improve access to lifesaving anti-retroviral treatment for HIV patients.