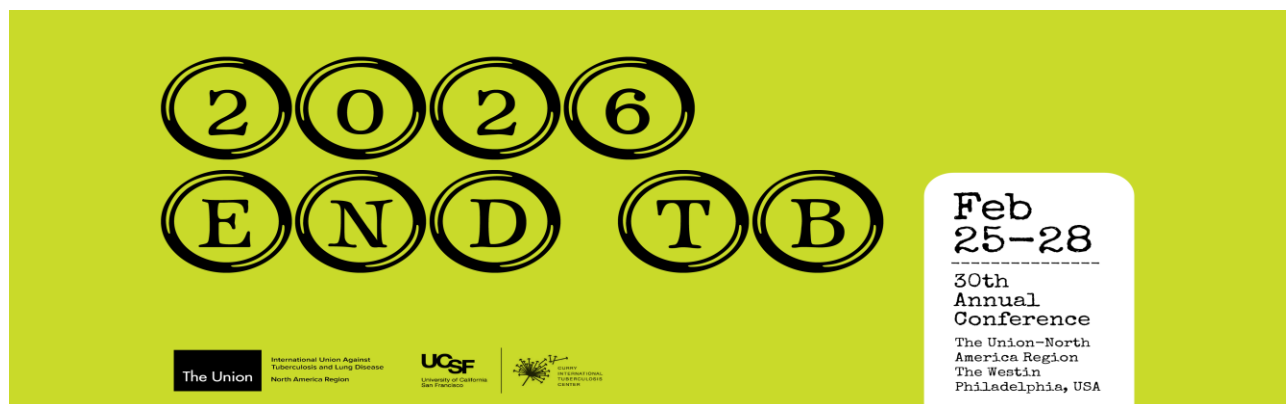




PRELIMINARY PROGRAM

[WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 25, 2026](#)

Postgraduate Courses:

Updates in Nontuberculous Mycobacteria (NTM)

Chairs: Dr. Sarah Brode and Dr. Max Salfinger

9:00 – 12:00 pm

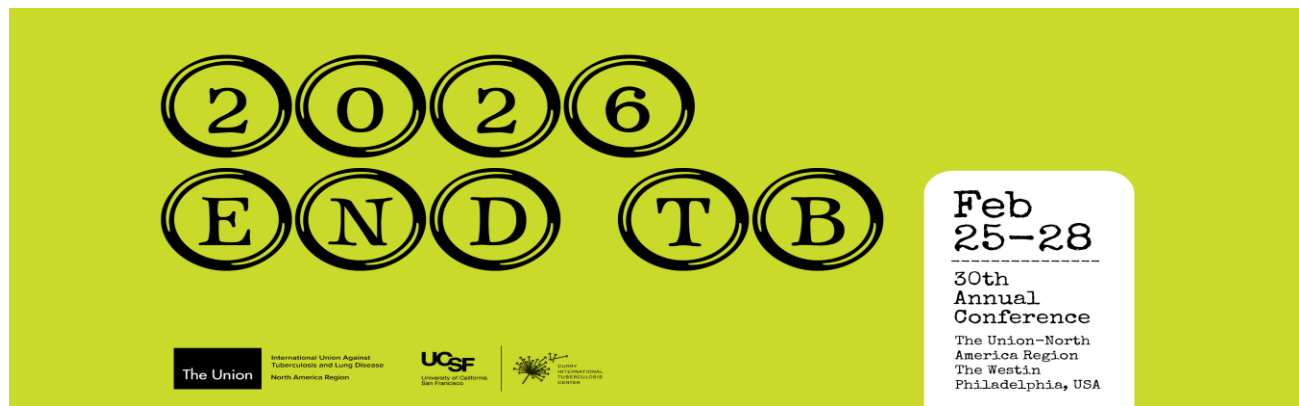
- 9:00-9:30 **Laboratory Approaches to Identification of NTM and Approach to NTM Outbreaks**
Dr. Adrian Zelazny, NIH Clinical Centre, Bethesda, MD, USA
- 9:30-10:00 **NTM Epidemiology and the Environment**
Dr. Theodore Marras, University of Toronto, Toronto, ON, Can
- 10:00-10:30 **BREAK**
- 10:30-11:00 **Management of Mycobacterium avium complex and Mycobacterium abscessus**
TBA
- 11:00-11:30 **New and Emerging NTM Therapies**
Dr. Charles Daley, National Jewish Health, Denver, CO, USA
- 11:30-12:00 **Panel questions and discussion**

