Welcome Address

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Chair, Planning Committee
9th National Conference on the Laboratory Aspects of Tuberculosis

- Welcome to Atlanta
- Current status of tuberculosis testing
- Thank you to our partners
- Coming up at this meeting
WELCOME TO ATLANTA
Enjoy your stay in Atlanta

• Catch a ballgame!
  – Atlanta Braves vs San Diego Padres 6/8 to 6/11
• Visit the baby pandas at Zoo Atlanta
• Atlanta Arts and Culture
  – Bennett Street Art Galleries
  – Atlanta History Center
• Premier Shopping in Buckhead and Atlantic Station
• Great nightlife and restaurants
CURRENT STATUS OF TB TESTING
Laboratory Diagnosis of TB

• Despite decline in cases (9,412 cases in 2014) – we still have work to do
• The important role of the laboratory
• Laboratory capacity and capabilities to perform testing for mycobacteriology
Laboratory Diagnosis of TB

• Common challenges = common solutions
  – Best practices
  – New ideas
  – New technologies

• The future of laboratory testing for tuberculosis

• Communications, networking and partnerships
THANK YOU TO OUR PARTNERS
Our CDC Colleagues

DTBE Laboratory Branch

Changes since our last meeting in 2013:

• Angela Starks, PhD, DTBE Laboratory Branch Chief
• Tracy Dalton, PhD, DTBE Laboratory Branch Deputy Chief
• Stephanie Johnston, MS, Laboratory Capacity Team Leader
Our APHL Colleagues

APHL TB Sub-committee
• David Warshauer, PhD D(ABMM), Chair

APHL Staff
• Anne Gaynor, PhD, HHST Manager
• William Murtaugh, MPH, TB Program Specialist
• (Missing Kelly Wroblewski, MPH, Director of Infectious Diseases Program)
Our NTCA Colleagues

NTCA

- Donna Wegener, Executive Director
- John Bernardo, President

Take advantage of co-located meeting

- Coordinated breaks, June 8\textsuperscript{th}-9\textsuperscript{th}
- NTCA Social, June 9\textsuperscript{th} 6:00pm - 9:00pm
- Joint session, June 10\textsuperscript{th}, 10:15am - 12:15pm
COMING UP AT THE MEETING
Sessions/Posters/Exhibitors

Exciting sessions covering a range of topics:

• Molecular testing
• Drug susceptibility testing (DST)
• Best practices

Posters (14) – Monday and Tuesday

• Presenters will be available to discuss their work on Monday from 2:45pm-3:15pm

Exhibitors (15) – Tuesday

Networking with your colleagues
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Enjoy the meeting!