



11/7/09 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.

FUNDING FOR USAID TUBERCULOSIS PROGRAM

STOP TB USA TB Advocacy organization partners* are working together to urge the membership of the House and Senate Appropriation Committees to support the House-passed funding level of \$252 million for the U.S. Agency for International Development's (USAID) Tuberculosis Program. There is global consensus on the urgent need to scale up resources to effectively address the global TB pandemic. Tuberculosis (TB) is second only to HIV/AIDS as the leading global infectious disease killer, taking 1.7 million lives per year. The emergence and spread of drug-resistant strains of TB, including extensively drug-resistant (XDR) TB, has created a global health crisis. The TB partners urge action in response to the spread of drug resistant TB and the best way to prevent the future development of drug resistant strains of tuberculosis is through establishing and supporting effective TB control programs throughout the world. The partners point out that we will never effectively reduce the global TB burden without the development of new TB diagnostic, treatment and prevention tools. Consistent with its mission of supporting health-related research in developing countries, USAID supports clinical research to develop new TB drugs and diagnostics. The TB partners applaud this investment and look forward to the expansion of this vitally important TB research support. However, there is also an urgent need for development of a new TB vaccine and they urge adoption of the Senate Appropriations Committee language encouraging USAID to support TB vaccine development in the final FY2010 State-Foreign Operations Appropriations bill.

Over two-thirds of international funding for global TB control is provided through the Global Fund to Fight AIDS, TB and Malaria. U.S. support has been critical to expanding the Fund's work to combat these diseases and to attracting contributions from other donors. It is critical that the U.S. provide an increased investment, particularly at this time when the Fund is projecting a significantly increased need to combat these diseases of poverty. The partners are recommending that the committee provide the House-approved funding level of \$750 million for the Global Fund in the final FY2010 State-Foreign Operations Appropriations bill. They urge strengthening of U.S. leadership to halt the global TB pandemic, as envisioned by the Lantos-Hyde Act, by providing \$252 million for USAID's TB program and \$750 million for the Global Fund in final FY2010 State-Foreign Operations and Related Agencies Appropriations.

* TB Advocacy Organization Partners include: Aeras Global TB Vaccine Foundation, the AIDS Institute, the American Lung Association, the American Public Health Association, the American Thoracic Society, the Infectious Diseases Society of America, Lilly MDR-TB Partnership, the TB Alliance, the Association of Public Health Laboratories, and RESULTS.

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The **Stop TB USA** website is available at: <http://stoptbusa.org/> Please let us know if you have comments or suggested additions/revisions related to your interests and/or your organization. David DeBiasi, Chair Stop TB USA. ddebiasi@lungva.org

As we approach March 24, World TB DAY, **STOP TB USA** and its many partners will be providing information about the many planned World TB Day activities across the U.S.A. and the world! We will also provide you and your organizations with ideas and opportunities for becoming involved. Below is a message sent on behalf of Marcos Espinal and the Global TB Partnership:

FROM THE STOP TB GLOBAL PARTNERSHIP

We wish to share with you the theme, slogan and key messages for the global World TB Day 2010, which have now been finalized. The campaign will be launched officially in early December. We look forward to collaborating with you on a rewarding campaign and a year of ever greater progress in the fight against tuberculosis. The 2010 World TB Day theme is: *Innovation. The slogan: On the move against tuberculosis - Innovate to accelerate action.* The year 2010 marks the halfway point for the Global Plan to Stop TB (2006-2015) and the Millennium Development Goals. 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.

