

CALL FOR ABSTRACTS

Deadline for Submission: October 8, 2010

We welcome the submission of abstracts for poster and oral presentations of research on all aspects of tuberculosis control, including epidemiologic, clinical, basic science, nursing, social, behavioural, psychosocial and educational studies, or outcomes of program initiatives. Abstracts must be submitted in accordance with these guidelines.

Oral and Poster Presentations

- You may request 1) poster presentation only, or 2) poster presentation plus possible invitation for oral presentation according to score.
- All abstracts submitted will be reviewed. The highest-ranked abstracts will be considered for oral presentation and others for poster presentation. Abstracts of limited quality may not be accepted.
- At least one author of the abstract must register for the conference by January 14, 2011 and attend the conference.

Abstract Content

- Abstracts may be written in English, French or Spanish. Posters may be presented in these languages as well.
- Abstracts must be typed or printed within the box, maximum of 250 words, including the heading but excluding authors and their affiliations, minimum font size 10
- The body of the abstract should contain the following sections (Write section names in CAPITAL LETTERS):
 - TITLE (omit section title)
 - AUTHORS (omit section title) (last names and initials only, omit degrees), institutions, city, and country (omit street address and zip/postal code); underline the name of the author who will present the study
 - BACKGROUND
 - DESIGN/METHODS or INTERVENTION/RESPONSE
 - RESULTS (Give both numbers and proportions where applicable)
 - CONCLUSION (in CAPITAL LETTERS)

Abstracts may involve scientific research or public health practice, as described by the International Union Against Tuberculosis and Lung Disease:

Category 1: Scientific research

It is recommended that the abstracts in Category 1 be organised using the following sections:

- **Background:** state study objectives, study question or a description of the challenge addressed by the research.
- **Design/Methods:** state the setting, methods, desired outcomes, procedures and techniques used to collect and analyse information. Include a description of participants, procedures, measures and appropriate statistical analyses.
- **Results:** present specific findings to date.
- **Conclusion and recommendations:** state the implications of the results and key recommendations. Present specific findings on how the research addressed the study, question and challenge. Highlight opportunities for future research as well as implications for further research or TB prevention and control programmes.

Category 2: Public health practice

It is recommended that the abstracts in Category 2 be organised using the following sections:

- **Background and challenges to implementation:** identify the context and the specific challenges to programme implementation. Describe the activity, programme or policy by which the issue was addressed. Describe target populations, geographic sites/locations and scale and type of activity or service.
- **Intervention or response:** how was the challenge overcome? Detail the methods, activities and implementation steps used to overcome the challenge. Describe the methods, procedures and techniques used to collect and analyse information that informed your conclusions. Identify the course of action used to address programme implementation issues.
- **Results and lessons learned:** describe the results and impact of the project. Explain the potential application or benefit to other programmes. Describe what worked and what did not work and the evidence that led to this determination.
- **Conclusions and key recommendations:** state the implications of the effective public health practice and key recommendations. Highlight opportunities for future programme practice, as well as implications for other programmes or settings.

Scoring Criteria

Criteria	Points
• Quality of writing	0-5 points
• Originality of study question	0-5 points
• Study methods (suitability, validity)	0-5 points
• Relevance of findings for TB control	<u>0-5 points</u>
Total:	0-20 points

***Abstracts which do not adhere to the required format and word limit may be excluded from consideration.**

Submission

- Submit the abstract form with the abstract to Menn Biagtan, MD, MPH
- Electronic submission is encouraged
- Abstracts may also be submitted by mail or FAX
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Notification

- We will notify the submitting author of acceptance for oral (if requested) or poster presentation or rejection no later than November 12, 2010.
- Abstracts may be accepted as submitted, or conditionally. If accepted conditionally, we will contact you with instructions for revisions needed, or to provide assistance. If you may need assistance, we encourage you to submit your abstract early and request assistance.
- All accepted abstracts will be published in the meeting proceedings provided that at least one author attends the meeting

Note: If the abstract is accepted for oral presentation, authors will be required to submit presentations by February 4, 2011. Oral presentations will be limited to 7 minutes in length, with 3 minutes for discussion. Presenters of abstracts selected for oral presentation must sign a conflict of interest disclosure form and submit their slides for review no later than February 4, 2011.

Submit abstracts to, or for additional information:

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Consider abstract for:

- Poster presentation only
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- I am applying for a travel grant

My presentation will mention a commercial product YES NO

If yes, the presenter must complete a conflict of interest disclosure form.

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