



12/11/09 TB WIRE

Please pass this on to colleagues interested in TB elimination and please note that important upcoming TB-related training courses are listed at the end of this newsletter.

INVITATION: IUATLD NORTH AMERICAN REGION MEETING - ORLANDO

From Michael Lauzardo, MD, MSc, Vice-President/Program Chair, The Union North America Region, International Union Against Tuberculosis and Lung Disease: On behalf of the Executive Committee and the conference planning committee, I would like to extend a warm invitation for you to join us in Orlando, Florida, for the 14th Annual conference of The Union North America Region, March 11-13, 2010 at the Rosen Plaza Hotel. The "Sunshine State" was appropriately chosen as our venue in recognition of our desire to include participants from the Caribbean, Haiti and Latin America. The theme of the meeting, "Under One Sun: Looking Ahead, Working Together, Moving Forward," further reflects our regional interdependence as we work together to control and eventually eliminate TB. The focus of this year's conference also revolves around the importance of TB and HIV co-infection in the region and the complex diagnostic, treatment and research challenges presented by this dual epidemic. This meeting is no exception to our track record for attracting world-renowned leaders in TB and HIV to present on four diverse plenary topics: TB/HIV Co-Infection – The Sum is Greater than Its Parts; The TB Laboratory as Integral Part of Tomorrow's TB Control Program; Persistence, Latency, and the Search for New Drugs; and Social Determinants of Tuberculosis Transmission, Diagnosis, and Treatment. Proceeding the opening general session on March 11, we have once again scheduled the Annual Stop TB North American Meeting and the Nursing Assembly Program that addresses the global nursing shortage. Both of these meetings are also planned around the challenges presented by TB/HIV. New this year is a clinical update preconference on TB and HIV on Wednesday afternoon, March 10, conducted by the four Regional Training and Medical Consultation Centers (RTMCCs). We hope that you will be able to join us for the Union NAR 2010 conference and take advantage of these additional training opportunities! For more information contact: Kitty McAndrews at the American Lung Association of the Upper Midwest; Phone: 312-781-1100; E-Mail: kmcandrews@lungil.org. Or check the BC lung Association website at: http://www.bc.lung.ca/lungdiseases/tuberculosis_iuatld.html

Editors Note: The annual **STOP TB USA** Advocacy Luncheon will also be held prior to the opening session and is scheduled for 12 noon on March 11.

CALIFORNIA SEEKING CHIEF OF COMMUNICABLE DISEASE CONTROL

The California Department of Public Health (CDPH) is currently recruiting for a Chief, Division of Communicable Disease Control. **The filing date is December 15.** For more information check the CDPH website at: http://jobs.spb.ca.gov/bull2/exemptpdfs/11242009_5.pdf This vacancy was re-posted to add an option for a Richmond (CA) work location in place of, or in addition to, Sacramento.

2010: THE YEAR OF THE LUNG

From Mark D. Fussell, Director, The North America Office of the International Union Against Tuberculosis and Lung Disease (IUATLD): You may be interested to know that during last week's 40th World Conference on Lung Health in Cancun, Mexico, the Forum of International Respiratory Societies (FIRS) officially launched *2010: The Year of the Lung, a global effort to help policy makers, opinion leaders and citizens understand the importance of lung health, and the rights of each citizen of our planet, to LIVE, LEARN and BREATHE.* Several of our colleagues from North America played active roles during this launch, including Drs. Dean Schraufnagel and Phil Hopewell. I encourage you to visit *The Year of the Lung* website (<http://www.yearofthelung.org/>) on a frequent basis during this upcoming year to keep up to date with activities associated with this initiative.

2010-2011 WORLD TB DAY CAMPAIGN

On behalf of Dr Marcos Espinal, Executive Secretary of the Stop TB Partnership: The 2010-2011 World TB Day campaign, ***On the move against tuberculosis: Innovate to accelerate action***, was launched at the opening ceremony of the [World Conference on Lung Health of the International Union Against Tuberculosis and Lung Disease](#) on Friday. The year 2010 marks the halfway point for the Global Plan to Stop TB. It is clearer than ever that we must scale up efforts and continue to seek new and innovative ways to stop TB if we are to achieve our targets. We have made considerable progress; but the evidence points to an urgent need to do more, do it better and do it faster. The theme of ***Innovation*** speaks to the need for a new way forward. The slogan ***On the move against tuberculosis*** reflects this theme through a simple, flexible and easily translatable phrase. This year's campaign will focus on individuals around the world who have found new ways to stop TB and can serve as an inspiration to others. The idea is to recognize people who have introduced a variety of innovations in a variety of settings. We invite you to visit the World TB Day Web site, http://www.stoptb.org/events/world_tb_day/2010.

2009 REPORT ON TB RESEARCH FUNDING TRENDS, 2005-2008

This is Treatment Action Group's (TAG) 2009 report on funding trends for tuberculosis (TB) research and development (R&D) from the baseline year 2005 through 2008, the last year for which full data are reported. The purpose is to document the world's progress against the benchmark goals set forth by the Stop TB Partnership in the Global Plan to Stop TB: 2006–2015 and in TAG's original report, which called for an increase in TB R&D spending to \$2 billion per year, which will be required to eliminate TB by 2050. The full report is available at:

[http://www.treatmentactiongroup.org/uploadedFiles/About/Publications/TAG_Publications/2009/TAG_STBP%202009TBRD%20Resource%20Tracking%20Report%20\(Web%20Version%20Final\).pdf](http://www.treatmentactiongroup.org/uploadedFiles/About/Publications/TAG_Publications/2009/TAG_STBP%202009TBRD%20Resource%20Tracking%20Report%20(Web%20Version%20Final).pdf)