Key messages: *Find new and better tools to fight tuberculosis.* After decades of inactivity, there have been important advances in TB research over the past several years, but more resources are needed to turn scientific discoveries into new and better drugs, diagnostics and vaccines. And we need to study how to make TB services more accessible and efficient. The Global Plan calls for commitment of US\$ 1.1 billion for TB research in 2010, but there is a \$US 0.6 billion funding shortfall. With nearly two million people dying from TB each year, TB research cannot wait. *Reach more people with tuberculosis care.* We have made progress: the proportion of the world's population becoming ill with TB has been declining each year since 2004 and death rates are falling. But across the world one out of three people who become sick with TB fail to access timely, accurate diagnosis and effective treatment. We need innovative ways to reach those people. All women, men and children, no matter who they are or where they live, should have access to TB care. *Promote uptake of innovative technologies.* New and more rapid methods of diagnosing TB have recently become available and other new technologies are on the horizon. Manufacturers, donors, technical agencies and countries need to work together to make these innovations a standard of care as quickly as possible. *Forge new and stronger partnerships to reach the Global Plan's targets.* The year 2010 marks the halfway point for the Global Plan to Stop TB (2006-2015) and the Millennium Development Goals. We can meet these goals, but only if we put in place innovative approaches and work together in new and different ways. *Find innovative ways to fund the fight against TB.* Together, countries across the world face a shortfall in 2010 of US\$ 2.4 billion for full implementation of the Global Plan. The funding gap will amount to an estimated US\$ 23.8 billion from 2011-2016, including research and development needs. We must find new and innovative ways to leverage resources –at all levels – if we are to meet our targets to stop TB.

TB PHOTOVOICE

The mission of **STOP TB USA** partner, TB PhotoVoice, is to work beyond the cure for a world free of suffering to tuberculosis and poverty. Together with marginalized communities, they work to restore inherent equity & inclusiveness, using visual mediums and critical dialogue to promote a more healthy world. Since 2006, TB PhotoVoice has guided 6 international sites, each with their own unique outcomes, yet all sites have demonstrated empowerment, support, and social change around issues related to TB. These sites include: Chiang Mai, Thailand; Rio de Janeiro, Brazil; El Paso, Texas-Juarez, U.S.-Mexico Border; Florence, South Carolina U.S.; Cape Town, South Africa; and Makati, Philippines. The unique photovoice method entrusts cameras into the hands of participants who take photographs that help them identify and improve their communities. The photographs represent what is happening in the participants' lives and serve as a point for discussion about what can be done to change the present situation in regards to TB, stigma, education and other related issues. Through this process of photovoice, participants share their local knowledge and photographs with each other in small groups. They identify themes associated with TB and craft recommendations for best practices toward TB diagnosis, treatment and elimination. Participants have found inner strength to use their personal testimonies to influence policymakers at the local, national and international levels. TB PhotoVoice participants act as recorders, and potential catalysts for social action and change, in their own communities. TB PhotoVoice uses the immediacy of the visual image and accompanying stories to furnish evidence and to promote an effective, participatory means of sharing expertise to create healthful public policy. TB PhotoVoice is an incorporated Washington State non-profit based in Snohomish, Washington U.S., awaiting 501(c)(3) non-profit status. Founder Romel Lacson established the TB PhotoVoice Project in 2005 in response to the tragic loss of his wife, Dr. Claudia Lacson and their daughter Emma, who died due to complications of tuberculosis. Claudia and Emma were two of the 2 million people who died in 2004 worldwide of this preventable and curable disease. For further information contact: Teresa Rugg, MPH, TLR Community Health Education Consulting, 7619 137th Ave. SE, Snohomish, WA 98290, 360.862.9034 (office), 425.345.3958 (cell), e-mail: twrugg@verizon.net

NATIONAL HEALTH CARE FOR THE HOMELESS FREE CLINICIAN TRAINING

STOP TB USA partner the National Health Care for the Homeless Council will conduct free training for clinicians November 16-17, in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. Health Care for the Homeless experts will present: (1) Motivational Interviewing; (2) Documenting Disability; and (3) Shelter Health. This training is jointly sponsored by the Vanderbilt School of Medicine and the National Health Care for the Homeless Council. This activity has been approved for AMA PRA Category 1 Credit. This activity has also been submitted to the Tennessee Nurses Association for approval to award contact hours. Tennessee Nurses Association is accredited as an approver of continuing nursing education by the American Nurses Credentialing Center's Commission on Accreditation. And this activity is currently in review for CE credit through the National Association of Social Workers. **This debut regional training is open to anyone providing health care services to individuals experiencing homelessness. Clinicians from any geographic area are welcome to attend!** The agenda includes (1) Monday, November 16 from 1:00-4:00 pm - Documenting Disability; (2) Tuesday, November 17, 2009 at 8:00 am-12:00 pm - Motivational Interviewing; and (3) at

