

## PRELIMINARY PROGRAM

### WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 25, 2026

#### Postgraduate Courses:

#### Updates in Nontuberculous Mycobacteria (NTM) -Ballroom I & II

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 (virtual)*

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**

*Pamela McShane, National Health Institute, Bethesda, MD, USA*

11:00–11:30 **New and Emerging NTM Therapies**

*Dr. Charles Daley, National Jewish Health, Denver, CO, USA*

11:30–12:00 **Panel Discussion**

12:00–1:00 **NAR executive/NAR council Meeting**

**BREAK**

#### Practical Tools and Approaches for Conducting TB Contact Investigations -Ballroom I & II

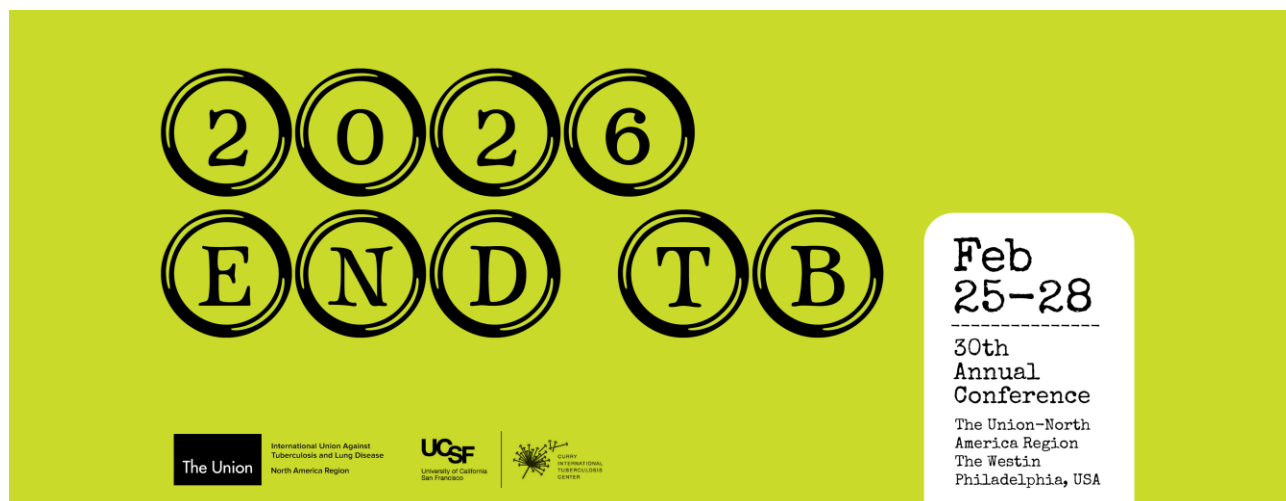
Chairs: Ms. Anita Khilall and Mr. Derrick Felix

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, Columbia, SC, USA*



- 1:35–2:05      **Source Case Investigation in a Daycare**  
*Ms. Kristin Bertrang, Nebraska Dept. of Health and Human Services, Lincoln, NB, USA*
- 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 Department of Health and Environment, Topeka, KS, USA*  
*Ms. Dawn Tuckey, Global Tuberculosis Institute, Newark, NJ, USA*
- 2:50–3:20      **Genotyping and Epidemiologic Linkages in Contact Investigation**  
*Ms. Camille Dollinger, California Department of Public Health, Bay Area, CA, USA*
- 3:20–3:50      **Panel questions and discussion**