REGIONAL TB TRAINING AND MEDICAL CONSULTATION CENTERS (RTMCCs):

The CDC funded Regional TB Training and Medical Consultation Centers provide free TB-related medical consultation, develop TB educational materials, and also provide training and technical assistance for TB program staff. The Centers are regionally assigned to cover all 50 states and U.S. territories. **(Regional Tuberculosis Training and Medical Consultation Centers are obligated to prioritize participants from within their respective regions for training courses - but they may accept applicants from all areas when there is available space.) Updated information about available TB-related materials is available on each Center's website. Listed below are upcoming training courses.**

The Southeastern National Tuberculosis Center in Gainesville, Florida:

Phone: 1-888-265-7682 Website: <http://sntc.medicine.ufl.edu/> Medical Consultation: 1-800-4TB-INFO (1-800-482-4636). TB-related products from this and all RTMCC Centers are listed at:

<http://sntc.medicine.ufl.edu/Products.aspx>

Comprehensive Clinical TB Course: 3/1/2010 - 3/4/2010. 8:00 am to 5:00 pm Eastern Standard.

Location: A.G. Holley State Hospital, Lantana, FL. **Instructor/speaker:** SNTC and affiliate faculty. **Cost:** \$300.00. **Format:** Clinical course. This four-day training program will familiarize the clinician with all aspects of tuberculosis infection, disease and clinical care using an interdisciplinary and interactive approach. Course objectives are accomplished through a combination of didactic lectures and interactive case management discussions. The course is conducted at A.G. Holley Hospital, one of the last free-standing TB sanatoriums in the U.S. Register at:

<https://www.ahecregistration.org/index.php/welcome/vieweventdetailsntc/d1f491a404d6854880943e5c3cd9ca25>

Tuberculin Skin Test Train-the-Trainer - March 2010: 3/5/2010 - 3/5/2010. 8:00 am Eastern Standard time. **Location:** A.G. Holley State Hospital. **Instructor/speaker:** Karen Farrell, RN, BSN, RM. **Cost:** \$50.00. **Format:** On Location. This one-day skill-building course provides the knowledge needed to plan, teach, and evaluate a Mantoux Tuberculin Skin Test (TST) course. The course content includes skills for planning and conducting a TST training including adult learning principles and teaching strategies. The curriculum is provided through lecture and participatory activities, including practicum in TST administration and reading and instructional skills demonstration. Register at:

<https://www.ahecregistration.org/index.php/welcome/vieweventdetailsntc/65ded5353c5ee48d0b7d48c591b8f430>

New Jersey Medical School Global Tuberculosis Institute in Newark, New Jersey:

Website: <http://www.umdnj.edu/globaltb/home.htm> Phone: 973-972-3270 Medical Consultation: 1-800-482-3627. TB-related products from this Center are listed at: <http://www.umdnj.edu/globaltb/productlist.htm> .

2010 courses will be listed soon on the Center's website:

<http://www.umdnj.edu/globaltb/courses.htm>

The Heartland National Tuberculosis Center in San Antonio, Texas:

Phone: 1-800-TEX-LUNG Website: <http://www.heartlandntbc.org/> Medical Consultation: 210-531-4500. Administration/Training: 210-531-4590.

2010 regional training courses will be listed soon on the Center's website at:

<http://www.heartlandntbc.org/training.asp>

Francis J. Curry National Tuberculosis Center in San Francisco, California.

Phone: 415-502-4600. Website: <http://www.nationaltbcenter.ucsf.edu/> Medical consultation: 1-877-390-6682. The available TB-related products from this Center are listed at:

http://www.nationaltbcenter.ucsf.edu/products/a-z_list.cfm

New Product: The Tuberculosis Drug Information Guide is derived from *Drug-Resistant*

Tuberculosis: A Survival Guide for Clinicians (2nd edition) produced in 2008 by the Francis J. Curry National Tuberculosis Center (CNTC) and the State of California Department of Public Health, Tuberculosis Control Branch (CDPH). The information in this easy-to-use guide was updated in November, 2009 and features information on all medications currently used to treat tuberculosis, both in the U.S. and internationally. For each drug (listed alphabetically), this guide includes: information about the drug's activity against TB; dosing instructions; preparation and storage; pharmacokinetics; adverse reactions; contraindications; monitoring; wholesale cost; and patient instructions. For information about ordering, please check the following website:

<http://www.nationaltbcenter.ucsf.edu/products/index.cfm> .

Tuberculosis Clinical Intensive: (3-day course) February 23-25, 2010, San Francisco, CA.

Use Online Application Form at http://www.nationaltbcenter.ucsf.edu/training/tbcifeb10_app.cfm. Fax Application Form. There is no fee for this course. This conference is approved for 19.5 continuing education hours (no prorated units available). The course is directed to physicians and other licensed medical professionals who diagnose and treat tuberculosis. The course covers: epidemiology of tuberculosis (TB); diagnosis, management, and treatment of TB; transmission and pathogenesis; TB and HIV coinfection; TB targeted testing and laboratory testing; pediatric TB; treatment of latent TB infection; multiple drug resistance; legal and ethical issues in TB control; and TB radiology.

Tuberculosis Case Management and Contact Investigation: March 2010, San Francisco,

CA. This four-day training is designed for nurses, communicable disease investigators, and medical social workers. More information to follow.

Global TB: What US Providers Need to Know - A National Web-based Seminar; May 12, 2010.

Web-based seminar for US providers who work with foreign-born patients. More information to follow.

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