1:00-4:00 pm - Shelter Health. The training will take place at the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee School of Continuing Education, Plankinton Building, and 161 W. Wisconsin Avenue. No meals will be provided, but numerous dining options are available within walking distance. Space is limited, so you must pre-register through the online [registration form](#). (<http://www.nhchc.org/1109RegionalTraining.html>) Lodging is at the Hampton Inn Suites Downtown Milwaukee, 176 W Wisconsin Avenue, Milwaukee, WI 53203. (888) 271-4656, www.hamptonmilwaukee.com. Mention that you are attending the NHCHC training for the group rate of \$94 plus tax. The Hampton Inn is located less than a block from the Plankinton Building.

Save the Date! AAPCHO National Technical Assistance Conference & Gala

STOP TB USA partner the Association of Asian Pacific Community Health Organizations (AAPCHO) will conduct its' National Technical Assistance Conference & Gala entitled "Cultivating Traditions of Wellness" on February 23, 2010, at the Omni Shoreham Hotel in Washington, D.C. For more information, visit www.aapcho.org AAPCHO is a national association representing community health organizations dedicated to promoting advocacy, collaboration and leadership that improves the health status and access of Asian Americans & Native Hawaiians and other Pacific Islanders within the United States, its territories, and freely associated states, primarily through its member community health centers.

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 upcoming TB training courses and available TB-related materials is available on each Center's website. Listed below are upcoming training courses.**

Francis J. Curry National Tuberculosis Center in San Francisco, California. Phone: 415-502-4220. Website: <http://www.nationaltbcenter.edu/> Medical consultation: 1-877-390-6682

Tuberculosis and Diabetes National Web-based Seminar; December 10: Two-hour web-based seminar for clinicians in the United States who may treat or screen patients with tuberculosis, diabetes, or both diseases. Featured Speakers: Gisela Schecter, M.D., M.P.H., is Physician Liaison at the Tuberculosis Control Branch of the California Department of Public Health and Clinical Associate Professor of Medicine and Infectious Diseases in the UCSF School of Medicine and Dean Schillinger, M.D., is Program Chief of the California Diabetes Program and Professor of Medicine in Residence at the University of California San Francisco; Acting Chief of the UCSF Division of General Internal Medicine at San Francisco General Hospital (SFGH); Director, UCSF Center for Vulnerable Populations. Additional speakers include: Richard Brostrom M.D., Medical Director, Division of Public Health, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands; Lisa Chen, M.D., Medical Director, Francis J. Curry National TB Center, University of California, San Francisco (UCSF); Associate Clinical Professor, Department of Medicine, UCSF; Jane Kelly, M.D., Medical Officer, HIV Incidence and Viral Resistance Team, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and Former Director, National Diabetes

Education Program Division of Diabetes Translation, National Center for Chronic Disease Prevention and Health Promotion, CDC. Further details are available on the website at :

http://www.nationaltbcenter.edu/training/schedule_2009.cfm

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).

Challenges in the Diagnosis and Treatment of Drug-Resistant Tuberculosis (in Spanish):

Location: Gainesville, Florida. Instructor/speaker: Dr. Michael Lauzardo. Date: 11/16/2009 - 11/16/2009. Time: 9:00 a.m. - 10:30 a.m. EST. Format: Webinar. Description: A Clinical Web-Based Educational Opportunity This training event will provide a review of drug-resistant tuberculosis, focusing on the diagnostic and treatment challenges associated with this form of the disease

Comprehensive Clinical TB Course: 12/7/2009 - 12/10/2009; Lantana, Florida. Format: On Location. 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. For more information check:

<https://www.ahcregistration.org/index.php/welcome/vieweventdetailssntc/c7e1249ffc03eb9ded908c236bd1996d>