Complex Contact Investigations

Chairs: Ms. Anita Khilall and Mr. Derrick Felix

1:00-4:00 pm

- 1:00-1:05 **Introduction**
- 1:05-1:35 **TB Outbreak in Long Term Care Setting**
Ms. Amy Painter, South Carolina Dept. of Public Health
- 1:35-2:05 **Source Case Investigation in a Daycare**
Ms. Kristina Bertrang, Nebraska Dept of Health and Human Services
- 2:05-2:20 **BREAK**



- 2:20-2:50 **Contact Investigations in the Setting of Multiple Households and the Importance of Community Partnership**
Mr. Dayson Marar, Kansas Dept of Health and Environment and Ms. Dawn Tuckey
- 2:50-3:20 **Genotyping and Epidemiologic Linkages in Contact investigation**
TBD
- 3:20-3:50 **Panel questions and discussion**

TB Survivors' Meeting

1:00 – 4:00 pm

TB Research Advancement Centers (TRACs) and Early Career Investigator's Workshop

Chair: Dr. Jonathan Golub

5:00 – 7:00 pm

5:00 - 7:00: In person workshop for junior investigators to present research and engage with senior researchers.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 26, 2026

Welcome/Opening of the Conference

8:00 - 8:45 am

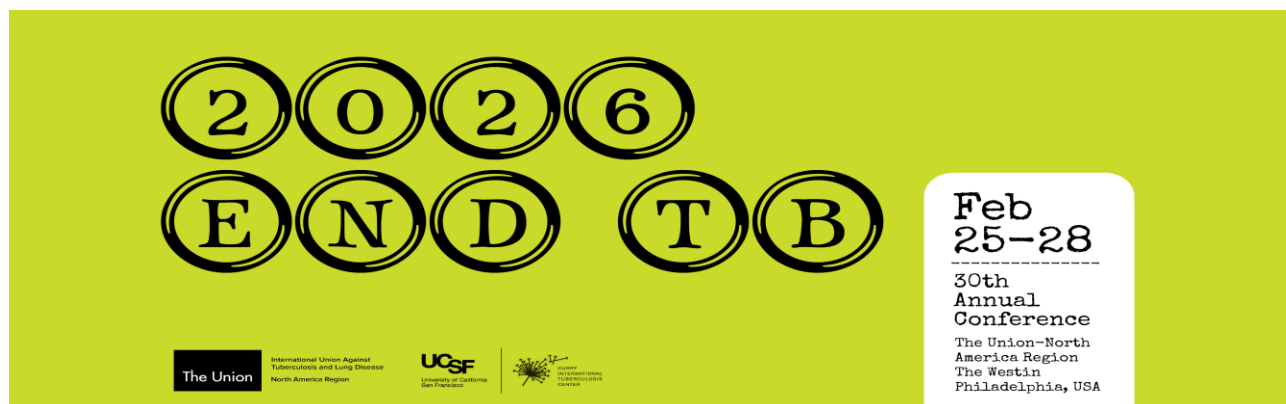
- Opening prayer
- Welcome address:
 - Dr. James Johnston, President, The Union-NAR
 - Dr. Rachel Dwilow, Vice-President, 2026 Program Chair, The Union-NAR
- Patient Perspective

The George Comstock Lecture:

Revisiting TB Elimination Efforts in the Era of AI and Drug Resistance.

