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Update from Stop TB USA Partner, the American Thoracic Society:

NEW: HOUSE APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE:

FYI - The House Appropriations Committee has announced subcommittee chairs. Kay Granger (TX) will chair Foreign-Ops and Dennis Rehberg (MT) will chair the Labor-HHS-ED subcommittee (responsible for domestic TB funding).

See the following release for full subcommittee membership:

http://appropriations.house.gov/index.cfm?FuseAction=PressReleases.Detail&PressRelease_id=250

THE UNION NORTH AMERICAN MEETING: FEBRUARY 24-26, 2011.

Invitation: Register now for the February 24-26, 2011 annual meeting of the North American Region of the International Union Against Tuberculosis and Lung Disease. This meeting will be held in Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada. The theme for this year's conference is "Engaging Vulnerable Populations" The program will feature topnotch speakers in plenary sessions devoted to such topics as tuberculosis and indigenous populations, tuberculosis and diabetes, and novel diagnostic tools. The Program brochure and preliminary program information are at: http://www.bc.lung.ca/association_and_services/documents/PreliminaryProgram2011ConferenceofTheUnion-NorthAmericaRegion_000.pdf

This IUATLD conference will be held at the Sheraton Vancouver Wall Centre Hotel. Direct telephone: 604.893.7120. Toll-Free:1.800.663.9255. To reserve a room at the conference rate, please reference "BC Lung Association/IUATLD-North American Region Meeting." For additional information and registration check this website: http://www.bc.lung.ca/association_and_services/union.html

TB ALLIANCE LAUNCHES FIRST CLINICAL TRIAL OF NOVEL TB DRUG

The Global Alliance for TB Drug Development (TB Alliance) announced the launch of the first clinical trial to test a novel tuberculosis regimen in a new development paradigm designed to speed new treatments to patients. This novel three-drug combination shows promise to treat both drug-sensitive (DS-TB) and multidrug-resistant TB (MDR-TB), and alter the course of the TB pandemic by shortening and simplifying treatment worldwide. This Phase II trial, called NC001 or New Combination 1, tests the new TB drug candidates PA-824 and moxifloxacin in combination with pyrazinamide, an existing antibiotic commonly used in TB treatment today. Based on preclinical data, the combination shows potential to shorten treatment time for virtually all tuberculosis patients and harmonize the treatment of DS-TB and MDR-TB treatment with a

single three-drug regimen. If successful, the experimental regimen will offer a shorter, simpler, safer, and more affordable treatment option for MDR-TB, an emerging global health threat. Both new compounds are being developed by the nonprofit organization TB Alliance, one (moxifloxacin) in partnership with Bayer HealthCare AG. This research approach is being championed by the [Critical Path to TB Drug Regimens](#), an initiative established to tackle the regulatory and other challenges associated with TB drug development. CPTR was founded in March 2010 by the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, the Critical Path Institute, and the TB Alliance. Nearly a dozen pharmaceutical companies, civil society organizations, the European and Developing Countries Clinical Trials Partnership (EDCTP), and others have signed on to the initiative's guiding principles. The trial involves 68 participants at two centers in South Africa, each receiving two weeks of treatment and three months of follow-up to evaluate effectiveness, safety, and tolerability. NC001 is an early bactericidal activity trial and is supported financially by United States Agency for International Development, the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, and the United Kingdom's Department for International Development. "New and powerful drugs to combat TB and MDR-TB are essential to achieving TB control goals outlined in the Global Plan to Stop TB 2011-2015 and ultimately to eliminate TB," said Mario Raviglione, M.D., Director of the World Health Organization's Stop TB Department. "It is extremely encouraging to see a growing pipeline of TB drug candidates that may revolutionize TB care and committed sponsors moving with speed and efficiency towards new regimens." "We desperately need more funding and creative approaches to impact the global pandemic," reported Joanne Carter, Executive Director, RESULTS Educational Fund. "Support for research and development of new TB regimens is critical to reducing the impact of this disease and helping to eliminate one of the major health causes of entrenched poverty."

REGIONAL TB TRAINING AND MEDICAL CONSULTATION CENTERS

The 12/17/10 TB WIRE listed the upcoming training courses for three of the four CDC funded Regional TB Training and Medical Consultation Centers (RTMCCs) but the Heartland schedule was not available at that time. Information about the upcoming Heartland courses is now available below and there are also two announcements from the New Jersey Center. **(For information about training from the other centers see the 12/17/10 TB WIRE at: <http://stoptbusa.org/tbwire121710.pdf>)** These Regional 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 also available on each Center's website.

The Heartland National Tuberculosis Center in San Antonio, Texas: Phone: 1-800-TEX-LUNG Website: <http://www.heartlandntbc.org> FAX Medical Consultation: 210-531-4500. FAX Administration/Training: 210-531-4590. (This Center serves the Southwestern region which includes the following states: [Arizona](#), [Illinois](#), [Iowa](#), [Kansas](#), [Minnesota](#), [Missouri](#), [Nebraska](#), [New Mexico](#), [North Dakota](#), [Oklahoma](#), [South Dakota](#), [Texas](#), and [Wisconsin](#).)

Registration now open! [WEBINAR: Understanding Mycobacterium bovis](#) - Wednesday, February 2, 2011, 12:00 – 1:30 PM CST, 11:00 AM – 12:30 PM MST.