Tuberculin Skin Test Train-the-Trainer Course: 12/11/2009 - 12/11/2009; Lantana, Florida. 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. For more information check this website:

<https://www.ahcregistration.org/index.php/welcome/vieweventdetailssntc/2a38a4a9316c49e5a833517c45d31070>

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

Phone: 973-972-3270 Medical Consultation: 1-800-482-3627. Website: <http://www.umdnj.edu/globaltb/courses.htm>

Medical Update in TB Control: Management of Tuberculosis in Emergency Department

Settings. This web-based seminar will discuss the presentation of TB in emergency department settings as well as diagnostic and treatment steps to take in such circumstances. It will also cover personal, administrative, and engineering infection control measures. Cases will be used to illustrate key teaching points. This seminar will occur on November 19 from 1:00 pm to 2:30 pm, EST. Registration details can be found at:

<https://www.livemeeting.com/lrs/8001122164/Registration.aspx?pageName=70hm23qh5m8dk0wz>. For more information, please contact Anita Khilall at khilalan@umdnj.edu.

Tuberculosis Case Management and Contact Investigation for Nurses: December 9-10: This is an interactive workshop designed to enhance TB case management and contact interviewing skills of the nurses who care for patients with latent tuberculosis infection and TB disease. For additional information check the website at:

<http://www.umdnj.edu/globaltb/courses/brochures/tbcasemgmt2009.html>

Program Managers Workshop for regional and Local Staff: December 1-8 and 15. Web-based seminar. This is online workshop is designed to enhance the skills of new and seasoned TB managers and supervisors. Course topics will include the managerial aspects of: surveillance and epidemiology, case management services, laboratory methods, genotyping, contact investigations, infection control, cultural competency, program evaluation, and staff training. The course will be online and will use a series of pre-recorded lectures which can be viewed at the participant's convenience, as well as 3 two-hour live sessions (December 1,8,15 from 1:00 pm-3:00 pm, EST). Participation in all three sessions is required for completion of the course. For further information, please contact Rajita Bhavaraju at bhavarr@umdnj.edu (NOTE: This is course is currently full. However, you may register to be put on the waiting list.)

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. Scheduled regional and onsite 2009 courses are full.

Refugee Updates: Web-Based Seminar: December 1, 2009. This seminar is brought by Heartland National TB Center in partnership with Nebraska Health and Human Services Department and presented by Marge Higgins, LSW, Refugee and Immigrant Coordinator on Tuesday, December 1, 2009 at 2:00pm-3:00pm CST and 1:00pm-2:00pm MST. The target audience includes registered nurses and clinical personnel including health educators, health care staff and surveillance specialist within the Heartland region. Upon completion of this training, participants will be able to: (1) describe the screening for TB in foreign born populations; (2) discuss the new technical instructions covering the screening of TB in refugees and immigrants; and (3) list special considerations with foreign-born populations. Registration is limited to 100 lines from the Heartland region, which includes the following states: Arizona, Illinois, Iowa, Kansas, Minnesota, Missouri, Nebraska, New Mexico, North Dakota, Oklahoma, South Dakota, Texas, and Wisconsin. Pre-registration via online registration is required. Group viewing is strongly recommended. Registration and participation is FREE to attendees. Register online at <http://www.heartlandntbc.org/register.asp?courseSessionId=185> . You will receive log-in information prior to the event; it will be sent to the e-mail account entered during the registration process. SYSTEM REQUIREMENTS: To access and view this training event, you will need a computer with internet access and a phone line (preferably with a speaker or teleconferencing capabilities) or a computer with audio. It is recommended that you check your system for compatibility and connectivity prior to the event; instructions to test your system will be sent with confirmation of participation. CONTINUING EDUCATION CREDIT. Deadline to register is: November 24, 2009. For questions, please contact Heartland National TB Center. BY EMAIL: jessica.quintero@uthct.edu . BY PHONE: 1 (800) 839-5864. This is presented in collaboration with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

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