

Working Group on New Diagnostics

ANNUAL MEETING

Thursday, 16 October 2008, 14:00 - 17:00

Palais des Congrès, Paris, Room 342AB

Come and hear what's new in diagnostics for TB

The Stop TB Partnership Working Group on New Diagnostics invites you to its annual meeting that will be held in Paris, in conjunction with the 39th Union World Conference on Lung Health.

The Working Group on New TB Diagnostics aims to coordinate and facilitate the development of widely accessible diagnostic tests to accelerate control of the global TB epidemic.

Don't miss this opportunity to obtain information about the latest findings and tools being developed in the TB diagnostics field.

A light lunch will be served before the meeting at 13:30.

Chair: Dr. Giorgio Roscigno, Foundation for Innovative New Diagnostics, Geneva

Secretary: Andy Ramsay, Tropical Disease Research Program (TDR), WHO.

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(Meeting agenda overleaf)

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AGENDA

- 14:00** **Welcome**
Giorgio Roscigno, FIND (NDWG Chair) - Andy Ramsay, WHO (NDWG Secretary)
- 14:05** **The New Diagnostics Working Group: What is it for? How does it work? What has it done?**
Questions: 5 mins
Giorgio Roscigno, Foundation for Innovative New Diagnostics, Switzerland.
- 14.25** **The NDWG Scientific Blueprint for TB Diagnostics Development: An update.**
Questions: 5 mins
Russell Dacombe, LATH, UK.
- 14.45** **Evidence-based TB diagnosis: how evidence informs practice and policy.**
Madhukar Pai, McGill University, Canada.
- 15.00** **Assessing the impact of New Diagnostics on equitable access to TB care.**
S Bertel Squire, Liverpool School of Tropical Medicine, UK.
- 15.15** **Front-loading smear microscopy to optimize TB diagnosis: Preliminary findings from Ethiopia, Nepal, Nigeria and Yemen.**
Luis Cuevas, Liverpool School of Tropical Medicine, UK.
- 15.30** **Culture-based diagnostics - Obstacles, Solutions, New Developments.**
Urvashi Singh, All-India Institute of Medical Sciences, India.
- 15.45** **The urgent need for TB Point-Of-Care Testing: Where do we stand?**
Catharina Boehme, Foundation for Innovative New Diagnostics, Switzerland.
- 16.00** **Nucleic Acid Amplification Tests for Tuberculosis: Rationale and prospects for use in disease-endemic countries.**
Thomas Shinnick, Centre for Disease Control, USA
- 16.15** **LTBI Diagnosis: Advances and prospects.**
Madhukar Pai, McGill University, Canada.
- 16.30** **TB Diagnostics and HIV.**
Colleen Daniels, World Health Organization, Switzerland.
- 16.45** **Summing-up and announcements:**
- **Vacant positions in NDWG**
 - **Announcement of FIND RFA for Point-Of-Care Diagnostics**
Giorgio Roscigno, Foundation for Innovative New Diagnostics, Switzerland
 - **The X Prize**
Amy Wong, X Prize Foundation, USA
 - **Collaboration to identify drug resistance mutations in a global strain set.**
Megan Murray, Harvard School of Public Health, USA
- 17:00** **Close of meeting**