

**The Meeting of Subgroup on Laboratory Capacity Strengthening (SLCS) and the  
Supranational Reference Laboratory Network (SRLN)  
23-24 October 2005, Paris, France**

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**PROVISIONAL AGENDA**

**23 October 2005: Subgroup on Laboratory Capacity Strengthening**

<b>Chair: F. Portaels Rapporteur: M. Idemarco</b>		
<b>Time</b>	<b>Topic</b>	<b>Presenter</b>
9:00-9:10	Opening and welcome	L. Blanc
9:10-9:40	Update on the outcomes of the joint DEWG, DOTS-Plus and TB/HIV meeting	L. Blanc
9:45-10:05	Update on the activities of the subgroup during the last year	F. Portaels/M. Aziz
10:05-10:40	Coordination of global efforts to improve performance of diagnostic services	M. Aziz/K. Ryszewska
10:40-11:00	Discussion	
11:00-11:20	COFFEE	
11:25-11:50	Optimization of AFB microscopy technique-highlights from the consortium meeting and the next steps	J. Ridderhof/ M. Aziz
11:55-12:30	EQA for culture technique	A. Laszlo
12:30-13:30	LUNCH	
13:30-14:00	Country experience in implementing EQA for culture	L. Barrera
14:00-14:30	Report on development of the standardized training material for AFB smear microscopy	J. Ridderhof
14:30-15:00	Debate: Number of smears per suspect ( 3 vs 2 smears) for TB diagnosis	R. Urbanczik A. Van Deun
15:00-15:20	COFFEE	
15:20-16:30	Discussion	
16:30-17:00	Other issues related to Laboratory services for quality DOTS implementation	TBD
17:00-17:30	Conclusions and closing	

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**24 October 2005: Supranational Reference Laboratory Network**

<b>Facilitator/chair: Rick O'Brien Rapporteur: Matteo Zignol</b>		
<b>Time</b>	<b>Topic</b>	<b>Presenter</b>
9:00-9:10	Opening and welcome	
9:10-9:40	Review of minutes from previous year- Legal/future of SRLN (including funding) and overview of DRS Introduction of new SRLs and Nominations	A. Wright
9:40-10:00	Overview of DOTS-Plus projects	E. Jaramillo
10:00-10:15	FIND ongoing activities	R. O'Brien
10:15-10:30	DISCUSSION	
10:30-11:00	COFFEE	
11:00-11:10	New MDR estimates	M. Zignol
11:10-11:25	Results of Round 11	A. Van Deun
11:25-11:45	Results of 2 <sup>nd</sup> line PT project	N. Martin-Casabona
11:45-12:00	Results of Nordic-Baltic 2 <sup>nd</sup> line PT	S. Ruesch-Gerdes
12:00-12:20	Results of 2 <sup>nd</sup> line study (XDRTB)	S. Shah /P. Cegielski
12:20-13:00	Discussion	
13:00-14:00	LUNCH	
14:00-14:20	Progress on Clinical relevance of DST for 2 <sup>nd</sup> line drugs	A. Sloutsky
14:20- 14:40	Results on 2 <sup>nd</sup> line study India	C. Paramisivan
14:40-15:00	What is needed for standardizing SLD testing?	K. Man Kam
15:00-15:30	Discussion	
15:30-16:00	Priorities in research for SRLN	M. Zignol and A. Van Deun
16:00-17:00	Discussion	
17:00-17:30	Conclusions and closing	