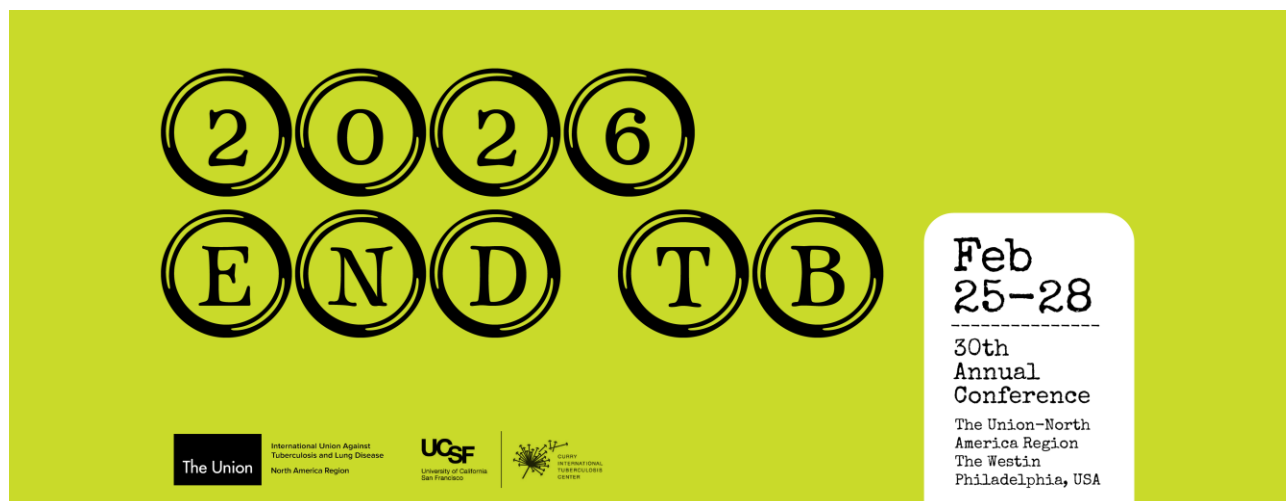
**TB Research Advancement Centers (TRACs) and Early Stage Investigator's (ESI) Workshop - Ballroom I & II**

**\*\*NOTE: All conference participants welcome to attend\*\***

Chair: Dr. Jonathan Golub

5:00– 8:00 pm

- 5:00– 5:10      **Introduction**
- 5:10–7:00      **Lightning Talks- TRAC and ESI Presenters**  
 5 minute presentations, 1 minute question period
- 7:00– 7:38      **Guest Faculty Presentations**  
*Dr. Susanna Mendez, Program Officer for TRAC, NIAID, Bethesda, Maryland, USA*  
*Dr. Megan Murray, Harvard Medical School, Boston, MA, USA*  
*Dr. Daniel Fitzgerald, Weill Cornell Medicine, New York, NY, USA*
- 7:38– 8:00      **Panel Discussion**



## THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 26, 2026

### Welcome/Opening of the Conference -Ballroom I & II

8:30– 9:00 am

8:30– 8:45 **Welcome Address:**

Dr. James Johnston, President, the Union-NAR

Dr. Rachel Dwilow, 2026 Program Chair and Vice-President, the Union NAR

8:45– 9:00 **Survivor’s Perspective** – Mr. Derrick Mapp

### **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*

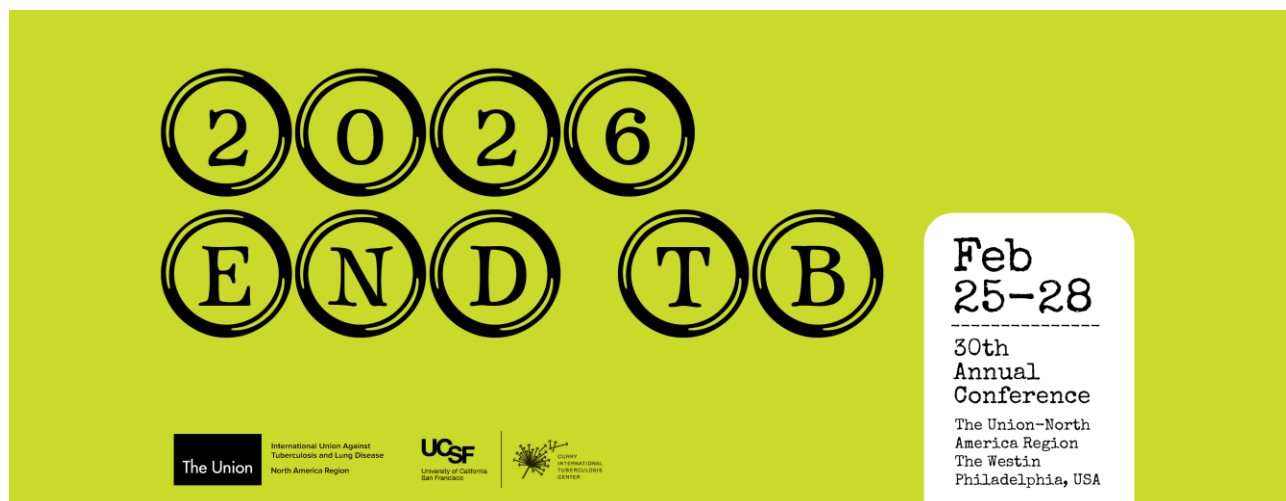
10:05-10:20 **TB Impact Tracker: Translating Modelling into Action for Policy and Advocacy**

