

Registration Form



Please register me for **The First Global Symposium on Interferon- γ Assays** on February 21 & 22, 2007

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Venue

SHERATON VANCOUVER WALL CENTRE HOTEL
(1088 Burrard St. Vancouver, BC V6Z 2R9 CANADA)

A special conference room rate of *CDN\$135.00* + tax per night has been secured for registrants of this meeting. Quote the *'British Columbia Lung Association'* when making your reservation.

Please call the hotel directly to make your room reservations:
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Call for Abstracts

Deadline extended until Jan 1st, 2007

Researchers, clinicians and students are invited to electronically submit original abstracts to participate in the Contributed Presentation Sessions.

Please send abstracts submissions electronically to:

Lee Reichman MD, MPH, New Jersey Medical School Global Tuberculosis Institute

c/o rodrigbe@UMDNJ.EDU

Travel Grants Available

The meeting is being held under the auspices of the **Stop TB Partnership's Working Group on New Diagnostics**. The Working Group will financially support the attendance of a limited number of scientists/researchers from disease-endemic countries.

Stop TB Partnership

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Rethinking the Epidemiology of Tuberculosis Infection

The First Global Symposium on Interferon- γ Assays



FEBRUARY 21-22, 2007

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Greetings!

We are pleased to invite you to *'Rethinking the Epidemiology of Tuberculosis Infection – The First Global Symposium on Interferon- γ Assays'*, sponsored by Cellestis Inc.

The purpose of this symposium is to challenge dogma of TB pathogenesis and epidemiology as well as inform attendees of the breadth of ongoing clinical studies and program evaluations in the field of interferon- γ diagnostics and tuberculosis. This symposium will attempt to address some of the fundamental questions about latent tuberculosis infection such as: What do we truly know about the pathogenesis of tuberculosis? How real is latent tuberculosis and how big a threat is it? With the availability of better tools, can we redefine what we know about the epidemiology of latent tuberculosis infection?

This symposium will comprise eight sections featuring invited state of the art lectures, and a series of contributed slide or poster discussion presentations.

This two day event will be held, February 21-22, 2007 at the Sheraton Vancouver Wall Centre Hotel in Vancouver BC Canada. The symposium is timed to occur just before and at the same location as the 11th Annual Meeting of the North American Region of the International Union Against Tuberculosis and Lung Diseases (which will be held February 22-24, 2007).

We are also proud to announce that this meeting is being held under the auspices of the Stop TB Partnership's Working Group on New Diagnostics. The Stop TB Partnership is pleased to make available a limited number of travel grants to support the attendance of scientists from low-income countries.

We look forward to seeing you in Vancouver!

Co-chairs:

Lee Reichman MD, MPH
New Jersey Medical School Global Tuberculosis Institute
Antonino Catanzaro MD
University of California, San Diego

Academic Organizing Committee:

Peter Anderson DVM, DMSc. Statens Serum Institut
Michael Iademarco MD. CDC, Div of Tuberculosis Elimination
David Lewinsohn MD, PhD. Oregon Health & Science University
Madhukar Pai MD, PhD. McGill University

Program

Wednesday, February 21, 2007

Challenging the 'Dogma'

7:50am: Welcome (Lee Reichman MD, Antonino Catanzaro MD)

■ **8:00am-9:45am: Latency and the Risk of Active TB (Basic Science): What do we currently know?**

David Lewinsohn MD, PhD. Oregon Health & Science University, USA

Peter Anderson DVM, DMSc. Statens Serum Institut, Denmark

■ **10:15am-12:00noon: Latency and the Risk of Active TB (Clinical Aspects): How many infected persons actually develop active disease?**

Keertan Dheda MD, PhD. Royal Free & University College Medical School, UK

■ **1:00pm-2:45pm: A Re-examination of Pertinent Epidemiology Studies**

Dick Menzies MD, MSc. McGill University, Canada

Richard Chaisson MD. The Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine, USA

■ **3:15pm-5:00pm: Public Health Implications of Studies with Assays that Use Highly Specific TB Antigens**

Andrew Vernon MD. CDC, Div of Tuberculosis Elimination

Larry Geiter PhD. Aeras Global TB Vaccine Foundation, USA

Thursday, February 22, 2007

Application of Interferon- γ Assays

7:45am: Introduction: IFN- γ Assays - A Matter of Specificity or Sensitivity (Antonino Catanzaro MD)

■ **8:00am-9:45am: Health Care Worker Screening with IFN- γ Assays**

Madhukar Pai MD, PhD. McGill University, Canada

Francis Drobniewski MB, BS, MA, PhD, DTM&H, FRCPath. Barts & The London, Queen Mary's School of Medicine & Dentistry, UK

Toru Mori MD, PhD. Research Institute of Tuberculosis, Japan

■ **10:15am-12:00noon: Performance of the IFN- γ Assays in Contact and Outbreak Investigations**

Gerald Mazurek MD. CDC, Div of Tuberculosis Elimination

Sandra M. Arend MD, PhD. Leiden University Medical Centre, The Netherlands

Madhukar Pai MD, PhD. McGill University, Canada

Thomas Bodmer MD, Universität Bern, Switzerland

■ **12:45pm-2:30pm: Studies using IFN- γ Assays in Various Settings**

Luca Richeldi MD, PhD. University of Modena & Reggio Emilia, Italy

Cristina Russo. Bambino Gesù Paediatric Hospital, Italy

Pernille Ravn MD, PhD. University Hvidovre Hospital, Denmark

■ **3:00pm-4:45pm: Cost Effectiveness and Health Care Effectiveness of IFN- γ Assays**

Masae Kawamura MD. San Francisco Dept of Public Health, USA

Dick Menzies MD, MSc. McGill University, Canada

Roland Diel. University of Dusseldorf, Germany

■ **Slide and Poster Discussion Sessions:**

Each of the symposium's eight sections will feature a series of contributed slide and poster discussion sessions