



1/21/09 TB WIRE

STOP TB USA was formerly known as the National Coalition for Elimination of Tuberculosis (NCET). Please Pass this information on to your colleagues who are interested in TB elimination.

FROM THE AMERICAN THORACIC SOCIETY: FY 2009 TB APPROPRIATIONS

Good news! The economic stimulus package that is being considered by the House of Representatives includes \$335 million in funding for domestic HIV/AIDS, hepatitis, STD's and TB. The allocation to the individual diseases is left up to the Secretary of Health and Human Services. The package still has to be finalized and passed by each chamber of Congress, which is not expected until at least early February, but this should mean some extra funding to TB this year!

Regarding FY09 appropriations, thanks for all the great work over the last couple of months. It's been a great educational effort and puts us in a good position for FY10 appropriation efforts. News on final appropriations for FY09 are that we have draft House & Senate bills that Congressional committees passed in the summer that Congress will be in finishing work on in early February. Numbers in draft FY09 bills: House \$147 million, Senate \$140 million. There is some talk that Congressional appropriators will split the difference between the two for the final FY09 bill, which would mean around \$143-145 million for CDC TB Appropriations (most of which goes to state health departments for TB-related prevention, control, research and laboratory activities). Good news is that all the educational efforts over last few months have put us in strong position for FY10 to ask for the \$210 million that's authorized under the Comprehensive TB Elimination Act. Normally at this time Congress would start FY10 process, but because of the need to finish, FY09 there is a delay.

COMPLETE UPDATE ON FY 2009 & 2010 TB APPROPRIATIONS

There will be a thorough update and discussion on FY U.S. 2009 & 2010 TB-related domestic and global appropriations and related advocacy and education efforts at a special STOP TB USA session at noon on February 28 at the annual conference of the North American Region of the International Union Against Tuberculosis and Lung Disease (IUATLD). The meeting will be open to all interested parties. See additional information about the IUATLD conference below.

COMPLETE UPDATE ON FY 2009 & 2010 TB APPROPRIATIONS

Reminder: There is still plenty of time to register for the 2009 Conference of the International Union Against Tuberculosis and Lung Disease (IUATLD) - North American Region that will take place in Vancouver, BC, Canada, on February 26 - 28, 2009. **The preliminary program and registration forms are available now at: http://www.bc.lung.ca/lungdiseases/tuberculosis_iuatld.html**

The theme for this important annual TB conference is: *Reaching the Unreached: Eliminating TB among*

Indigenous and Marginalized Populations. The meeting will begin at 4:45 pm on Thursday, February 26, and end at 5:00 pm on Saturday, February 28.

Prior to the IUATLD meeting, STOP TB Canada will host a North American STOP TB meeting beginning on Thursday, February 28, beginning at 8:00 am and U.S. attendees are invited. In addition, the special STOP TB USA legislation/appropriation update meeting will begin at noon on February 28. The meetings will be open to all interested parties.

The IUATLD conference will be held at the Sheraton Vancouver Wall Centre Hotel. Direct telephone number: 604.893.7120. Toll-Free Number:1.800.663.9255. The Email address is: reservations@wallcentre.com SPECIAL CONFERENCE RATES: Single/Double: \$149.00 plus 15% tax. Deluxe Corner Room: \$179.00 plus 15% tax. To reserve a room at the conference rate, please reference the BC Lung Association/IUATLD-North American Region Meeting. **This rate is guaranteed based on availability only until February 16, 2009.** After this date, the rate is subject to availability only. Reservations should be made directly with the hotel.

WORLD TB DAY PARTNERSHIPS FOR 2009 & LAUNCH OF NEW USA PLAN!

World TB Day is March 24. This annual event commemorates the date in 1882 when Dr. Robert Koch announced his discovery of *M. tuberculosis*, the bacteria that cause TB. World TB Day provides an opportunity for STOP TB USA partners across the nation to communicate TB-related problems and solutions and to support worldwide TB-control efforts.

In the United States, the theme for this year's World TB Day 2009 is "Partnerships for TB Elimination." Please consider working with your state or local health department to participate in an event for this year's World TB Day. As part of the 2009 World TB Day, STOP TB USA partners plan to announce and launch the updated USA TB Elimination Plan in Atlanta. We will provide more information about this event as we approach March 24.

