



## 6/5/10 TB WIRE

Please pass this information on to your colleagues who are interested in TB elimination.

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### **MCN TBNET PROJECT SELECTED AS BORDER MODEL OF EXCELLENCE!**

Stop TB USA partner the Migrant Clinicians Network's (MCN) TBNet project has been selected as the 2010 Border Models of Excellence in Tuberculosis Surveillance and Control recipient by the U.S.-Mexico Border Health Commission (USMBHC). TBNet is a transborder patient navigation project that has transferred more than 4,000 individuals under treatment for TB from the US to 60 different countries across the globe. "TBNet is to be recognized as a vital and integral part of tuberculosis work along the U.S.-Mexico border." said Dan Reyna, M.S.S., M.P.A., General Manager, U.S. Section, USMBHC. "This recognition demonstrates your organization's exceptional leadership, innovation and determination," Reyna continued. "This recognition celebrates the 15 years that MCN and our dedicated colleagues have devoted to ensuring that health care justice is a reality for the mobile poor," said Ed Zuroweste, MD, and Chief Medical Officer of MCN. Congratulations to MCN and to Dr. Zuroweste (former Stop TB USA Chair).

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### **LANCET SERIES ON TUBERCULOSIS AVAILABLE ON THE WEB.**

The new Lancet series on tuberculosis was launched and is available at:  
<http://www.thelancet.com/series/tuberculosis>

Thanks to WHO's Elisabetta Minelli for this information.

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### **KEY UP COMING TB-RELATED MEETINGS**

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#### **Stop TB USA Annual Meeting scheduled for June 22, 2010, in Atlanta.**

All those interested in TB elimination are invited to attend the Stop TB USA coalition's annual meeting from 12:30 – 2:00 pm on Tuesday, June 22, immediately following the morning session of the annual 2010 National TB Conference (in the same room) at the Crowne Plaza Ravinia in Atlanta, Georgia. This June 22 annual meeting is an open meeting and we encourage all those interested in TB elimination to join us. Pre-registration for this coalition meeting is not necessary. All persons interested in TB-related advocacy should make every effort to attend this session. We owe a great deal of thanks to David DeBiasi who will complete his successful term as Chair of Stop TB USA on June 22 at this Annual meeting. On that day, Dr. John Bernardo will assume the position of Chair. We will also hold the election for the new Chair Elect position. At the June 22 annual meeting, we will also address Stop TB USA activities including the recently released "A Call for Action on the Tuberculosis Elimination Plan for the United States" developed by the Tuberculosis Elimination Plan Writing Committee. We will also have an update on the status of current TB-related authorizations bills and TB appropriations. Please join us and share your ideas as we also discuss future directions and participation in the coalition.

(Note: Our practice has been to alternate Chairs of this Coalition between public health TB control officials and representatives of key coalition partners. Former Chair Dr. Randall Reves,

Denver TB Controller was replaced by the current Chair, David DeBiasi, who at the time was with our coalition partner, the American Lung Association of Virginia. The current Chair-Elect, Dr. John Bernardo, is the TB Controller for Massachusetts. And the Steering Committee nominee for Chair-Elect, Eileen Napolitano, is with Stop TB USA partner, the New Jersey Medical School Global Tuberculosis Institute. Although the nominee has been recommended by the Steering Committee, any participant may nominate additional nominees from the floor at this Annual Meeting. Each Chair serves for two years.)

Our special thanks to the VersaPharm Incorporated (a pharmaceutical company that produces TB medications) which has again agreed to sponsor a box lunch for this annual meeting. They will support the purchase of 100 box lunches which will be available on a first-come first-served basis at the meeting.

