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2010 ATS INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE NEW ORLEANS MAY 14-19.

The 2010 International Conference of the American Thoracic Society (ATS) will be held in New Orleans, Louisiana May 14-19, 2010. Important scientific programs at this conference will offer the latest information in clinical science, basic science, and translational aspects of respiratory disease and public health education. Sessions will be held for tuberculosis as well as asthma, sleep apnea, lung transplantation, lung injury, lung development, pediatric pulmonology, genomics, and proteomics. Topics in this important public health and scientific conference will be presented in symposia, clinical tracks, seminars, and poster sessions and oral presentations of original research.

For general information regarding the conference, please <http://conference.thoracic.org/> Many of the TB sessions are not yet posted in the on line advance agenda for this conference. **STOP TB USA** staff and partners are now developing a more complete **Preliminary TB Agenda** for this 2010 ATS conference that will highlight the extensive TB-clinical and scientific sessions, plus the TB-related oral and poster presentations, and a post graduate TB-related course at this conference. **The detailed preliminary TB-related agenda will be sent out soon.**

SHORT FUSED DEADLINE: TB PUBLIC HEALTH POSTER SESSION – Due April 4, 2010

As in past years, the ATS 2010 conference will feature the public health poster session of special interest to the TB control community entitled: Tuberculosis Control Strategies. Due to the great interest at the joint poster discussion session last year, this year's session will be jointly sponsored by the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and the National Tuberculosis Controllers Association (NTCA). Dr. John Jereb (CDC) and Philip Griffin (President, NTCA) will be co-chairpersons for the poster session.

This public health poster forum will take place on Sunday, May 16th from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. The forum will focus on innovative techniques that are helping to meet the challenges of TB prevention, control, and elimination. The TB public health poster sessions have always been well attended at past conferences. The poster presentations are excellent, the discussions lively, and the session provides a great opportunity to meet others involved in TB control.

Please consider developing an abstract for poster presentation on a significant or innovative aspect of TB control for this joint 2010 poster forum. This is an excellent opportunity for you or someone in your area TB program to exchange information about an effective strategy or intervention that may be useful to other colleagues. Techniques that are associated with improvements in TB control practices would be especially appropriate for poster presentation during this session. (And remember - agency officials are often more likely to approve official travel to major meetings where their agency's achievements, science and work can be presented.) The organizers are interested in posters regarding:

- Updated policies/procedures and successful activities for conducting TB-related contact investigations, including successful treatment completion in contacts identified with tuberculosis infection. Posters detailing the use of programmatic and epidemiologic data to develop and update policies and procedures will be especially welcome.
- Successful activities for the evaluation and treatment of immigrants and refugees.
- Reports of tuberculosis outbreaks, including surveillance and program activities related to detection and control of outbreaks, MDR TB outbreaks, and the development and use of outbreak response plans.
- Successful activities or interventions to prevent and eliminate tuberculosis in high-risk populations, such as African-American communities, foreign-born persons, homeless persons, or populations along the U.S./Mexico border.
- Innovative and successful interventions to increase adherence and completion of treatment for tuberculosis disease and infection.
- Successful activities or interventions to prevent and eliminate tuberculosis in persons with HIV-infection.
- Successful activities or interventions to prevent and eliminate tuberculosis in persons incarcerated in correctional facilities.
- Successful training and education materials, courses, or sessions for tuberculosis program staff, public and private healthcare providers, or successful educational efforts developed for patients with tuberculosis infection or disease.
- Successful efforts to comprehensively evaluate and improve tuberculosis prevention and control programs.
- Successful implementation of the use of new diagnostic tests for latent TB infection or TB disease.

This year CDC is again asking for electronic submission of the poster abstracts. Since this session is a jointly sponsored by CDC and NTCA (rather than the ATS), the abstracts will not be published in the ATS conference book. However all abstracts will be printed and handed out at the session. Instructions for abstract submission, related forms, and a sample abstract are attached. [Please use the electronic form attached to this TB WIRE to describe your proposed poster.](#) (An example abstract is included in the attachment.)

Abstracts should be submitted to Dr. John Jereb at jjereb@cdc.gov. The deadline for receipt of abstracts is Friday, April 2, 2010. CDC may have to limit the number of accepted posters because of anticipated space and time restraints. Posters will be selected based on quality, date of receipt, innovation, and potential for application elsewhere. For further information, submitters from the United States should contact Dr. John Jereb at jjereb@cdc.gov or by telephone at (404) 639-5316. Please forward this announcement to clinicians, public health nurses, and others in your program area who may be interested in submitting a poster abstract.

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