



# 2/28/10 TB WIRE

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

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## STILL TIME TO PLAN TO ATTEND THE IUATLD NORTH AMERICAN REGION MEETING

You are invited! **You may register on site.** And there is still time to make your travel plans. (At least two major airlines just announced a sale to Orlando – book by March 4.) This 14th Annual conference of the International Union Against TB and Lung Disease North America Region (IUATLD-NAR) meeting will be held March 11-13, 2010, at the Rosen Plaza Hotel in Orlando Florida. For more detailed information and a copy of the agenda, access the following website: [http://www.mrsnv.com/uploads/evt/stp/2914/uploads/NAR%20conferenceprogram\\_FINAL%20ocs.pdf](http://www.mrsnv.com/uploads/evt/stp/2914/uploads/NAR%20conferenceprogram_FINAL%20ocs.pdf) Or you may also contact Menn Biagtan at 604-731-5864 or [biagtan@bc.lung.ca](mailto:biagtan@bc.lung.ca)

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## STOP TB USA 2010 TB ADVOCACY LUNCHEON – 3/11/2010 – ORLANDO, FL.

**TB Control officials across the nation are expressing concerns about the impact of TB budget shortfalls. FY 2010 and 2011 will be critical years for tuberculosis funding at national, state and local levels.**

You are invited to attend the **STOP TB USA** 2010 Advocacy Luncheon will be held from 12:00 pm – 1:00 pm on March 11 in conjunction with the above 14th Annual IUATLD NAR Conference at the Rosen Plaza Hotel in Orlando Florida. This important Advocacy Meeting will be held immediately following the Annual Stop TB North American session at this IUATLD-NAR meeting site. **Registration is not required** and there is no fee for this **STOP TB USA** 2010 Advocacy Luncheon. Below is the agenda:

### ***Moderator: Fran Du Melle***

*Sr. Director, International Activities  
American Thoracic Society  
Washington, DC USA*

### **Update on TB-related Domestic and Global Appropriations and Related Advocacy and Education Efforts**

*Nuala Moore  
Senior Legislative Representative  
American Thoracic Society  
Washington, DC, USA*

### **Update on New Call for Action: Tuberculosis Elimination Plan for the United States**

*Randall Reves, MD, MSc.  
Medical Director  
Denver Metro Tuberculosis Control Program  
Immediate Past Chair, Stop TB USA*

**National TB Controllers Association Plans**

*Carol J. Pozsik, RN MPH,*

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*National TB Controllers Association*

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**WORLD TB DAY IS MARCH 24.**

World TB Day is observed each year on March 24 to commemorate the date in 1882 when Robert Koch announced the discovery of Mycobacterium tuberculosis, the bacterium that causes TB. Worldwide, TB remains one of the leading causes of death from infectious disease. An estimated 2 billion persons (i.e., one third of the world's population) are infected with M. tuberculosis. World TB Day provides an opportunity to communicate TB-related problems and solutions and to support worldwide TB-control efforts. We encourage you to plan and become involved in World TB Day activities in your community. A number of World TB Day-related resources and related information are available at our partner websites:

**CDC Website:** <http://www.cdc.gov/tb/events/WorldTBDay/default.htm>

**USA planned World TB Day Activities will be continually added to this map when available at the CDC website as we approach World TB**

**Day:** <http://www.cdc.gov/tb/events/WorldTBDay/2010/activities.htm>

**Resources for WTD:** <http://www.cdc.gov/tb/events/WorldTBDay/resources.htm>

**State TB Control offices:** <http://www.cdc.gov/tb/links/tboffices.htm>

**Stop TB Global Partnership:** [http://www.stoptb.org/events/world\\_tb\\_day/2010/](http://www.stoptb.org/events/world_tb_day/2010/)

**New on [www.worldtbd.org](http://www.worldtbd.org):** Photojournalist David Rochkind, winner of the 2009 Stop TB Partnership **Images to Stop Tuberculosis Award**, is travelling in India and producing a photo report about TB. He will be posting stories weekly about his experiences, along with some sneak previews of his photos.

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**ACET TO MEET MARCH 2-3, 2010**

The next meeting of the CDC’s National Advisory Council for the Elimination of Tuberculosis (ACET) is scheduled for March 2-3, 2010. 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*. *Expected topics include:*

- Updates from the NCHHSTP and DTBE Directors.
- Division of Global Migration and Quarantine’s (DGMQ) Activities Update
- *Update on TB-related activities of the CDC* Division of Global Migration and Quarantine.
- Workgroup Updates on: Foreign-born Guidelines, TB Model Act Public Health Law, BCG Workgroup
- NTCA’s Vision on Regionalization
- Texas Center for Disease/Vision of a Texas Southwest Regional TB Hospital

- Laboratory Update: Flagship Project
- Update on 2010 TB Cases
- TB Surveillance Update
- CDC/DTBE Response to Haiti
- Potential New Business Items: (1) Resolutions from U.S. Affiliated Pacific Islands; (2) Establishment of ACET Isolation Guidelines Workgroup; (3) Other Business.

