



May 6, 2010

Stop TB USA ANNUAL MEETING SCHEDULED FOR JUNE 22 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. The Steering Committee has recommended a highly qualified nominee for this important position (See below).

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.

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.

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. (To view the conference agenda and register, visit the [conference website](#).) 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.

DR. JOHN BERNARDO TO ASSUME POSITION AS CHAIR OF STOP TB USA

Dr. John Bernardo will assume the **Stop TB USA** Chair position on June 22. He has served the past two years as the Chair-Elect. He has also served for over two years on the Writing Committee that developed the recently released ***“A Call for Action on the Tuberculosis Elimination Plan for the United States.”*** Dr Bernardo is a Professor of Medicine and Research Professor of Biochemistry at Boston University School of Medicine. He previously served as Medical Director of the Tuberculosis Program for the Boston Department of Public Health and Hospitals. From 1992-94, he served as the Medical Director for the Boston Specialty and Rehabilitation Hospital, Boston Department of Health and Hospitals. Dr. Bernardo is Board certified in Internal Medicine with subspecialty certifications in Pulmonary Disease and Critical Care. He is a graduate of the School of Medicine of the University of Illinois, Chicago, was an intern and resident at New York Hospital - Memorial Hospital, and also did a residency at Boston City Hospital in Boston, MA. In addition, he served as a Clinical Associate at the National Heart Lung And Blood Institute of the National Institutes of Health. He is a current participant in the CDC Tuberculosis Trials Consortium and the CDC Tuberculosis Epidemiologic Studies Consortium. Dr. Bernardo has received numerous awards and authored many TB-related articles. He also served on the CDC Federal TB Task Force and was President of the National Tuberculosis Controllers Association for 2006-7.

STEERING COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS EILEEN NAPOLITANO AS NOMINEE FOR CHAIR

We are pleased to announce that long-time **Stop TB USA** member, Eileen C. Napolitano has agreed to serve as the nominee for the Chair-Elect position in the election which will take place at the coalition’s annual meeting on June 22. Eileen is the Deputy Director, New Jersey Medical School Global Tuberculosis Institute, University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey, Newark, New Jersey. She is a communicable disease program operations specialist with 35 years experience in all aspects of TB prevention and control activities including delivery of clinical and outreach services, surveillance programs, and education and training programs for community providers and the public health workforce. As Deputy Director for the Global TB Institute, she was responsible for the development and implementation of the Regional Training and Medical Consultation for the Northeastern US, and prior to that was instrumental to the New Jersey Medical School National TB Center’s achievement of “Model Center” status providing innovative TB services and establishing a national and international training center. Ms. Napolitano is a former member of the National Advisory Committee for the Elimination of Tuberculosis (ACET) (2004-2005) and the New Jersey Department of Health and Senior Services TB Advisory Committee (1995-2002). Prior to coming to the Global Tuberculosis Institute, she worked many years for the New Jersey Department of Health and Senior Services in both the TB and STD Programs. She worked at all levels in both of these disease control programs in such diverse roles as Disease Investigator, Clinic Manager, and Regional Supervisor. As the Assistant Chief of the NJ STD Program,

she had statewide responsibility for field operations including the STD/HIV Prevention and Training Center serving Region 2.

ELECTION PROCEDURES

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 **Stop TB USA** 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 the national meeting. Each Chair serves for two years. The new Chair, Dr. Bernardo, will begin serving the two year term that will begin June 22 at the annual meeting.

WHO MAY VOTE? Any member attending the annual coalition meeting on June 22 is eligible to vote. **Stop TB USA** is an inclusive rather than an exclusive organization of persons interested in tuberculosis elimination. Organizational members include those that conduct, and/or advocate for, or support effective public health and related tuberculosis prevention and control activities. Included are national, state and local agencies such as public health organizations, health care and medical professional organizations. U.S. State and major city TB controllers are automatically considered members. Individual members include public, health-care and medical professionals, community and civic leaders, TB patients and their families, and other self designated persons who are committed and interested to the prevention, control and elimination of tuberculosis.

CDC VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT: TB FIELD SERVICES & EVALUATION BRANCH

The Division of Tuberculosis Elimination (DTBE) within the National Center for HIV, Viral Hepatitis, Sexually Transmitted Diseases, and Tuberculosis Prevention (NCHHSTP), Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) is seeking applicants for the position of Chief, Field Services and Evaluation Branch (FSEB). The person selected for this position will serve as a member of DTBE's senior leadership team and principle liaison to key, national partners committed to TB control and elimination. The position is being announced through two currently posted www.USAJOBS.com vacancy announcements.

Licensed civilian medical doctors inside or outside of the federal government and Commissioned Corps Medical Officers can apply by completing the requirements for the open and continuous GS-602-13/14/15 Medical Officer (MO) announcement for Atlanta. The announcement number is HHS-CDC-D1-2010-0001 and the web link is as follows:

[http://jobview.usajobs.gov/GetJob.aspx?JobID=83717811&JobTitle=Medical+Officer%2c+GS-602-13%2f14%2f15+\(Direct+-+Hire\)&brd=3876&vw=b&FedEmp=N&FedPub=Y&jbf571=7&jbf522=0602&jbf574=HE39&AVSDM=2010-03-29+06%3a28%3a00](http://jobview.usajobs.gov/GetJob.aspx?JobID=83717811&JobTitle=Medical+Officer%2c+GS-602-13%2f14%2f15+(Direct+-+Hire)&brd=3876&vw=b&FedEmp=N&FedPub=Y&jbf571=7&jbf522=0602&jbf574=HE39&AVSDM=2010-03-29+06%3a28%3a00)

Applicants who do not meet the qualifications under the announcement above may apply through the GS-601-15 Supervisory Health Scientist announcements, There is an internal announcement for applicants within CDC: HHS-CDC-T3-2010-0358; and an external one for those outside: HHS-CDC-D#-2010-0350. These announcements are open from May 6, 2010 to May 19, 2010. The web links are listed below:

Internal:

<http://jobview.usajobs.gov/GetJob.aspx?JobID=87917170&JobTitle=Supervisory+Health+Scientist&FedEmp=Y&FedPub=Y&sort=rv%2c-dtex&vw=d&re=3&caller=basic.aspx&jbf574=HE39&pg=2&AVSDM=2010-05-06+00%3a03%3a00>

External:

<http://jobview.usajobs.gov/GetJob.aspx?JobID=87917240&JobTitle=Supervisory+Health+Scientist&FedEmp=Y&FedPub=Y&sort=rv%2c-dtex&vw=d&re=3&caller=basic.aspx&jbf574=HE39&pg=2&AVSDM=2010-05-06+00%3a03%3a00>

Please feel free to distribute this announcement widely to reach as many qualified candidates as possible. If you have difficulty accessing these web links, please contact Joe Scavotto at 404-639-8133 or jas3@cdc.gov.

If you wish to receive these messages at a different e-mail address, or if you no longer wish to receive these messages, please reply to jsegerson@tbcoalition.com

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