*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*

### 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), Pretoria, South Africa*

### 11:15-11:25 Oral Abstract Presentation #1 - Breaking Down Barriers: An Umbrella Review of Patient, Provider, and System-level Determinants of Tuberculosis Services in High-burden Settings.

*Dr. Kalee Singh, University of California in San Francisco, San Francisco, CA, USA*

### 11:25-11:50 Panel Discussion

*Dr. Cynthia A. Tschampl, Moderator*

### NON-CME/ Industry Sponsored Satellite Symposium-Euroimmun/Lunch

12:00–1:00 pm

### Poster Session 1 – Ballroom III

Chair: Dr. Karen Jacobson

1:00– 1:50 pm

### Session 2: Setting The Table: TB and Nutrition

Chairs: Dr. Elizabeth Rea and Dr. Pranay Sinha

2:00– 4:45 pm

### 2:00– 2:05 Introduction

2:05– 2:20 Survivor Perspective- Ms. Maggy Ngombi

2:20–2:50 Science/ Biology of TB and Nutrition



*Dr. Peter Cegielski, Emory University Rollins School of Public Health, Atlanta, GA, USA*

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

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

3:20– 3:35 **BREAK**

3:35– 3:55 **Cultural and Relationship Aspects of Food in TB Nursing Care**

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

3:55– 4:15 **Community-led TB nutrition initiatives in Nunavut**

*Nunavut Tunngavik Inc (virtual presentation)*

4:15– 4:25 **Oral Abstract Presentation#2 - Nutrition Support Modulates TB Antigen– Stimulated Cytokine Responses in Undernourished Household Contacts in India**