Also - additional information about World TB Day will continue to be posted at the Global STOP TB Partnership website at http://www.stoptb.org/events/world_tb_day/2008/ and at CDC's website <http://www.cdc.gov/tb/WorldTBDay/default.htm> .

In Atlanta, CDC and the National TB Controllers Association will again collaborate to sponsor the annual "TB Awareness Walk" planned for Saturday, March 21, 2009 in Grant Park in Atlanta. Registration for this event and the distribution of t-shirts start at 8:00 am and we will be walking by 9:00 am. They are inviting all to join us for this event and STOP TB USA will have a walking group there! For those who can attend, we encourage you to register online at www.tbwalk.org as soon as possible. (If you are not already part of a group, sign up for the STOP TB USA group!) There is no registration fee and free t-shirts will be provided. Please tell other people about this walk.

LATEST ISSUE OF GLOBAL STOP TB NEWS NOW AVAILABLE!

The latest issue of the Global STOP TB News is now available from the Secretariat of the Global STOP TB partnership at: http://www.stoptb.org/resource_center/assets/documents/STBNEWSJan09.pdf.

NEW FROM CDC: NUCLEIC ACID AMPLIFICATION GUIDELINES

CDC has just released updated Guidelines for the Use of Nucleic Acid Amplification Tests in the Diagnosis of Tuberculosis. The new guidelines state that NAA testing should be performed on at least one respiratory specimen from each patient with signs and symptoms of pulmonary TB for whom a diagnosis of TB is being considered but has not yet been established, and for whom the test result would alter case management or TB control activities. The complete updated guidelines are available on the internet at: <http://www.cdc.gov/mmwr/PDF/wk/mm5801.pdf>

REGIONAL TB TRAINING AND MEDICAL CONSULTATION CENTERS (RTMCCs)

The four CDC-funded TB Regional 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. Additional information about the Regional Training Centers, their services and programs, can be obtained from their telephone numbers and websites (below). Upcoming courses are also listed below by Center. **(Please note: 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.)**

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

Phone: 973-972-3270 Toll-Free: 800-482-3627. Please visit our website to see our complete 2009 preliminary training calendar: <http://www.umdnj.edu/globaltb/courses.htm> Upcoming Courses include:

TB Case Management and Contact Investigation for Nurses:

Date: February 25-26. Location: Newark, NJ. Target Audience: Nurses who care for patients with latent tuberculosis infection and TB disease.

Description: This is an interactive workshop designed to enhance TB case management and contact interviewing skills of the nurses who attend. For more information or to obtain an application form, please

visit: <http://www.umdnj.edu/globaltb/courses/brochures/tbcasemgmt2009.html> For more information you may also contact DJ McCabe at (973) 972-0978 or email at mccabedj@umdnj.edu.

TB Intensive Workshop:

Date: April 28-30. Location: Newark, NJ. Target Audience: Licensed healthcare professionals who are actively engaged in the management of patients with tuberculosis or TB control staff responsible for program management.

Description: This intensive three-day workshop covers topics in management and treatment of tuberculosis including epidemiology, transmission & pathogenesis, diagnosis and treatment of TB, TB in children and adolescents, multi-drug resistant tuberculosis, TB/HIV co-infection, surgical treatment of TB, and key aspects of patient management. The format includes lectures, discussions, and case studies. For more information or to obtain an application form, please

visit: <http://www.umdnj.edu/globaltb/courses/brochures/tbintensive2009.html> For more information, you may also contact Anita Khilall at (973) 972-9102 or email at khilalan@umdnj.edu .

Effective TB Interviewing for Contact Investigation:

Date: March 24-26, 2009 - Location, Newark, NJ. Target Audience: health care workers who interview TB patients for the purpose of contact investigation. Description: An interactive three-day course that covers the principles of effective communication, interviewing, and contact investigation related to tuberculosis. The format includes lectures, group discussions and exercises, role playing and standardized patient interviews. For more information please visit: <http://www.umdnj.edu/globaltb/courses.htm> or contact Valerie Gunn at (973) 972-9103 or via email at gunnvl@umdnj.edu .

