AIDS 2012 NEWS

Whoopi Goldberg calls for action on childhood TB
Award-winning actor and UNICEF Goodwill Ambassador Whoopi Goldberg made an impassioned call for urgent action on TB/HIV among children and women.

Huge protest march at AIDS 2012 ends in 12 arrests
TB/HIV activist Mark Harrington and 11 others were arrested by police in Washington DC when they held a demonstration outside the White House.

TB Alliance study raises hope for shortened treatment of TB
The Global Alliance for TB Drug Development has announced findings on a new TB combination drug regimen that promises to dramatically shorten treatment.

Talk show focuses on women and children affected by TB/HIV
The full video from the talk show Protecting the Vulnerable is now available, featuring Gerry Elsdon, Jeanne Meserve and Kami from Takalani Sesame.

Southern African leaders speak out on TB, HIV and mining at AIDS 2012
As Southern African heads of state prepare to sign the Declaration on TB in the Mining Sector, leaders gathered in Washington to build momentum.

TOP LINE NEWS

Stop TB Partnership welcomes India’s ruling on serological tests
The central government of India has prohibited the manufacture for sale, distribution and use of serodiagnostic test kits for diagnosis of TB.

Dramatic results from TB REACH project make case for mHealth scale up
Mobile phones and financial incentives helped private clinics in Karachi find twice as many people with TB in 2011 compared to the previous year.
**Mobile technology could be game-changer in fight against TB**
Publication with the mHealth Alliance argues that mobile health could be a driving force in improving the reach and quality of TB care.

**No more TB suspects: time to change the way we talk about TB**
The detrimental effect of using negative language is detailed by TB experts from around the world in the International Journal of Tuberculosis and Lung Disease.

**Advocates set agenda for building network of TB-affected community reps**
Thirty advocates from a dozen countries gathered in Geneva to review civil society networks and agree on a draft joint action plan, among other objectives.

**Ministers endorse declaration on TB and mining in Southern Africa**
Ministers of Health and Labour from the 15 Southern African Development Community countries have endorsed a declaration on TB in the mining sector.

**TB PEOPLE**

**Swazi health minister says new partnerships required to achieve zero TB deaths in the mining sector**
Benedict Xaba, Minister of Health of Swaziland, has said that new partnerships must be formed in order to achieve the goals set out in a forthcoming declaration.

**Researcher at Johns Hopkins University receives International AIDS Society TB/HIV prize**
Jonathan Golub of the Johns Hopkins School of Medicine and Bloomberg School of Public Health won this year’s International AIDS Society TB/HIV Prize.

**Barry Bloom joins Aeras board of directors**
Aeras has appointed Barry Bloom to its Board of Directors. Bloom has pioneered infectious disease research and vaccine science for more than five decades.

**NEWS FROM OUR PARTNERS**

**Iraq launches National Stop TB Partnership**
The National TB Control Programme of the Iraqi Ministry of Health has launched a National Stop TB Partnership.

**TB Alert India to represent civil society in Global Fund coordinating mechanism**
TB Alert India has been elected to represent civil society organizations working on TB in the Global Fund’s India Country Coordinating Mechanism.
The Union publishes guide on TB/HIV collaborative activities
The Union against Tuberculosis and Lung Disease has published *Implementing Collaborative TB-HIV Activities: A Programmatic Guide*.

Aeras and IDRI sign agreement to jointly develop novel TB vaccine
Aeras and the Infectious Disease Research Institute have agreed to conduct joint development activities on a new TB vaccine candidate.

AWARDS AND GRANTS

**TB REACH launches call for proposals for Wave 3**
The Stop TB Partnership’s initiative to promote early and increased TB case detection, has launched its call for applications for Wave 3 funding.

**Recognizing excellence in the fight against childhood TB**
Nominations for the 2012 Stop TB Partnership-Kochon Prize are being accepted until 1 September 2012.

**TBVI receives US $3 million research grant from Gates Foundation**
The TuBerculosis Vaccine Initiative will receive a new grant from the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation to support the development of new TB vaccines.

**US$ 40 million committed to roll-out of Xpert**
UNITAID and the Stop TB Partnership approve funding to scale up access to Xpert MTB/RIF and reduce the cost of its use.

**Global Fund forecasts additional $1.6 billion in funding for 2012-2014**
The Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria has estimated that more than US$ 1.6 billion in additional funding will be available in 2012-14.

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