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

10:00-10:05 Introduction

Dr. Elizabeth Rea, Toronto Public Health, Toronto, ON

10:05-10:20 TB Impact Tracker: Modelling the Consequences of Shifting Investments

Dr. Brooke Nichols, HE2RO, South Africa/USA

10:20-10:35 Reprioritization and Efficiencies: The Global Fund Perspective on TB Programs

Dr. Mohammed Yassin, Global Fund (virtual)

10:35-11:00 The TB Community Coordination Hub: Building Collective Action in Crisis

Dr. Robyn Waite, Community Coordination Hub, Canada

10:35-11:00 TB Lives Disrupted: The Human Cost of Interrupted Support in Ukraine

Ms. Olya Klymenko (Ukraine) virtual

11:00-11:15 Programmatic Resilience and Vulnerability: Lessons from South Africa

Dr. Norbert Ndjeka, South Africa, National TB Program (virtual)

11:15-11:25 Oral Abstract Presentation #1

11:25-11:50 Panel Discussion

Dr. Cynthia A. Tschampl, Moderator

Social Networking/Lunch Break

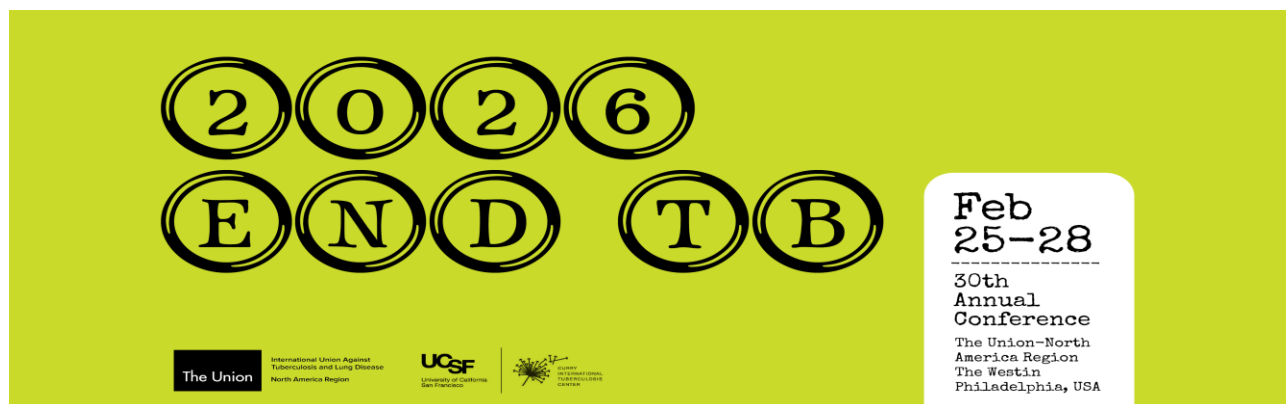
Chairs: Dr. Karen Jacobson

12:00 – 1:00 pm

Poster Session 1

Chair: Dr. Karen Jacobson

1:00 – 1:50 pm



Session 2: Setting The Table: TB and Nutrition

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

2:00 – 4:50 pm

2:00 – 2:10 **Introduction**

2:10 – 2:30 **Science/ Biology of TB and Nutrition**

Dr. Peter Cegielski, Emory University Rollins School of Public Health

2:30 – 2:50 **BREAK**

2:50 – 3:20 **TB and Nutrition Roadmap**

Dr. Pranay Sinha, Boston University Chobanian & Avedisian School of Medicine, Boston, MA, USA