*Ms. Lindsey Locks, Boston University, Boston, MA, USA*

4:25– 4:45 **Panel Discussion**

### **Awards Ceremony**

Chairs: Dr. Lisa Chen and Dr. Jonathan Golub

5:00–6:00 pm

### **Stop TB Meeting USA -Georgia Room**

Chairs: Dr. Cynthia Tschamp

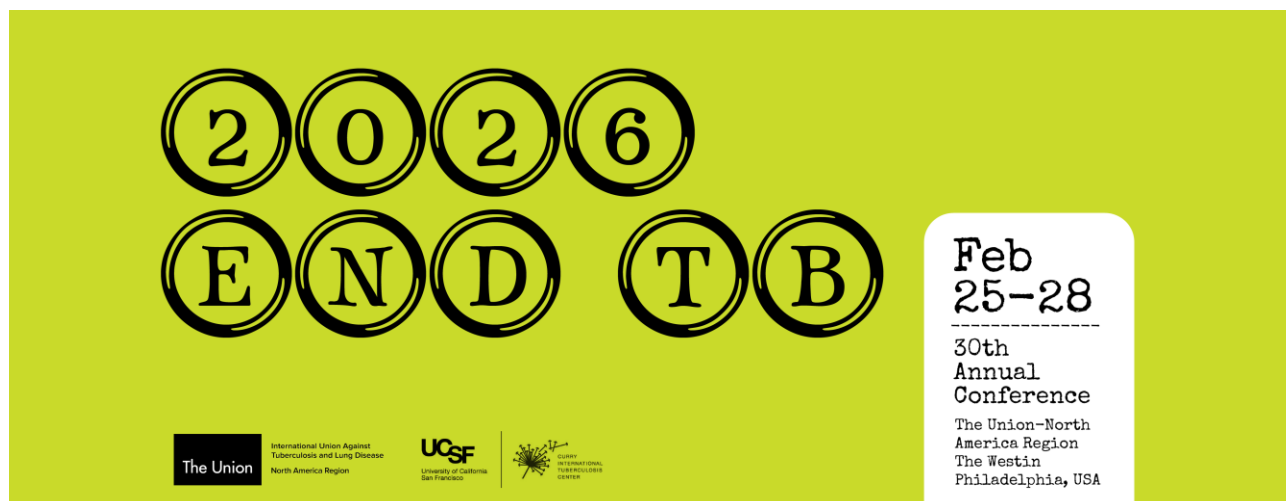
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### **Stop TB Meeting Canada-Independence 1&2**

Chair: Dr. Elizabeth Rea

6:00–7:00 pm

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### Session 3: Early Career Investigators Session – Ballroom I & II

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

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

8:00–10:50 am

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| 8:00–8:10   | <b>Introduction</b>  |
| 8:10–8:20   | <b>Survivor Perspective-</b> Mr. Khalid Hasan  |
| 8:20–8:45   | <b>Meeting People Where They Are: Community TB Screening, with Youth Focus</b><br><i>Dr. Meredith Brooks, Boston School of Public Health, Boston, MA, USA (recorded)</i>   |
| 8:45–9:05   | <b>Challenges and Opportunities Created by Preimmigration IGRA Testing</b><br><i>Dr. Pennan Barry, California Department of Public Health, San Francisco, CA, USA</i>  |
| 9:05–9:25   | <b>BREAK</b>   |
| 9:20–9:40   | <b>Challenges of understanding the spectrum of TB risk in newcomers to British Columbia, Canada</b><br><i>Dr. James Johnson, BC Centre for Disease Control, Vancouver, BC, Canada</i>  |
| 9:40–10:00  | <b>Gaps and Bridges: Enhancing the TB Care Cascade in New York City</b><br><i>Dr. Jean Sullivan-Meissner, New York City Department of Health &amp; Mental Hygiene, Long Island City, NY, USA</i>                               |
| 10:00–10:10 | <b>Oral Abstract Presentation #3 - Program Implementation of One-Month Isoniazid-Rifapentine Regimen for the Treatment of Tuberculosis Infection in New York City</b><br><i>Ms. Grace Gao, NYC DOHMH, Long Island, NY, USA</i> |
| 10:10–10:50 | <b>Panel Discussion</b>  |

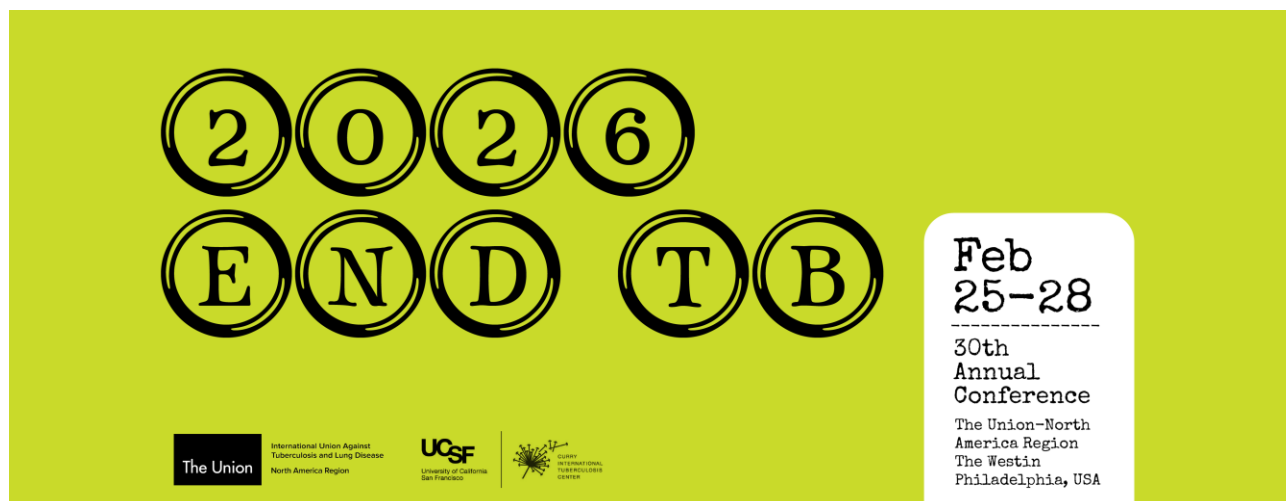
#### Beyond TB Lecture:

