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**FEB 26 - MAR 01
2025**

29th Annual Conference of
The Union-North America Region
Sheraton Wall Centre Hotel
Vancouver, BC



PRELIMINARY AGENDA

Wednesday, February 26, 2025	
10:00 am – 4:00 pm	TB Survivors Meeting
	POSTGRUATE COURSE Next Generation Sequencing and TB <i>Chairs: Dr. Simon Grandjean Lapierre, Dr. Melissa Richards -Greenblatt, and Dr. Vincent Escuyer</i>
2:05 – 2:05	Introduction
2:05 – 2:20	Basics of TB Next-Generation Sequencing (NGS) <i>Dr. Melissa Richard- Greenblatt, Sick Kids Hospital Toronto, ON, Canada</i>
2:20 – 2:25	Brainstorm and Q/A
2:25 – 3:10	Genotypic DST <i>Dr. Melissa Richard-Greenblatt, Sick Kids Hospital, Toronto, ON, Canada</i> <i>Dr. Vincent Escuyer, New York State Department of Health, New York, NY, USA</i>
3:10 – 3:15	Break/Q&A
3:15 – 4:10	Molecular Typing Transmission Studies <i>Dr. Sarah Talarico, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, Atlanta, GA, USA</i> Control Program Resources Management <i>Dr. Jonathan Wortham, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, Atlanta, GA, USA</i> Molecular Epidemiology for Laboratory Contamination <i>Dr. Simon Grandjean Lapierre, University of Montreal, Montreal, QC, Canada</i> Brainstorming and Q/A

	<p>TB NGS Programmatic Implementation <i>Dr. Vincent Escuyer, New York State Department of Health, New York, NY, USA</i> <i>Dr. Angela Starks, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, Atlanta, GA, USA</i></p>
5:00 – 7:00	NAR EXECUTIVE/NAR COUNCIL MEETING
Thursday, February 27, 2025 Morning Session	
8:00 – 8:10	<p>Welcoming and Opening Remarks Dr. Lisa Chen – President, The Union-NAR Dr. Rachel Dwilow – 2025 Program Chair/Vice President, The Union-NAR</p>
8:10 – 8:15	<p>Opening Prayer Syexwaliya Ann Whonnock</p>
8:15 – 8:30	<p>Patient Perspective Donna Dumas, TB Survivor</p>
8:30 – 9:30	<p>The George Comstock Lecture- <i>The Riddle of TB Drug Resistance</i> Dr. Bob Horsburgh, Boston University School of Public Health, Boston, MA, USA</p>
9:30 – 10:00	BREAK
10:00 – 11:55	<p>Session 1: STOP TB Session: Protecting Our Communities: TB Vaccines and Community Engagement! <i>Chairs: Dr. Elizabeth Rea, Dr. Cynthia Tschampl and Dr. Sundari Mase</i></p>
10:00 – 10:05	Introduction
10:05 – 10:25	<p>Global TB Epidemiology Update <i>Dr. Nimalan Arinaminpathy, World Health Organization, Geneva, Switzerland</i></p>
10:25 – 10:50	<p>Reason for Hope: An Update on TB Vaccines <i>Dr. David Lewinsohn, Oregon Health & Science University, VA Portland Health Care System, Portland, OR, USA</i></p>
10:50 – 11:05	<p>Community Engagement Strategies and their Importance in Relevant TB Research <i>Dr. Priya Shete, University of California of San Francisco, SF, CA, USA</i></p>
11:05 – 11:20	<p>Why CABs are Important but Underutilized in the US <i>Mr. Derrick Mapp, Shanti Project, San Francisco, CA, USA</i></p>
11:20 – 11:30	Oral Abstract Presentation #1
11:30- 11:55	Panel Discussion
11:55 – 1:00	NON-CME Industry Sponsored Session- /LUNCH
Thursday, February 27, 2025	