3:20 – 3:50 **Cultural and Relationship Aspects of Food in TB Nursing Care**

Ms. Krystin McDermott, Boston Public Health Commission, Boston, MA, USA

3:50 – 4:10 **Patient Perspective**

4:10 – 4:20 **Oral Abstract Presentation #2**

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

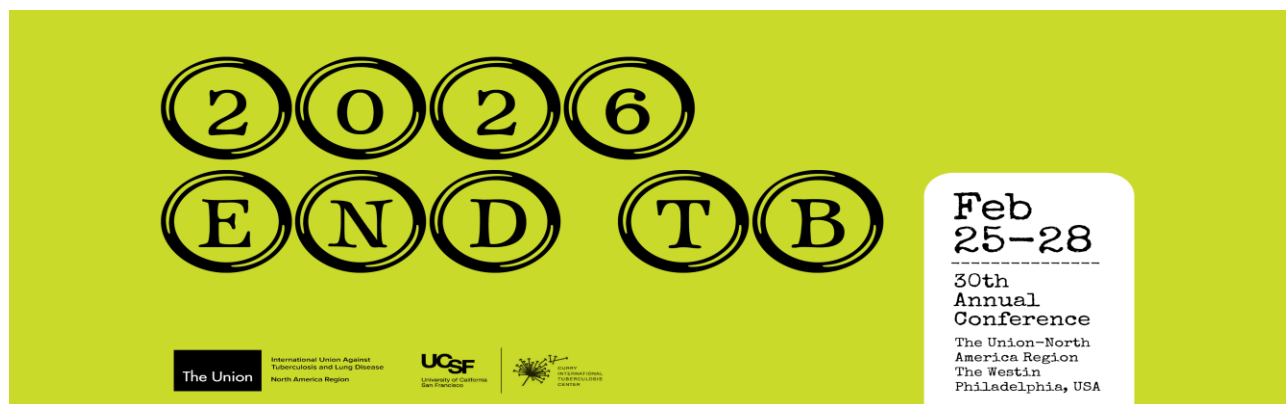
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Session 3: Early Career Investigators Session

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



- 8:00 – 8:10 **Introduction**
- 8:10 – 8:20 **TB Patient Perspective**
- 8:20 – 8:45 **ECIA Winner Presentation**
TBA
- 8:45 – 9:05 **Challenges and Opportunities Created by Preimmigration IGRA Testing**
Dr. Pennan Barry, California Department of Health, San Francisco, CA, USA
- 9:05–9:25 **BREAK**
- 9:20–9:40 **Challenges of Dealing with the Spectrum of Immigrant TB in British Columbia**
Dr. James Johnson, BC Centre for Disease Control, Vancouver, BC, Canada
- 9:40– 0:00 **Gaps and Bridges: Enhancing the TB Care Cascade in New York City**
Dr. Jean Sullivan-Meissner, New York City Department of Health & Mental Hygiene, Long Island City, NY, USA
- 10:00–10:30 **Oral Abstract Presentation #3**
- 10:30- 10:50 **Panel Discussion**

Beyond TB Lecture:

Solar Powered Oxygen Delivery to Address Oxygen Insecurity in Uganda

Dr. Michael Hawkes

University of British Columbia, Vancouver, BC, Can.