#### 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

#### Non-CME-Industry Sponsored Satellite Symposium/Lunch - Qiagen



12:00–1:00 pm

### Poster Session 2 – Ballroom III

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 **Survivor's Perspective** – Ms. Iyan Nour (virtual)

3:45 – 4:00 **How Often, When and How Bad? The Epidemiology of Side-effects.**

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

4:00 – 4:15 **What Does it Mean? The Impact of Side-effects on Treatment Outcomes**

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

4:15 – 4:30 **BREAK**

4:30 – 4:45 **What Might Make Treatment Easier to Take?**

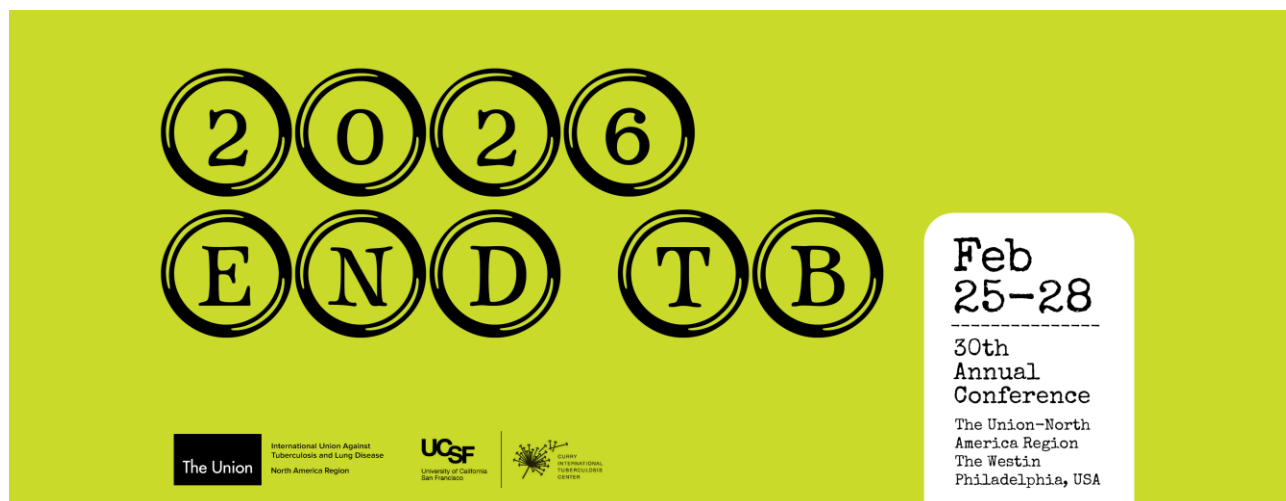
*Dr. Maria Florencia Martins, Boston University Medical Center, Boston, MA, USA*

4:45 – 5:00 **What Is Next? Towards Evidence-based Guidelines for Side-effect Prevention and Management**

*Dr. Dick Menzies, McGill University, Montreal, QC, Canada (virtual)*

5:00 – 5:10 **Oral Abstract Presentation# 4 - What Is "safe and well-tolerated": Critical Review of Triple-dose Rifampin Trials in Tuberculosis Treatment**

