NEWS FROM THE UNION WORLD CONFERENCE ON LUNG HEALTH

**World Conference on Lung Health in Kuala Lumpur focusses on sustainability**
More than 2600 delegates from 122 countries joined the 43rd Union World Conference on Lung Health. Webcasts of many presentations are now available.

**Desmond Tutu TB Centre receives Stop TB Partnership Kochon Prize**
The centre is honoured for its ground-breaking research on childhood TB and for pioneering community-based approaches to TB and HIV care.

**Treatment Action Group and Stop TB Partnership Issue Update on 2011 Global TB R&D Investment Trends**
Report finds that donors invested US$649.6 million in TB research and development in 2011, only a 3% increase over 2010 funding levels.

**Civil society march held at the Union World Conference on Lung Health**
100 TB activists marched through the Convention Centre demanding more ambitious targets for stopping TB and the funding to meet those targets.

**TB REACH grantees report twenty-fold acceleration in ability to find people with TB**
Results from the first year of TB REACH show that the use of new technologies and approaches can significantly increase access to TB care.

**Guide to working with national champions launched**
*A practical guide to collaborative partnerships with celebrities* provides partners with guidance on how to engage celebrities and benefit from their support.

**Civil society declaration on TB issued at Union Conference**
The declaration spells out the universal values, principles and demands that guide civil society advocacy efforts towards the goal of zero TB deaths.
Union honours distinguished contributions to the fight against TB and lung disease
Dr David Dowdy, Dr Richard Menzies and Dr Karin Weyer were among those recognized at this year’s conference.

TOP LINE NEWS

PEPFAR blueprint for an AIDS-free generation identifies TB/HIV as a top priority
Targeting HIV-associated TB is listed as one of six action steps that PEPFAR expects to save the most lives, based on available evidence.

World AIDS Day statement by Dr Lucica Ditiu, Executive Secretary of the Stop TB Partnership
Without tremendously accelerated efforts, the goal of reducing deaths from TB among people living with HIV 50% by 2015 will not be achieved, Dr Ditiu said.

UNAIDS and the Stop TB Partnership join forces to stop HIV/TB deaths
Memorandum of Understanding signed by UNAIDS and the Stop TB Partnership aims for zero deaths from TB among people living with HIV.

Sir John Crofton Fund to Fight TB launched in London
This new fund, managed by the United Kingdom’s national TB charity TB Alert, will be used to fight TB in the United Kingdom and internationally.

TB REACH commits US $27 million for finding and treating people with TB
The Stop TB Partnership’s Coordinating Board has approved US $27 million in new funding for partners implementing innovative projects.

Stakeholders gather in Seoul to point the way forward on stamping out TB in the Asian region through partnership
Experts on TB and representatives from NGOs, communities and the private sector gathered in Seoul for a Forum of National Partnerships to Stop TB.

Stop TB Partnership Coordinating Board approves new three-year Operational Strategy at its 22nd meeting
The operational strategy will act as a roadmap for how the Stop TB Partnership Secretariat contributes to delivering the Global Plan to Stop TB 2011-2015.

Global Fund Board issues major announcements
The Board of the Global Fund to Fight AIDS, TB and Malaria appointed a new Executive Director and voted in a new funding model, among other news.
Statement by the Executive Secretary of the Stop TB Partnership on the WHO Global TB Report 2012
Dr Lucica Ditiu reports on clear signs of progress, but also urgent and significant challenges that the TB community must focus on in the next three years.

In new report, WHO warns global fight against TB is now at a crossroads
2012 Global TB report highlights major achievements but says that the global fight against TB remains fragile.

Four-year national MDR-TB plan launched in Romania
Action plan uses a health-system perspective to prevent the emergence of drug-resistant TB and aims to provide early diagnosis and treatment of all types of TB.

TB PEOPLE

UN Special Envoy honoured by Global Health and Diplomacy
Dr Jorge Sampaio is among the 2012 champions recognized for their efforts to find solutions to global health challenges.

Japan Anti-Tuberculosis Association honours Dr Marcos Espinal
Dr Espinal, PAHO manager and former Executive Secretary of the Stop TB Partnership received the 2012 Princess Chichibu Global TB Memorial Award.

Stop TB champion Rania Ismail visits children at refugee camp in Jordan
Jordanian actress and Stop TB champion Rania Ismail hosts quiz on TB for children at the Zaatri camp during Eid Al-Adha celebrations (video).

Dr Pere-Joan Cardona Iglesias wins two awards
Dr Pere-Joan Cardona Iglesias, the head of the Experimental TB Unit, won two awards in November.

NEWS FROM OUR PARTNERS

New TB vaccine enters clinical trials
The Swiss regulatory authority for medicine has given the green light for clinical trials of the MTBVAC TB vaccine candidate among adult volunteers.

TB Alert India campaigns for zero TB deaths
The NGO participated in a range of advocacy events in October and November to raise awareness about TB and enlist support for an end to TB deaths in India.
Dong A gains WHO prequalification for supply of second-line TB drug
Dong A, a pharmaceutical manufacturer has been prequalified by the World Health Organization for the manufacture and supply of cyloserine.

Georgia TB prevention programme launches new website
The Georgia TB Prevention Project has launched a new website aimed at providing the latest information on TB in Georgia.

Photo exhibit feature on global TB situation opens in Hannover, Germany
Exhibit curated by Matthias Stehr features images by Jean Chung, David Rochkind and Riccardo Venturi, among other photographers.

Private sector collaboration helps tackle TB among garment workers in Bangladesh
A collaboration with businesses in Dhaka has had notable success in tackling TB among garment factory workers.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sentinel Project requests stories of children with drug-resistant TB
The Sentinel Project on Pediatric Drug-Resistant TB is collecting stories about children with drug-resistant TB to highlight in its next report.

Free copies available of new practical guidance on paediatric drug-resistant TB
Printed copies of Management of Multidrug-Resistant Tuberculosis in Children: A Field Guide are available for delivery at no cost while supplies last.

PUBLICATIONS

Advocates draw up to-do list to tackle childhood TB
The ACTION Partnership has released a new brief on children and TB that includes recommendations for the international community and affected countries.

Stop TB Partnership and GDF annual reports
The 2011 Annual Reports of the Stop TB Partnership and the Global Drug Facility are available on the Stop TB Partnership website.

Stop TB Canada launches refreshed newsletter
New quarterly newsletter aims to keep Canada’s TB community up-to-date with TB Canada activities and the latest Canadian TB research and events.
# Upcoming Events

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