11:00 – 11:50 am

Lunch/Non-CME-Industry Sponsored Satellite Symposium

12:00 – 1:00 pm

Poster Session 2

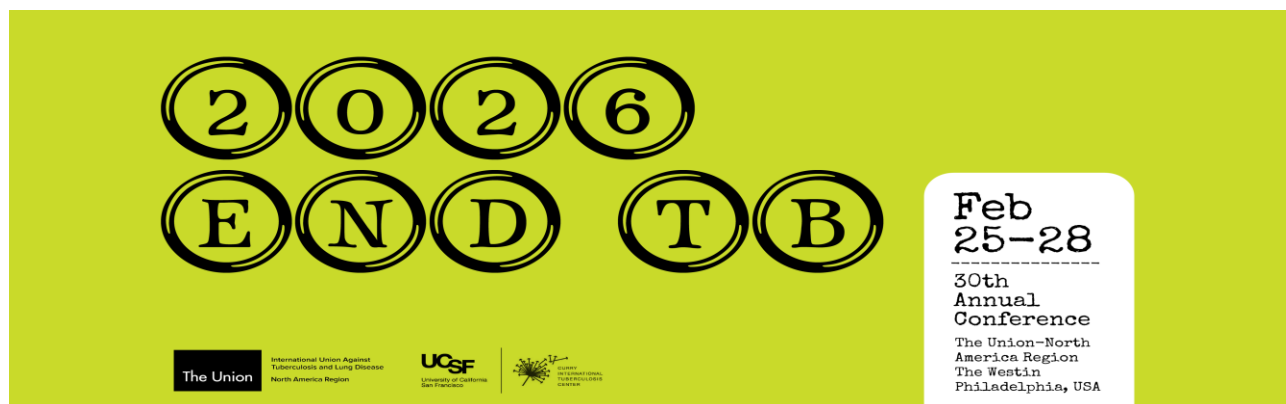
Chair: Dr. Karen Jacobson

1:00 – 1:50 am

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

3:30 – 3:35 Introduction

3:35 – 3:45 Side -effects: Patient Perspective

3:45 – 3:50 Q/A

3:50 – 4:05 How Often, When and How Bad? The Epidemiology of Side-effects.

Dr. Mayara Bastos, University of Manitoba, Winnipeg, MB, Can

4:05 – 4:10 Q/A

4:10 – 4:25 What Does it Mean? The Impact of Side-effects on Treatment Outcomes

Dr. Bill Burman, DHHA, Denver, CO, USA

4:25 – 4:30 Q/A

4:30 – 4:45 BREAK

4:45 – 5:00 What Might Make Treatment Easier to Take?

Dr. Flor Martins, Boston, University Medical Center, Boston, MA, USA

5:00 – 5:05 Q/A

5:05 – 5:20 What Is Next? Towards Evidence-based Guidelines for Side-effect Prevention and Management

Dr. Dick Menzies, McGill University, Montreal, QC, Canada

5:20 – 5:30 Oral Abstract Presentation# 4

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Challenging Clinical Cases: Session 2

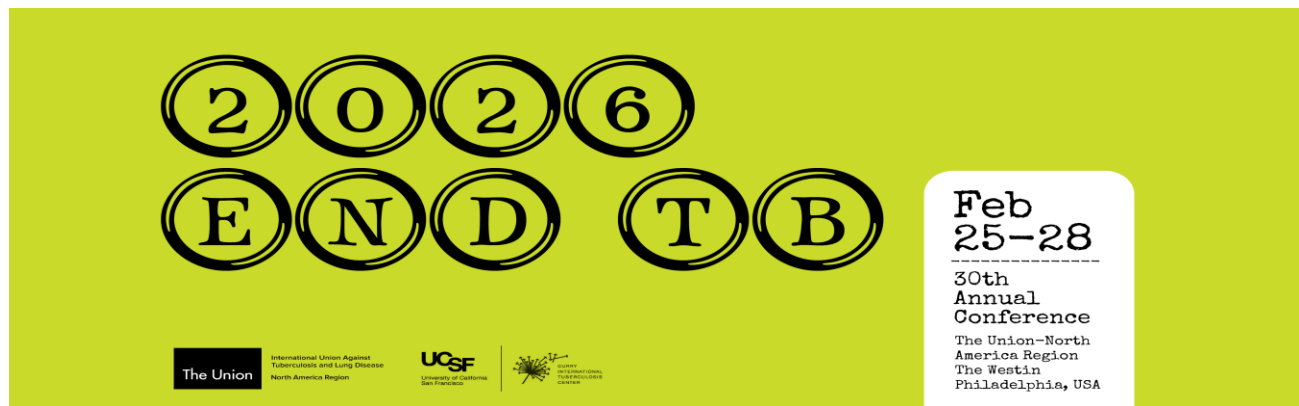
Chairs: Dr. Tori Cook, Dr. Elizabeth Talbot and Dr. Alfred Lardizabal

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



- 9:00-9:05 **Introduction**
- 9:05-9:15 **Case Study**
- 9:15-9:35 **Applying Public Health Ethics to Individual Decision-making for People with TB (PWTB)**
Ms. Olivia Kats, Johns Hopkins University, Baltimore, MD, USA
- 9:35-9:55 **Due Process Rights for PWTB**
Ms. Ashley Park, Columbia University, New York, NY, USA
- 9:55-10:25 **BREAK**
- 10:25-10:45 **TBD**
- 10:45-11:15 **Panel Discussion**
- 11:40-1:50 **Oral Abstract Presentation #5**

Report from the Union

Dr. Bess Miller, Dr. Christoph Lange
 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