

PRELIMINARY PROGRAM

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 25, 2026

Postgraduate Courses:

Nontuberculous Mycobacteria

Chairs: Dr. Sarah Brode and Dr. Max Salfinger

9:00 – 12:00 pm

Complex Contact Investigations

The Global TB Institute at Rutgers

Chairs: Dr. Alfred Lardizabal, Ms. Anita Khilall and Dr. Marco Salerno

1:00 – 4:00 pm

TB Survivors' Meeting/Training

1:00 – 4:00 pm

Early Career Investigator's Workshop

Chair: Dr. Jonathan Golub

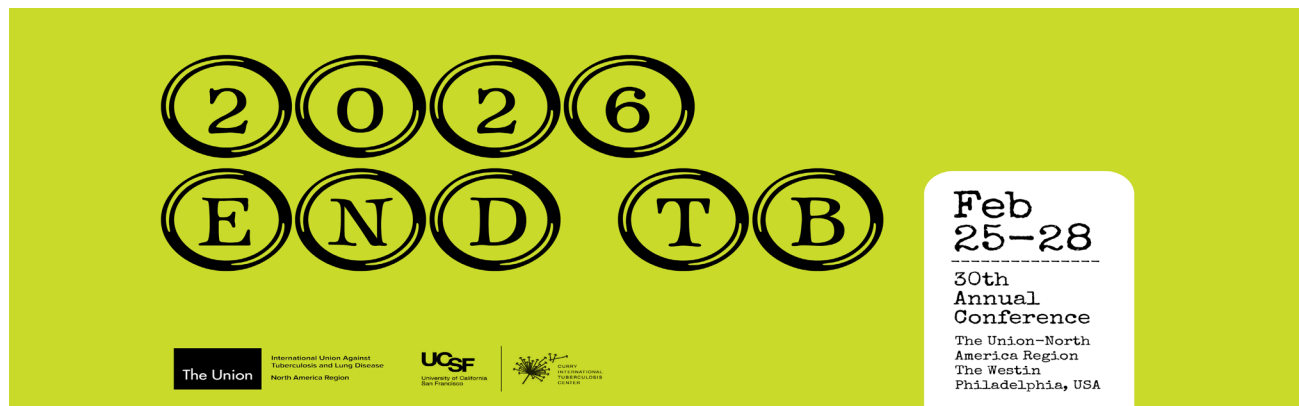
5:00 – 7:00 pm

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 26, 2026

Welcome/Opening of the Conference

8:00 - 8:45 am

- Opening prayer
- Welcome address:
 - Dr. James Johnston, President, The Union-NAR
 - Dr. Rachel Dwilow, Vice-President, 2026 Program Chair, The Union-NAR
- Patient Perspective



The George Comstock Lecture:

Title: TBA

Dr. Carole Mitnick, Harvard Medical School, Boston, MA, USA

9:00 – 9:50 am

Session 1: Stop TB Session:

Global Political and Financial Shifts: Impact on TB Communities and a Collective Action Response

Chairs: Dr. Elizabeth Rea and Dr. Cynthia Tschampl

10:00 – 11:50 am

Social Networking/Lunch Break

Chairs: Dr. Karen Jacobson

12:00 – 1:00 pm

Poster Session 1

Chair: Dr. Karen Jacobson

1:00 – 1:50 pm

Session 2: TB and Nutrition

Chairs: Dr. Elizabeth Rea, Dr. Pranay Sinha, and Ms. Anita Khilall

2:00 – 4:50 pm

Awards Ceremony

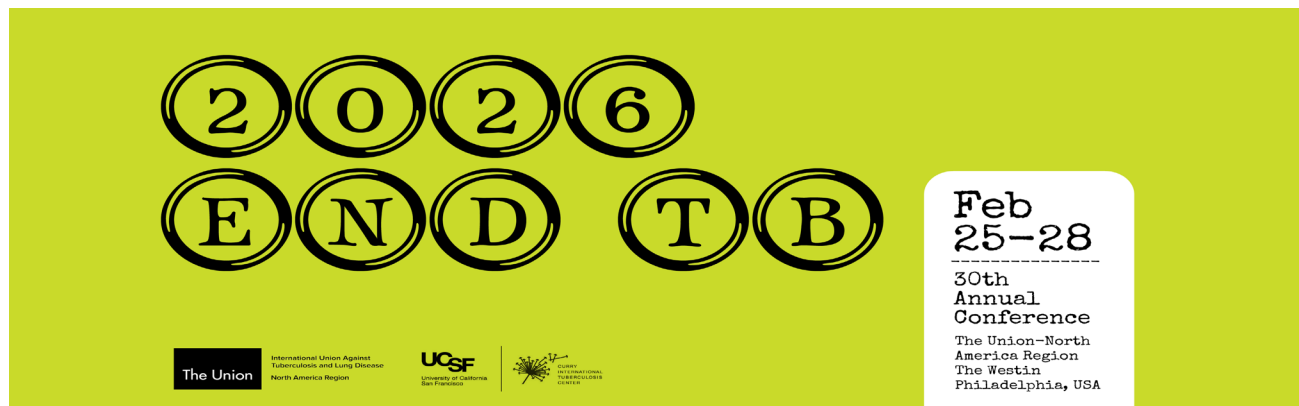
Chairs: Dr. Lisa Chen and Dr. Jonathan Golub