Presented by: Phil LoBue, MD, FACP, FCCP, Associate Director for Science, Division of TB Elimination, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. This webinar will describe the

epidemiologic risk factors and transmission of *Mycobacterium bovis*, discuss the differences between *Mycobacterium bovis* and *Mycobacterium tuberculosis*, and identify case management best practices during treatment of *Mycobacterium bovis*. Participants from the Heartland region will be given priority registration. Contact Lead Educator: Jessica.quintero@uthct.edu. The brochure is at: <http://www.heartlandntbc.org/training/webinars/20110202/brochure.pdf>. **Registration closes January 28, 2011.**

Upcoming Courses

TB Cohort Review – February 24, 2011. Location: San Antonio, Texas. This course is designed for TB staff who are tasked with conducting cohort reviews for their programs. Case scenarios, demonstrations, and practice cohort reviews will be incorporated into the curriculum for a hands-on learning experience. Contact Lead Educator: mary.long@uthct.edu. A training brochure will be posted and **registration will open on January 14, 2011 and close on February 18, 2011.**

Nurse Case Management – March 2-4, 2011. Location: San Antonio, Texas. Target Audience: This course is intended for TB program managers, TB nurse case managers, and local health department nurses responsible for the management of patients with, or suspected of, tuberculosis. Contact Lead Educator: jessica.quintero@uthct.edu. A training brochure will be posted soon and **registration will open on January 19, 2011 and close February 23, 2011.**

TB Cohort Review – March 23, 2011. Location: Phoenix, Arizona. This course is designed for TB staff who are tasked with conducting cohort reviews for their programs. Case scenarios, demonstrations, and practice cohort reviews will be incorporated into the curriculum for a hands-on learning experience. Contact Lead Educator: jessica.quintero@uthct.edu. A Save-the-Date brochure is available at: http://www.heartlandntbc.org/training/brochure_phoenix_az_23_mar_2011.pdf and will be updated soon. **Registration will open on January 14, 2011 and close March 10, 2011.**

TB in the Correctional Setting – March 24, 2011. Location: Phoenix, Arizona. This one day course, in partnership with the Arizona Department of Health Services, targets the correctional health care staff and local health department personnel, especially public health nurses, who work with inmates with, or at risk of, tuberculosis. Contact Lead Educator: jessica.quintero@uthct.edu. A Save-the-Date brochure is available at: http://www.heartlandntbc.org/training/brochure_phoenix_az_24_mar_2011.pdf and will be updated soon. **Registration will open on January 14, 2011 and close March 10, 2011.**

TB Intensive – April 6-8, 2011. Location: San Antonio, Texas. Target Audience: The physician or nurse expert with direct experience in the management of patients with, or at risk of, tuberculosis. This is not an introductory course. It is recommended that nursing participants attend a Nurse Case Management training prior to attending this course. Contact Lead Educator: mary.long@uthct.edu. A training brochure will be posted and **registration will open on January 31, 2011 and close on March 23, 2011.**

If you have any questions or would like additional information, please contact the Lead Educator assigned to the course of interest.

New Jersey Medical School Global Tuberculosis Institute Announcements:

The first webinar in the Cohort Review series "[Best Practices in TB Control #1: Introduction to the TB Cohort Review Process](#)" is now available for online viewing. The archive can be accessed at : <http://www.umdnj.edu/globaltb/audioarchives/tbcohort.html>

The NJMS Global Tuberculosis Institute will be hosting **two additional national web-based seminars** in the [Best Practices in TB Control: Cohort Review series](#). These web-based seminars are offered in conjunction with the Charles P. Felton National Tuberculosis Center/ICAP, and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, Division of TB Elimination (CDC DTBE):

· "[Best Practices in TB Control #2: Key Activities and Roles in the TB Cohort Review Process](#)" - January 20 (Registration deadline - January 17, 2011)

· "[Best Practices in TB Control #3: TB Cohort Review in Action: Putting It All Together](#)" - February 10 (Registration deadline - February 7, 2011)

The web-based seminars are open to participants from all regions of the United States, however registration is limited, so we encourage you to register as soon as possible. Additional information about the courses and registration is available at:

<http://www.umdnj.edu/globaltb/courses/brochures/2011/cohortreview2.html>

New TB & Cultural Competency Newsletter

The New Jersey Medical School Global Tuberculosis Institute is pleased to announce the release of a new issue of our cultural competency newsletter: TB & Cultural Competency: Notes from the Field Issue #12: *Complex Caring: The Challenge of TB/HIV Co-infection*. This edition explores the complexities of a dual TB/HIV diagnosis and the emotional toll on the patient. In addition, it reflects on the skill of raising self-awareness demonstrated by this patient's health care worker. Please click on the link below to view the newsletter.

(<http://www.umdnj.edu/globaltb/downloads/products/culturalcompetencynewsletters/CulturalCompetency-December2010.pdf>) The complete listing of our TB & Cultural Competency newsletters can be accessed at <http://www.umdnj.edu/globaltb/products/newsletter.htm> The Center is always looking for new cases that illustrate the challenges and successes of working in the field with people from various cultural backgrounds. If you are interested in contributing a case study for this newsletter, please contact Diane Lucas at (973) 972-1261 or email at lucasde@umdnj.edu.

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