



1/26/10 TB WIRE

Please pass this on to colleagues who support and/or provide TB prevention and control services.

NEW GUIDANCE FOR EARTHQUAKE RESPONDERS AND FOR FACILITIES RECEIVING PATIENTS FROM HAITI

CDC has just developed specific TB guidance for facilities receiving TB patients from Haiti and also for relief workers. This guidance is now available on the following CDC website:

<http://www.cdc.gov/tb/NewsandAnnouncements/earthquakes.htm>

TIME TO REGISTER - IUATLD NORTH AMERICAN REGION MEETING

You are invited! It is time to make your travel plans and to register for the 14th Annual conference of the International Union Against TB and Lung Disease North America Region (IUATLD-NAR), March 11-13, 2010, at the Rosen Plaza Hotel in Orlando Florida.

Proceeding the opening session, the Annual Stop TB North American Meeting will be held March 11 (8:30 am to 12:00 noon) and will be followed by the annual STOP TB USA Advocacy Luncheon scheduled for 12 noon to 1:00 pm. The annual Nursing Assembly Program will be held from 1:00 to 4:00 pm. Detailed information and registration forms are available at:

<http://www.mrsnv.com/evt/directions.jsp?id=2914>

The overall Conference Brochure and complete agendas are available at:

http://www.mrsnv.com/uploads/evt/stp/2914/uploads/NAR%20conferenceprogram_FINAL%20ocs.pdf

New this year is a clinical update preconference on TB and HIV to be held on Wednesday afternoon, March 10, conducted by the four CDC-funded Regional TB Training and Medical Consultation Centers (RTMCCs).

For more information check the following Lung Association websites: <http://www.mrsnv.com/evt/home.jsp?id=2914> or http://www.bc.lung.ca/lungdiseases/tuberculosis_iuatld.html

Or contact Menn Biagtan at 604-731-5864 or by email biagtan@bc.lung.ca

JOB LOSSES & PROGRAM CUTS CONTINUE FOR HEATH DEPARTMENTS

We are hearing reports that State and local health departments and their TB control programs are being affected by the economic downturn. The National Association of County and City Health Officials (NACCHO) has completed their second round of surveys measuring the impact

of the economic downturn on local health departments. This survey found that overall health department job losses are accelerating and services are being reduced. Results are available at: <http://www.naccho.org/advocacy/lhdbudget.cfm> - State specific data are available at this website: <http://www.naccho.org/advocacy/upload/Budget-Cut-Data-by-State-FINAL.pdf>

The Association of State and Territorial Health Officers (ASTHO) also conducted a survey of the 57 State and Territorial health agencies looking at how the current economic environment is affecting the state health department budgets and ability to protect the public's health. Although their report did not specifically address TB, they found that states are responding to budget cuts by eliminating some programs, decreasing services, reducing administrative costs, and cutting back staff via attrition and layoffs. The report is available on the ASTHO website at: <http://www.astho.org/Advocacy/2009-Advocacy-Materials/Impact-of-Budget-Cuts-on-State-Public-Health/>

(NOTE: At the annual **STOP TB USA** Advocacy Luncheon scheduled for March 11 at 12 noon to 1:00 pm in Orlando, we will address issues related to funding and resources for TB programs.)

MANY PBS STATIONS TO RERUN TB FILM "ON THE LAKE: Life and Love in a Distant Place"

With the approach of the March 24 World TB Day, the National Educational Telecommunications Association, which distributes programs to all American PBS affiliates, is sending "ON THE LAKE: Life and Love in a Distant Place," out to stations again for possible use on or around March 24. This film by David Bettencourt and G. Wayne Miller, tells the true story of the tuberculosis epidemic in 1900s America and globally today through the lives of those that were infected and who died — but also of those who survived. More than scientific facts and figures, **ON THE LAKE** touches that rare emotional cord of what life was like for millions of people infected with TB, while providing a glimpse into human nature when faced with a large-scale epidemic. Through powerful storytelling, **ON THE LAKE** shines new light on a major period in America's collective history that has been forgotten — and a disease that many today think is "dead," but is in fact the number-two infectious killer globally, after HIV/AIDS. The movie premiered on Feb. 13, 2009, to five-star critical acclaim by TV, newspaper and web-site reviewers. Look for this film to be shown in your area and get the word out to your colleagues interested in TB elimination. More at: <http://www.onthelakemovie.com/> - **ON THE LAKE** is now also available from Netflix.

