An innovative and highly successful symposium
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On 14-15 October 2011 the National Conference on Tuberculosis, organized by Stop TB Italia and the Permanent Training Center on Tuberculosis, took place at the Monza Royal Villa in Italy.

The title of the Symposium "Tuberculosis: a complex disease" wanted to emphasize the particular and several aspects of this disease, which have always been an incredible training ground for learning to deal with complexity in medicine. For this reason, we wanted to adopt a multidisciplinary approach, inviting a philosopher of complexity, Sen. Mauro Ceruti, who has helped to stimulate a systemic approach, useful to come with the necessary responses to tackle the problem “tuberculosis” on its whole and to enrich the doctor-patient relationship with a broader intervention.

Also in an interdisciplinary perspective, it was decided to give special emphasis to the history of tuberculosis and its global impact, both in socio-economic and healthcare terms. In the afternoon two separate sessions took place at the same time: one for healthcare providers with particular emphasis on disease control, and one reserved to physicians and surgeons on the most current medical aspects of the disease and future prospects for research.

The symposium was attended by 160 members, including physicians and healthcare workers, who appreciated the high level of the presentations and the particularly prestigious venue. Among the comments, there was a special appreciation for the innovative multidisciplinary approach and the richness of topics, considered particularly formative and useful to deal with everyday problems.

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