Afternoon Session	
1:00 – 2:00	POSTER SESSION 1
2:00 – 4:30	Session 2: Nursing and Allied Health Sponsored Session: Becoming a TB Wellness Worker <i>Chairs: Ms. Jessica Harper and Ms. Shawna Whitney</i>
2:00 – 2:05	Introduction
2:05 – 2:35	Canadian TB Social Work Network Supporting Holistic TB Care, from Guidelines to Implementation. <i>Ms. Jude McLellan, BC Center for Disease Control, Vancouver, BC, Canada</i>
2:35 – 3:05	Becoming a TB Champion-Community Wellness Workers <i>Mr. Jeremiah Prince, First Nations Health Authority, BC, Canada</i>
3:05 – 3:25	BREAK
3:25 – 3:55	Shining a Light on TB at the End of Life <i>Dr. Dawn Gross & Ms. Lisa True, RN</i> <i>University of California San Francisco, San Francisco, CA, USA</i>
3:55 – 4:05	Oral Abstract Presentation #2
4:05 – 4:25	Panel Discussion
4:25 – 4:30	Conclusion
4:30- 5:30	Award Ceremony
5:30 – 7:30	Reception
Friday, February 28, 2025	
Morning Session	
7:30 – 8:30	Stop TB Canada/USA Meetings
8:30 – 9:30	Challenging Clinical Case 1 <i>Chairs: Dr. Victoria Cook, Dr. Elizabeth Talbot, Dr. Alfred Lardizabal</i>
9:30 – 11:00	Session 3: Session: Adolescent TB: Pathways to Comprehensive Care. <i>Chairs: Dr. Meredith Brooks and Dr. Lisa Armitige</i>
9:30 – 9:35	Introduction
9:35 – 9:45	Patient Perspective
9:45 – 10:00	BREAK
10:00 – 10:25	Adolescent TB: Care Beyond Pills <i>Dr. Silvia Chiang, RISE TB Clinic, Brown University, Providence, RI, USA</i>
10:25 – 10:50	TB-Associated Respiratory Morbidity; Do not Forget the Adolescents <i>Dr. Marieke van der Zalm, Stellenbosch University, South Africa</i>
10:50 – 11:00	Oral Abstract Presentation #3
11:00 – 12:00	Beyond TB Lecture: 'Estimating the Causal Effects of Extreme Weather Events on HIV Care Outcomes in the leDEA Cohort Collaboration: Study Design and Early Results' <i>Dr. Dennis Nash, Albert Einstein College of Medicine, New York, NY, USA</i>

Friday, February 28, 2025 Afternoon Session	
12:00 – 1:00	Non-CME Industry Sponsored Satellite session/ Lunch
1:00 – 2:00	POSTER SESSION 2
2:00 – 4:30	Session 4: Reframing Directly Observed Treatment <i>Chairs: Dr. Kevin Schwartzman and Dr. E. Jane Carter</i>
2:00 – 2:05	Introduction
2:05 – 2:15	Patient Perspective
2:15 - 2:15	Historical Perspective on DOT <i>Dr. E. Jane Carter, Brown University, Providence, RI, USA</i>
2:35 – 3:00	Adherence and Clinical Outcomes: What Does this mean for DOTs and DATs <i>Dr. Helen Stagg, London School of Hygiene & Tropical Medicine, London, UK</i>
3:00 – 3:20	BREAK
3:20 - 3:45	TB vs HIV – Treatment Support and Supervision <i>Dr. Amrita Daftary, School of Global Health, York University, Toronto, ON, Canada</i>
3:45 – 4:10	Ethics of DOT <i>Dr. John Stillo, Wayne State University, Detroit, MI, USA</i>
4:10 – 4:20	Oral Abstract Presentation #4
4:20 – 4:45	Panel Discussion
Saturday, March 1, 2025 Morning Session	
8:00 – 9:00	Challenging Clinical Case 2 <i>Chairs: Dr. Victoria Cook, Dr. Elizabeth Talbot, Dr. Alfred Lardizabal</i>
9:00-12:00	Session 5: What Is Hot in Treatment Differentiation and Individualization <i>Chairs: Jonathon Campbell, Simon Grandjean Lapierre, and Ruvandhi Nathavitharana</i>
9:00 – 9:05	Introduction
9:05-9:15	Patient Voice Mr. Himanshu Patel
9:15 – 9:40	2025 ECIA Award Winner
9:40 – 10:10	Individual Risk Stratification and Predictors of TB Treatment Outcome <i>Dr. Rada Savic, UCSF, San Francisco, CA, USA</i>
10:10 – 10:40	BREAK
	What Is a TB Endotype and How Can This Guide Treatment Decisions? <i>Dr. Andrew DiNardo, Baylor College of Medicine, Houston, TX, USA</i>
10:40-11:10	How Can Host-Directed Therapy Address Current Gaps in TB Treatment? <i>Dr. Suraj Sable, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, Atlanta, GA, USA</i>
11:10 – 11:20	Oral Abstract Presentation #5
11:20 – 11:55	Panel Discussion
11:55 – 1:00 pm	Annual General Meeting

Saturday, March 1, 2025 Afternoon Session	Session 6: DR-TB <i>Chairs: Dr. Lisa Chen and Dr. Sarah Brode</i>
1:00-1:10	Introduction
1:10 – 1:40	Overview of the Changing Landscape of DR-TB Care Globally <i>Dr. Jennifer Furin, Harvard Medical School, Boston, MA, USA</i>
1:40- 2:00	On-the-Ground Experience in High Incidence Setting with tNGS and Clinical Practice <i>Dr. Debra Vambe, TB GAPS Project, Eswatini</i>
2:00 – 2:15	Survivor Perspective on Priorities for DR-TB Care <i>Mr. Tenzin Kunor -TB Survivor</i>
2:15-2:35	Highlights of DR-TB Clinical Trials <i>Dr. Carole Mitnick, Harvard Medical School, Boston, MA</i>
2:35 – 2:45	Oral Abstract Presentation #6
2:45 – 3:00	Closing Remarks
3:00 – 4:00	Post Conference Meeting