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### **2010 National TB Conference, Atlanta, GA June 21-24, 2010.**

Invited participants for the 2010 conference include state and big city TB Controllers, TB Nurse Consultants, TB Program Managers, Division of Tuberculosis Elimination (DTBE) field staff, TB laboratory staff, and Regional Training and Medical Consultation Centers (RTMCC) leadership. The conference will be preceded with special meetings on Monday, June 21. Breakout sessions will be included to enhance discussions, as well as to share program experiences and successes. This meeting is an important forum that brings state, local, territorial, and other TB control professionals together with colleagues from the CDC to discuss a wide array of medical, technical, and programmatic TB issues. For additional information check this website: <https://www.signup4.net/Public/ap.aspx?EID=2010771E>

NOTE: The overall 2010 National TB Conference begins on Tuesday morning June 22 at 8:00 am and concludes at 12:30 pm on June 24. This conference will be preceded on Monday June 21 by: the National TB Nurse Coalition Education Annual Meeting (8:00 am-2:30 pm); the National Society of TB Clinicians Annual Meeting (8:00 am-2:45 pm); the National Conference on Laboratory Aspects of TB (8:00 am-4:30 pm); the CDC Field Staff Public Health Advisors Meeting (8:00 am-4:30 pm); and the National TB Controllers Association Annual Business Meeting (3:00-5:30 pm). All of these meetings will take place at the Crowne Plaza Ravinia Hotel in Atlanta, Georgia.

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### **ACET Meeting: June 29-30, 2010: Atlanta, GA**

The next meeting of the CDC's National Advisory Council for the Elimination of Tuberculosis (ACET) is scheduled for June 29-30, 2010. No pre-registration is necessary. These ACET meetings are open to the interested public. This meeting will be held at the CDC Atlanta offices in Corporate Square, Building 8, Conference Room A/B/C. (NOTE: ACET advises and makes recommendations to the Secretary of Health and Human Services, the Assistant Secretary for Health, and the Director, CDC, regarding the elimination of tuberculosis. Specifically, the Council makes recommendations regarding policies, strategies, objectives, and priorities; addresses the development and application of new technologies; and reviews the extent to which progress has been made toward eliminating tuberculosis.)

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### **10th Annual TB ETN Conference & 2nd Annual TB PEN Conference; August 10-12, 2010.**

The 10th annual TB Education and Training Network (TB ETN) Conference, TB Education, Training, and Evaluation: Fitting the Pieces Together, will be held in Atlanta, Georgia, August

10-12, 2010, at the Westin Atlanta Perimeter North. For a second year, TB ETN and the TB Program Evaluation Network (TB PEN) will join forces to highlight the common aspects of TB education, training, and evaluation. The conference will focus on a variety of topics including partnerships, social determinants of health, capacity building, and tools of the trade that enhance TB education, training, and program evaluation. Conference activities will include skills-based workshops, informational presentations, and networking opportunities. For additional information check this website:

<http://www.cdc.gov/tb/education/Tbetn/conference.htm>

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### **The 41st Union World Conference on Lung Health: November 11-15; Berlin, Germany.**

The 41st Union World Conference on Lung Health and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention are pleased to announce co-sponsorship of a late-breaker session related to tuberculosis. All aspects of TB control, elimination, and research (including basic and clinical science, epidemiology, social, behavioural, psychosocial, educational aspects, health care delivery and public health) are welcomed for presentation during the late-breaker session. In keeping with the spirit of a late-breaker session, organizers ask that only new, innovative, and significant findings that have occurred as of April 1, 2010, or for which information has just become available, be submitted for late-breaker presentations in the form of a 1-page electronic file. For more information about this meeting and late abstract submission, check the following website:

<http://www.worldlunghealth.org/confBerlin/index.php?lang=en>

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### **15th Annual Conference of The Union - North American Region: Feb. 24-26, 2011:Vancouver.**

This 15th Annual conference of the International Union Against TB and Lung Disease North America Region (IUATLD-NAR) meeting will be held February 24-26 in Vancouver, BC, at the Sheraton Vancouver Wall Centre Hotel. The call for abstracts will be announced soon. For more information check the following website:

[http://www.bc.lung.ca/association\\_and\\_services/union.html](http://www.bc.lung.ca/association_and_services/union.html)

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Stop TB USA was formerly known as the National Coalition for Elimination of Tuberculosis (NCET). For additional information, check the Stop TB USA website at:

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