5:00 – 6:00 pm

Stop TB Meeting Canada/USA

Chairs: Dr. Cynthia Tschampl and Dr. Elizabeth Rea

6:00 - 7:00 pm



[FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 27, 2026](#)

Session 3: Early Career Investigators Session:

Challenges and Opportunities in Preventing and Caring for Tuberculosis Among Immigrant Populations.

Chairs: Dr. Leo Martinez, Dr. Jonathon Campbell and Dr. Simon Grandjean Lapierre

8:00 – 10:50 am

Beyond TB Lecture:

Solar Powered Oxygen Delivery to Address Oxygen Insecurity in Uganda

Dr. Michael Hawkes

11:00 – 11:50 am

Lunch/Non-CME-Industry Sponsored Satellite Symposium

12:00 – 1:00 pm

Poster Session 2

Chair: Dr. Karen Jacobson

1:00 – 1:50 pm

Challenging Clinical Cases: Session 1

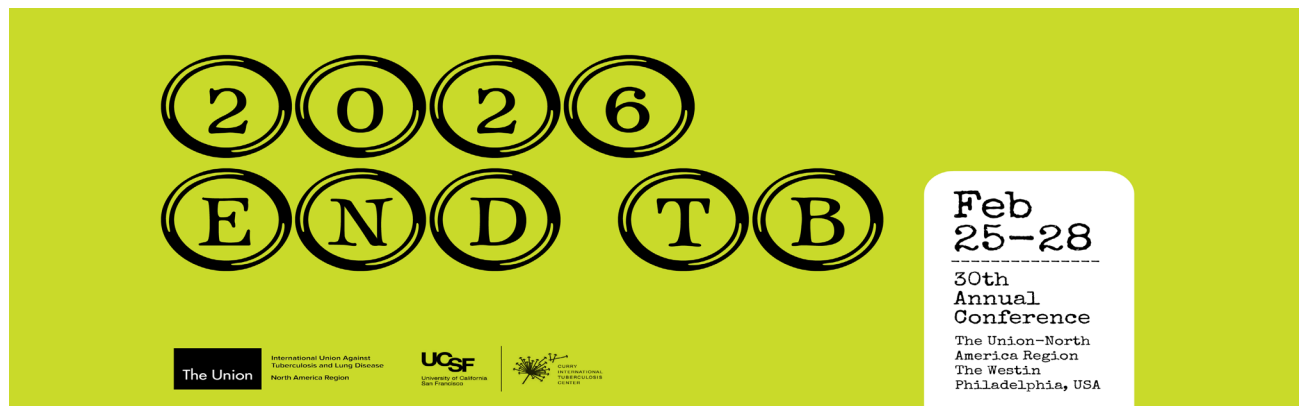
Chairs: Dr. Tori Cook, Dr. Elizabeth Talbot, Dr. Alfred Lardizabal

2:00 – 3:20 pm

Session 4: When RIPE Becomes Rotten: Taking Side Effects Seriously

Chairs: Dr. Bill Burman, Dr. Dick Menzies, and Dr. Mayara Bastos

3:30 – 5:50 pm



SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 28, 2026

Challenging Clinical Cases: Session 2

Chairs: Dr. Tori Cook, Dr. Elizabeth Talbot and Dr. Alfred Lardizabal

8:00 – 9:20 am

Session 5: TB and Public Health Law

Chairs: Dr. Ryan Cooper and Dr. Maunank Shah

9:30 – 11:50 am

Report from the Union

Speakers: Dr. Christoph Lange and Dr. Bess Miller

12:00 – 1:00 pm

Annual General Meeting

Chairs: Dr. James Johnston/Dr. Rachel Dwilow

1:00 - 1:50 pm

Post-Conference Meeting

Chairs: Dr. Rachel Dwilow and Dr. Karen Jacobson

2:00 – 3:00 pm