Note: The above is the first ACET meeting in 2010. The tentative dates scheduled for the second 2010 CDC Advisory Council for the Elimination of Tuberculosis (ACET) meeting are for Tuesday and Wednesday, June 1-2, 2010. The meeting will also be held at CDC, Corporate Square, Bldg 8, A/B/C.

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**FROM DR. MARCOS ESPINAL, EXECUTIVE SECRETARY, GLOBAL STOP TB PARTNETSHIP**

The World Bank Independent Evaluation Group has just published a program review of the Global Stop TB Partnership. Below is the summary:

"The Stop TB Partnership is a network of more than 900 international and national public and private sector organizations and individuals aiming to eliminate tuberculosis (TB) as a public health problem. Located in the World Health Organization in Geneva, it was established in 2001 to foster greater collaboration among international agencies, donors, and governments of endemic countries to meet global TB control targets. A 2008 evaluation by McKinsey & Company concluded that the Partnership has contributed significantly to global efforts to control TB. This review confirms the widely held view that Stop TB is the one of the best performing global partnerships in the health sector, based on an analysis of its relevance, efficacy, efficiency, governance, and management. Yet the sustainability of its achievements will depend not only on the Partnership itself but also on its ability to successfully confront new challenges posed by HIV and drug resistance, on the complementary disease-control activities of its donor partners, and on the capacity of high-burden countries to sustain TB control. The World Bank has been a major institutional player in Stop TB at both the global and country levels. But the protracted amount of time the Bank has taken to enable its client countries to procure drugs with World Bank funds through the Global Drug Facility has reflected negatively on its institutional reputation."

Click here to read the: [Read the World Bank Programme Review](#)

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**WORKING GROUP ON NEW TB DRUGS LAUNCHES BLOG**

FROM THE TB ALLIANCE: The Global Stop TB Partnership's [Working Group on New TB Drugs](#) (WGND) has launched an [interactive platform](#) that will mobilize robust discussion around the need to develop the new TB drugs that will save millions of lives, reduce the strain on overburdened health systems, and promote global prosperity. This platform will thrive with the active participation and engagement of the TB community, as it aims to foster education and collaboration, and increase cross-connectivity. The blog is accessible though [newtbdrugs.org](#), the WGND's newly redesigned website, which also features project-specific information on the

global pipeline of new TB drugs. The blog will stream content from a variety of sources and TB thought leaders. Content will include: (1) the progress in and challenges to preclinical and clinical development of new TB drugs; (2) TB prevention and control strategies; (3) multimedia interviews and commentary from experts and thought leaders; and (4) need-to-know news and analysis. [> Click here to view the blog](#)

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## [GLOBAL HEALTH EXPERT TO TAKE LEAD AT ACTION](#)

ACTION (Advocacy to Control Tuberculosis Internationally) is pleased to announce the hiring of Emily Wainwright as Project Director. The announcement culminates an extensive global search for a director of this cutting edge global TB advocacy project, which is funded by the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation and now operates in eight countries. "I could not be more pleased with our choice of Emily Wainwright to take ACTION forward as its new director," stated Joanne Carter, executive director of RESULTS Educational Fund, the organization that houses the ACTION secretariat. "Emily brings to the project a wealth of knowledge and on-the-ground experience in infectious disease efforts and a keen sense of advocacy. As all partners in the project work to take ACTION and global health advocacy to the next level, I am confident that Emily will provide the strong leadership, creativity, and practical knowledge that we need to truly transform the global fight against TB." Wainwright is a highly regarded global health expert. Having spent the past 12 years of her career at the U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID) as a Senior Advisor for both Micronutrients and Infectious Diseases, Wainwright has worked closely with the global health community at multiple levels here in the U.S. and globally. Prior to holding positions at USAID, Emily worked with both the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF) and the Bangladesh Rural Advancement Committee (BRAC) in Bangladesh. Emily is a Registered Dietician and holds a Masters of Public Health from Johns Hopkins University. In her new role, Wainwright will work with ACTION partners in eight countries and allies across the globe to advance donor and country-level responses to TB, increase support for critical research and development, and increase the focus on TB-HIV co-infection and the impact of TB on women in development. For more information on ACTION, please visit [www.action.org](http://www.action.org)

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Check the **STOP TB USA** website at: <http://www.stoptbusa.org/> . **STOP TB USA** was formerly known as the National Coalition for Elimination of Tuberculosis (NCET).

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