"STRUGGLE TO LIVE – THE FIGHT AGAINST TB" OPENS IN NEW YORK CITY

From Mark Fussell, Director of the North America Office of the International Union Against Tuberculosis and Lung Disease: Award-winning photojournalist James Nachtwey's new photo exhibit, [Struggle to Live-The Fight Against TB](#), opens January 20th at 401 Projects, a non-commercial photo gallery in lower Manhattan. The show is sponsored by the medical technology company Becton-Dickinson (BD). Nachtwey has documented the resurgence of TB and the spread of MDR- and XDR-TB in Cambodia, Lesotho, South Africa, Siberia, India, Swaziland, and Thailand. The exhibit seeks to capture the lives of both patients and health care workers in their struggle against TB. "Despite the fact that TB afflicts a huge number of people it's not on the radar screen in terms of public awareness. Normal TB, if treated diligently, is very

inexpensive and doesn't take very long to cure. But if normal TB is not treated, it mutates and becomes 100 times more expensive, requires a two-year cure and a long stay in the hospital, which many of those infected cannot afford. The thought of XDR getting out of control is truly frightening," Nachtwey said. 401 Projects, located at 401 West Street in New York, is open Wednesday to Sunday from 12:00 to 18:00. Nachtwey has had his work featured recently in such publications as *GEO Magazine*, *Stern*, *Vanity Fair* and *The New Yorker*. He has received numerous honors such as the Common Wealth Award, Martin Luther King Award, Dr Jean Mayer Global Citizenship Award, Henry Luce Award, Robert Capa Gold Medal, the World Press Photo Award, Magazine Photographer of the Year, the Bayeaux Award for War Correspondents, the Heinz Award in the Arts and Humanities and the 2008 TED Prize. As the recipient of the TED PRIZE, in 2009 Nachtwey asked TED

(http://www.ted.com/talks/lang/eng/james_nachtwey_fights_xdrtb.html) to launch a major campaign to raise awareness about XDR-TB. Nachtwey's photographs on XDR were viewed in giant screenings in 50 cities around the globe, and across the web, through a multimedia campaign.

WORLD TB DAY – MARCH 24, 2010

From the Global 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 Union Conference in December. 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. Visit the World TB Day 2010 web site (http://www.stoptb.org/events/world_tb_day/2010/) to download slogans, posters, and key messages. A World TB Day Blog will soon be available for all country-level partners to share their plans and materials to mark this memorable day.

ATLANTA ANNUAL AWARENESS TB WALK

The Atlanta area TB Awareness Walk Committee is planning their annual walk to promote World TB Day and planning to do it again on a Saturday, March 27, 2010 in Atlanta's Grant Park. Their registration and the distribution of t-shirts start at 8:00 am and participants will be walking by 9:00 am. If you are located in the Atlanta area or can join the walk, we encourage you to register online at www.tbwalk.org. There is no registration fee and free t-shirts will be provided. If you are not able to attend, check the website and consider working with your area TB colleagues and advocates to plan a similar activity. Please tell other people about this walk.

DISASTER PLANNING FOR THE HOMELESS

From Stop TB USA partner, John Lozier, Executive Director of the National Health Care for the Homeless Council: The world's response to the earthquake has been generous and quick, but the problems of coordination and distribution on the ground remind us that those who are already dispossessed and disenfranchised bear a particular burden in the event of a natural disaster. The Haiti earthquake, like Hurricane Katrina, is a painful reminder of our vulnerabilities

and the importance of emergency preparation. In March 2009, the National Council published [Disaster Planning for People Experiencing Homelessness](#) in an effort to provide practical guidance for all who seek to assure that no one is overlooked or shunned when a disaster befalls us. This guide describes the unique disaster vulnerabilities that are faced by people who are homeless and how communities can move towards more inclusive emergency planning and response. Mass homelessness is, of course, an ongoing disaster in our country, worthy of an alarmed public response that has yet to emerge. We in the National Council work to diminish this crisis every day, by providing quality care to our homeless neighbors, by developing resources like the disaster planning guide, and by consistently calling our nation to a higher standard of human rights. The disaster planning monograph and other helpful emergency planning resources are collected on the [Council's Emergency Preparedness webpage](#).

CDC TB ELIMINATION DIVISION SEEKING MEDICAL EPIDEMIOLOGIST OFFICER

The CDC Division of Tuberculosis Elimination (DTBE) has a new opening for the position of Medical Officer/Epidemiologist, Civil Service GS-602/GS-601 grade 13/14. Commissioned Corps officers are also encouraged to apply. We would appreciate you alerting colleagues who may be interested in applying. Applications are being accepted at <http://www.usajobs.com/> through February 12. The primary purpose of this position is to lead and otherwise participate in investigations of TB genotype clusters and outbreaks, develop guidelines on the application of TB genotyping to TB control activities, and collaborate with federal, state, and local partners to increase public health capacity for addressing TB clusters and outbreaks. This position is a unique opportunity to join a team of public health professionals working on new and innovative approaches to TB control. Interested non-physicians should apply to the Epidemiologist announcement [HHS-CDC-D3-2010-0144](#) (GS 13) or [HHS-CDC-D3-2010-0142](#) (GS 14) between now and February 12, when it closes. Physicians should apply to the general direct-hire Medical Officer announcement [HHS-CDC-D1-2010-0001](#) or [HHS-CDC-T1-2010-0001](#) between now and February 12, when the medical officer candidates for the DTBE positions are determined. To be included, be sure to answer all the questions and follow the prompts to fax in the necessary credentials/documentation.

If you wish to receive the **STOP TB USA** messages at a different e-mail address, or if you no longer wish to receive these messages, please reply to jseggerson@tbcoalition.com

Stop TB USA was formerly known as the National Coalition for Elimination of Tuberculosis (NCET).

Stop TB USA
1911 Olde Village Run
Dunwoody, GA 30338
Tel: 202-494-2448