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**15th Scientific Symposium on the occasion of World Tuberculosis Day 2022**

**Berlin, May 18 and 19, 2022**

**Preliminary Program**

**Beyond the corona pandemic:**

**Tuberculosis control and health care system development –**

**Rational approaches in meeting SDG 3**

### **Aim and content**

Even if the corona pandemic and its containment are of high priority, chronic pandemics like the ones caused by HIV or *Mycobacterium tuberculosis* are still ongoing. Thus, there is still the issue of a comprehensive approach to control tuberculosis (TB), if we want to reach the SDG number 3 by 2030. Currently, new ways of addressing HIV-TB comorbidity and multidrug-resistant TB are being discussed, even implementing all TB strategies and investments into the overall efforts to improve national health care systems in the framework of WHO's "Universal Health Coverage" (UHC) program. Together with our partners from Indonesia and from Eastern Europe, namely Russia, Georgia, Ukraine and Moldova, we would like to study and discuss current trends in TB research and control in face of the current epidemiological trends in Europe and worldwide. Of course and as usual, current developments and state-of-the-art presentations in diagnostics, treatment and prevention/vaccine development also form part of the symposium. The symposium is the fifteenth in a row since Koch Mechnikov Forum (KMF) decided to start the symposium series in 2007 on the occasion of the 125<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Robert Koch's famous lecture "About tuberculosis". Since then, the annual symposia had various foci and KMF various organizational partners. We are looking forward to welcoming you in person, TB experts, representatives from WHO, health politics, private

companies, hospitals and other TB facilities from all over Europe and globally, to discuss the most imminent questions of TB control in the nearer future. TB control must not be neglected, even in times of an acute pandemic. Thus, the symposium has a scientific and a political approach.

### **Organization**

The 15<sup>th</sup> Scientific TB Symposium is organized by the Koch-Metchnikov-Forum (KMF) and the Institute for Research in International Assistance at Akkon University for Human Sciences (IRIA).

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### **Venue**

Akademie der Wissenschaften, Gendarmenplatz, Berlin

### **Time**

Wednesday, May 18, 2022: opening, science and politics, first scientific day; reception, Parliamentarian Evening;

Thursday, May 19, 2022: scientific symposium, second scientific day

### **Registration**

Participation is free of charge; however, registration at the IRIA is mandatory (see above, project coordination, gaby.feldmann@iria.akkon-hochschule.de).

### **Partners**

The 15<sup>th</sup> Scientific TB Symposium is organized in cooperation with:

WHO-Euro, Copenhagen; Stop TB Partnership; Global TB Caucus; Tuberculosis Vaccine Initiative (TBVI); Friends of the GFATM Europe; National Association of Phthisiatrists, St. Petersburg; Central Tuberculosis Research Institute, Moscow, Russia; Institute for Public Health, Ministry of Health, Moscow, Russia; Institutes or departments for Tuberculosis in Smolensk, Voronezh, Yekaterinburg, Russia; Institute for Phthisiopulmonology Chiril Draganiuc, Moldova; Institute for Tuberculosis, Tbilisi State Medical University, Georgia; Department of TB research, Ternopil National Medical University, Ukraine; Association of Medical Students in Germany (bvmd).

### **Supporters**

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Global TB Caucus, Johnson & Johnson/Janssen, Otsuka, Becton Dickinson Diagnostics, Hain  
Lifesciences, vfa, GSK, Friends of the GFATM, Pharmline, Oxford Immunotec

From 2014, KMF and IRIA organize the tuberculosis symposia on occasion of the World Tuberculosis Day in close cooperation with the World Health Summit. Its results will be reported to and discussed at the next World Health Summit in Berlin in October 2022 ([www.worldhealthsummit.org](http://www.worldhealthsummit.org)).

Preliminary program:

Wednesday, May 18, 2022

14.00h            **Introductory presentation**

T. Ulrichs, IRIA and KMF, Berlin: Tuberculosis control in times of corona

14.20h            **Welcome remarks and political framework**

Chair: T. Ulrichs, Berlin

Stefan Albani, MdB (MP), Berlin

H. Hahn, Koch-Metchnikov-Forum (KMF), Berlin

A. Dadu/A. Yedilbayev, WHO European office, Copenhagen

A. Bock, Akkon University

L. Nemeth, Global TB Caucus, Head of Secretariat

N.N., World Health Summit, Berlin

T. Bauer, German Central Committee against Tuberculosis, DZK

**Scientific Day 1: General overview, TB and politics**

14.40h            **Session 1: German G7 presidency and Indonesian G20 presidency – how to involve global health strategies to contain TB until 2030**

