Dear colleagues,

We are pleased to invite you to attend the 45th Union World Conference on Lung Health, which will be held at the Barcelona International Convention Centre (CCIB) in Barcelona, Spain on 28 October–1 November 2014.

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