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



5:10 – 5:30      **Question and Answer**

### Report from the Union - Ballroom I & II

Dr. Christoph Lange

5:30–6:00 pm

### Annual General Meeting – Ballroom I & II

Chairs: Dr. James Johnston/Dr. Rachel Dwilow

6:00-6:30 pm

## SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 28, 2026

### Challenging Clinical Cases: Session 2 -Ballroom I & II

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

8:00–9:20 am

### Session 5: TB and Public Health Law-Ballroom I &II

*Chairs: Dr. Ryan Cooper and Dr. Maunank Shah*

9:30–11:50 am

9:30-9:35      **Introduction**

9:35-9:50      **Survivor's Perspective** – Ms. Crystal Fevreau

9:50-10:10      **Ethical Considerations in TB Decision-Making**

*Dr. Olivia Kates, Columbia University, New York, NY, USA*

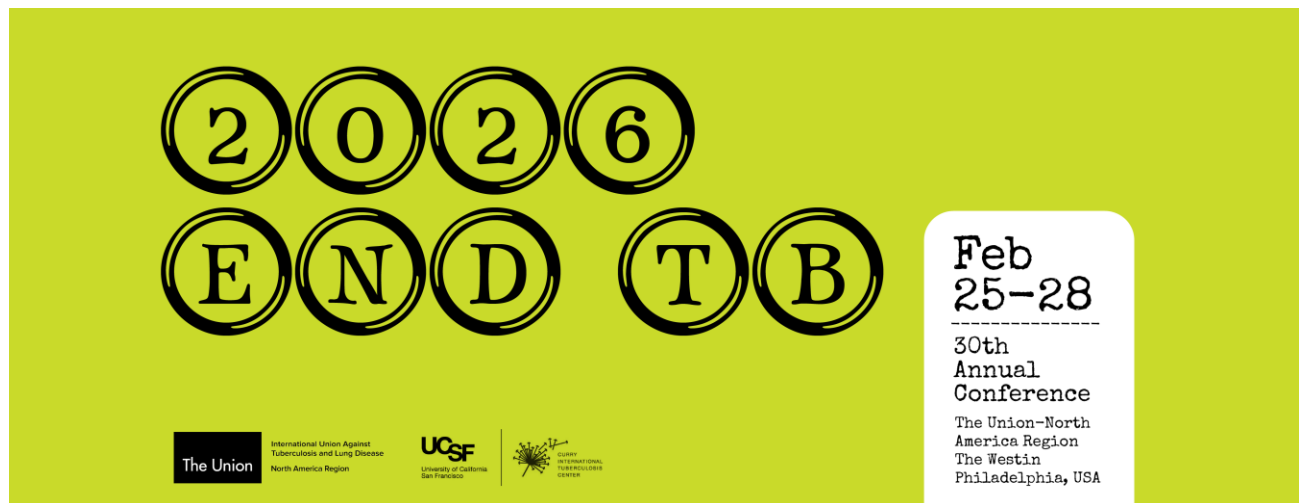
10:10-10:30      **Due Process Considerations for Persons with TB**

*Ms. Ashley Park, Johns Hopkins University, Baltimore, MD, USA*

10:30-10:40      **BREAK**

10:40-11:00      **Legal Considerations in Approaching Interventions for Infectious Public Health Threats**





*Dr. Brent Roussin, Manitoba Health, Seniors and Long-Term Care, Winnipeg, MB, Canada*

11:00-11:10 **Oral Abstract Presentation #5 -Understanding Provider Perspectives on TB Isolation Decision Making in Massachusetts**

*Dr. Amanda Marino, Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center, Harvard University, Boston, MA, USA*

11:50-12:00 **Case Study/Panel Discussion**

**END OF CONFERENCE ACTIVITIES**

**Post-Conference Meeting -Ballroom III**

**\*\*All conference attendees invited to stay and participate\*\***

Chairs: Dr. Rachel Dwilow and Dr. Karen Jacobson

12:00–1:00 pm