Chairs: A. Dadu, WHO-Euro, T. Ulrichs, IRIA, KMF

A. Dadu, A. Yedeilbayev, WHO-Euro, Copenhagen: Current epidemiological TB situation in the WHO European Region

N.N., Federal Ministry of Health Germany, Berlin: National and EU strategies in TB prevention

N.N., Ministry of Health Indonesia, National and regional strategies in TB prevention

N.N., Johanniter Unfallhilfe, Berlin, Germany: (national NGO's perspective)

16:00h            Coffee break and poster viewing

16.30h            **Session 2: How to eliminate TB in times of a viral pandemic**

Chairs: W. Brock, FIND, H. Hahn, KMF

F. Maurer, FZ Borstel: title to follow

E. Richter, Labor Limbach: title to follow

W. Brock, Foundation of innovative new diagnostics (FIND), Geneva:

Recent developments and new prospects in TB diagnostics development

N.N., TB Alliance: Recent developments and future prospects in TB drug development

N.N., AK Mykobakterien/DZK: Recent developments and future prospects in public health interventions

18.00h Reception

**19.00h Parliamentarian Evening**

Venue: Parlamentarische Gesellschaft, to be clarified

Presentations:

S. Albani: Welcome remarks (host)

T. Ulrichs, Berlin: Chair and introductory lecture "Acute and chronic pandemics: How the corona pandemic influenced TB control"

Minister K. Lauterbach: title to follow

Impulse presentations:

N.N., Stop TB Partnership

N.N., Friends of the Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis, Malaria (GFATM)

N.N., Global TB Caucus

N.N., TBVI

N.N., Janssen, Otsuka, VFA

Panel discussion on public-private-philanthropic partnerships in TB containment

Reception

Thursday, May 19, 2022

**Scientific Day 2: In-depth scientific program: public health, diagnostics, drugs, vaccines**

**9.00h Session 3: Immunology and vaccine development**

Chairs: A. Apt, CTRI; G. Voss, TBVI

G. Voss, Tuberculosis Vaccine Initiative (TBVI), The Netherlands: New Horizons for TB Vaccines

L. Grode, Vaccine Project Management (VPM), Hanover: VPM1002 clinical development, TPP

G.A. Kosmiadi, Central TB Research Institute (CTRI), Moscow: title to follow

A. Apt, Central TB Research Institute (CTRI), Moscow: title to follow

10.30h Coffee break and poster viewing

**11.00h Session 4: Public health and prevention: country experiences with TB and corona pandemic, best practice examples**

Chairs: Z. Avaliani, Tbilisi; H. Hahn, Berlin

T. Avdeeva, T. Myakisheva, A. Teshchenkov, Department of Tuberculosis of the Smolensk State Medical Academy, Smolensk: Projects in Smolensk oblast in childhood TB control

Z. Avaliani, NTP of Georgia, Tbilisi: The Management of TB control and research in Georgia

A. Skrahina, TB-Institute, Minsk: New challenges for Belarus: TB control and problems with MDR, HIV-TB comorbidity

V. Crudu, Institute for TB control Chiril Draganiuc, Chisinau: MDR tuberculosis with mixed strains: a challenge in diagnostic and treatment of TB patients in Moldova

D. Vakrusheva, Institute for Phthisiopulmonology, Yekaterinburg: Coinfection HIV/TB in the Ural region – TB in prisons

L. Hryshuk, Institute for Phthisiopulmonology, TNMU, Ternopil: title to follow

N.N., Indonesia, Projects and initiatives in Indonesia to control TB

13.00h Lunch break with poster viewing

14:00h **Session 5, TB Diagnostics**

Chairs: F. Maurer, FZ Borstel; W. Brok, FIND

W. Brok, FIND, Geneva: title to follow

N.N., Hain Lifesciences, Nehren: title to follow

F. Maurer, FZ-Borstel, Germany: title to follow

D. Storm, Becton-Dickinson-Diagnostics, Heidelberg: title to follow

15.20h Coffee break with poster viewing

15:50h **Session 6: Anti-TB drugs**

Chair: N.N. TB Alliance; T. Bauer, DZK

N.N. TB Alliance: title to follow

N.N., Janssen Company/Johnson & Johnson: title to follow (bedaquiline)

M. Dara, N. Hittel, Otsuka Global Health Alliance: title to follow (delamanid)

T. Bauer, R. Otto-Knapp, DZK Berlin: title to follow

M. Springsklee, Bayer Healthcare, Wuppertal: title to follow

17.30h Wrap-up and end of the symposium