

5th National Conference on Laboratory Aspects of Tuberculosis

Town and Country Resort
San Diego, CA
August 11-13, 2008

Program Highlights/Tentative Schedule

Monday, August 11, 2008

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| 8:00am-10:15am | Opening Session <ul style="list-style-type: none">- <i>Welcome to San Diego</i>- <i>Tuberculosis - The Big Picture 2008</i>- <i>Essential Mycobacteriology Laboratory Services in the Era of MDR- and XDR-TB: A Clinician's Perspective</i>- <i>Essential Mycobacteriology Laboratory Services in the Era of MDR- and XDR-TB: A TB Controller's Perspective</i> |
| 10:15am-10:45am | Break |
| 10:45am-12:00pm | Plenary Session <ul style="list-style-type: none">- <i>Basis of Drug Susceptibility Testing and Gaps in Drug Susceptibility Knowledge</i>- <i>Currently Available Drug Susceptibility Testing Methods</i> |
| 12:00pm-1:00pm | Lunch (on your own) |
| 1:00pm-2:30pm | Plenary Session <ul style="list-style-type: none">- <i>APHL/CDC Expert Consultation Discussion</i>- <i>Interactive Panel Discussion: Currently Available Drug Susceptibility Testing Methods</i> |
| 2:30pm-6:30pm | Exhibit Hall Open |
| 2:30pm-3:30pm | Break in the Exhibit Hall
Visit Posters and Vendors - Authors with posters |

3:30pm-5:00pm

Plenary Session

- *Standard Diagnostic Methods: Optimal Use & Algorithms*
- *NAAT Methods and Algorithms (including Gen-Probe and Roche)*
- *Interactive Panel Discussion: Diagnostic Methods*

5:00pm-6:30pm

Reception in the Exhibit Hall
Visit Posters and Vendors

Tuesday, August 12, 2008

8:00am-10:10am

Plenary Session

- *New Diagnostic Methods*
- *Incorporating New Tests in the Laboratory: Validation of Conventional Tests and Second Line DSTs, Drug Stability*
- *Incorporating New Tests in the Laboratory: Validation of New Tests*
- *Quality Assurance and Proficiency Testing in the Mycobacteriology Laboratory*
- *Interactive Panel Discussion: QA and Test Validation*

10:10am-3:00pm

Exhibit Hall Open

10:10am-10:40am

Break in the Exhibit Hall
Visit Posters and Vendors

10:40am-12:30pm

Plenary Session

- *National Plan for Laboratory Systems*
- *New York Fast Track Model*
- *Wisconsin Model*
- *California MGITs in the Mail Model*
- *Interactive Panel Discussion: Laboratory Systems*

12:30am-2:00pm

Lunch provided in the Exhibit Hall
Visit Posters and Vendors

- 2:00pm-2:50pm **Plenary Session**
 - *The Global Laboratory Initiative and WHO Laboratory Capacity Building Efforts*
 - *PEPFAR HIV/TB Laboratory Capacity Building*
- 2:50pm-3:50pm Break in the Exhibit Hall
 Visit the Posters and Vendors - Authors with posters
- 3:50pm-5:00pm **Plenary Session**
 - *APHL Laboratory Capacity Building*
 - *ASM Laboratory Capacity Building*
 - *Interactive Panel Discussion: Laboratory Capacity Building*

Wednesday, August 13, 2008

- 8:00am-10:00am **Plenary Session**
 - *Overview of IGRAs: Quantiferon and T-spot TB/Applying IGRAs to TB Controls*
 - *APHL Survey of Quantiferon and T-spot Implementation*
 - *Operational Issues with Implementation of Quantiferon in State and Local Public Health Laboratories*
 - *Interactive Panel Discussion: IGRAs*
- 10:00am-10:30am Break
- 10:30am-12:30pm **Plenary Session**
 - *Genotyping: Laboratory Aspects*
 - *Genotyping: Applications to TB Control*
 - *Mycobacterial Genomics*
 - *The Mycobacteriology Laboratory of the Future*
- 12:30pm-1:30pm Lunch (on your own)
- 1:30pm-3:00pm **Post Conference Workshop**
 - *CDC Cooperative Agreements and US Public Health Laboratory Services*

The above tentative schedule is for informational and planning purposes only. Session titles are subject to change. A more complete preliminary program will be published in the near future.