

The Union to Host 45th Union World Conference on Lung Health

Conference to be held 28 October – 1 November in Barcelona, Spain

Confirmed speakers include UK member of Parliament Nick Herbert MP, CDC Director Dr Thomas Frieden, Global Fund Executive Director Dr Mark Dybul

30 July 2014 – The International Union Against Tuberculosis and Lung Disease (The Union) will host its 45th World Conference on Lung Health on 28 October through 1 November at the Centre de Convencions Internacional de Barcelona in Barcelona, Spain. The Union World Conference on Lung Health is the premiere annual international conference for researchers, health programme managers, policy experts, advocates and other leaders working to address tuberculosis and other global health issues primarily affecting people living in poverty. The conference is expected to draw about 3,000 speakers, researchers and delegates from 125 countries.

Principal speakers will include:

Rt Hon Nick Herbert MP is a Member of Parliament for Arundel and South Downs in the United Kingdom. He co-founded the All Party Parliamentary Group on Global Tuberculosis in the House of Commons in 2006. Mr. Herbert will deliver the annual Sir John Crofton Lecture.

Dr Thomas Frieden is the Director of the United States Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, the world's largest public health agency, and well known for his work in tuberculosis control.

Dr Mark Dybul is the Executive Director of the Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria. Prior to that, Dr Dybul was the United States Global AIDS Coordinator, in which capacity he led the President's Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief, the world's largest humanitarian initiative against a single disease.

The World Conference's five-day scientific programme will present the latest developments in the inter-related fights against tuberculosis, HIV, lung disease and non-communicable diseases. Members of the research community have submitted a record number of scientific abstracts to this year's conference.

The third **President's Centennial Dinner**, the conference's gala event, will be held 28 October at the Sala de la Cúpula Museu Nacional d'Art de Catalunya, Parc de Montjuïc and will raise funds for The Union's public health research and education activities.

Awards honouring outstanding research and other contributions to tuberculosis and lung disease will be presented at the World Conference including the **Karel Styblo Public Health Prize, The Union Scientific Prize, The Union Young Investigator Prize, The Union/Otsuka Young Innovator in TB Research Award, the Princess Chichibu Global Memorial TB Award**, given by the Japan Anti-Tuberculosis Association and the Stop TB Partnership's **Kochon Prize**.

The conference's theme, **Community-Driven Solutions for the Next Generation**, reflects the need to find solutions to the lung health challenges we face by involving all stakeholders from health care professionals and policy-makers to the people and communities they serve. This approach recognises the essential role of affected persons and advocates, whose input must be integrated into the conception, design and implementation of interventions along with that of other experts, such as clinicians and researchers, government officials and donors.

To register for the conference, please go to <http://services.theunion.org>

Members of the media wishing to register to cover the conference visit <http://barcelona.worldlunghealth.org/media/press-cred> to register.

More details will be released in the months and weeks leading up to the conference.

For more information go to <http://barcelona.worldlunghealth.org/>

About The International Union Against Tuberculosis and Lung Disease (The Union)

The mission of The Union is to bring innovation, expertise, solutions and support to address health challenges in low- and middle-income populations. With nearly 15,000 members and subscribers from 150 countries, The Union has its headquarters in Paris and offices in the Africa, Asia Pacific, Europe, Latin America, North America and South-East Asia regions. Its scientific departments focus on tuberculosis and HIV, lung health and non-communicable diseases, tobacco control and research. For more information, please visit www.theunion.org

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