The Heartland National Tuberculosis Center in San Antonio, Texas:

Phone: 800-TEX-LUNG (800-839-5864) The Heartland National Tuberculosis Center website is at: <http://www.heartlandntbc.org>.

TB Nurse Case Management:

Dates: March 31-April 2, 2009, in Waukesha, WI. Also May 2009 in San Antonio, TX. This is an intensive course that provides an in-depth training experience covering knowledge and skills essential for the nurse with primary responsibility for TB case management. It will cover the evaluation, treatment and case management of medically and psychosocially difficult-to-treat patients. The workshop is designed to go beyond the basic TB curriculum and enhance the participant's ability to be accountable for facets of case management by capturing the experience and competencies of expert TB public health nurses now working in field settings throughout the Heartland region. Download PDF Brochure at: http://www.heartlandntbc.org/training/brochure_waukesha_wi_31_mar_2009.pdf

Contact: jessica.quintero@uthct.edu

MDR Primer:

Date: April 3, 2009. Waukesha, WI. Download PDF Brochure at:

http://www.heartlandntbc.org/training/brochure_waukesha_wi_03_apr_2009.pdf

For more information, please contact Jessica Quintero at: jessica.quintero@uthct.edu

TB Program Management:

Dates: April 21-23. Overland, KS. For further information, contact Jessica Quintero at:

jessica.quintero@uthct.edu

TB in Corrections:

Date: April 22. Collinsville, IL. For more information, please contact Mary Long at:

mary.long@uthct.edu

Francis J. Curry National Tuberculosis Center in San Francisco, California.

Phone: 415-502-4220. Website: <http://www.nationaltbcenter.edu/>. Upcoming Courses include:

TB Case Management and Contact Investigation:

Dates: March 17-20, 2009 Location: San Francisco, California. This is a four-day instructor-led training course. This upcoming tuberculosis (TB) case management and contact investigation training will be conducted in San Francisco. This course covers many aspects of TB case management and contact investigation, including updated contact investigation guidelines, managing the care of TB patients, promoting adherence to treatment, and more. For a complete course

description and application information, please visit http://www.nationaltbcenter.ucsf.edu/training/tbcmci_intensive.cfm Submit your application as soon as possible. All applications will be considered and participants will be informed of their registration status after the application deadline, February 2, 2009.

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Date: April 29, 2009. San Francisco CA. Details and course application will be available 3 months before the course start date.

Tuberculosis Clinical Intensive

Dates: June 17-19, 2009. Seattle WA: Three-day intensive for physicians and other licensed medical professionals who diagnose and treat tuberculosis. Details and course application will be available 3 months before the course start date.

The Southeastern National Tuberculosis Center in Gainesville, Florida:

Phone: 352-265-7682 Website: <http://sntc.medicine.ufl.edu/> Upcoming courses include:

Comprehensive Clinical TB Course:

Dates: 3/2/2009 - 3/5/2009. Time: 8:00 am - 5:00 pm daily. Location: AG Holley Hospital, 2nd FL Auditorium. Cost: \$300.00. Format: Clinical course. This 4-day comprehensive clinical TB course is held at A.G. Holley TB Hospital in Lantana, FL, and will familiarize TB staff with all aspects of TB infection, disease and clinical care. Additional information available at:

<http://sntc.medicine.ufl.edu/Training.aspx?id=193>

Tuberculin Skin Test Train the Trainer Course March 2009:

Dates: 3/6/2009 - 3/6/2009. Time: 8:00 am - 5:00 pm Location: AG Holley Hospital, 2nd FL Auditorium. Cost \$50.00. Format: Workshop. This one-day, skill-building course provides trainers with the knowledge needed to plan, teach and evaluate a Mantoux Tuberculin Skin Test (TST) course.

Additional information available at: <http://sntc.medicine.ufl.edu/Training.aspx>

Comprehensive Clinical TB Course June 2009

Date: 6/1/2009 - 6/4/2009. Time: 8:00 am - 5:00 pm daily. Location: AG Holley Hospital, 2nd FL Auditorium. Cost \$300.00. Format: Clinical course. This 4-day comprehensive clinical TB course is held at A.G. Holley TB Hospital in Lantana, FL, and will familiarize TB staff with all aspects of TB infection, disease and clinical care. Additional information available at:

<http://sntc.medicine.ufl.edu/Training.aspx>

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