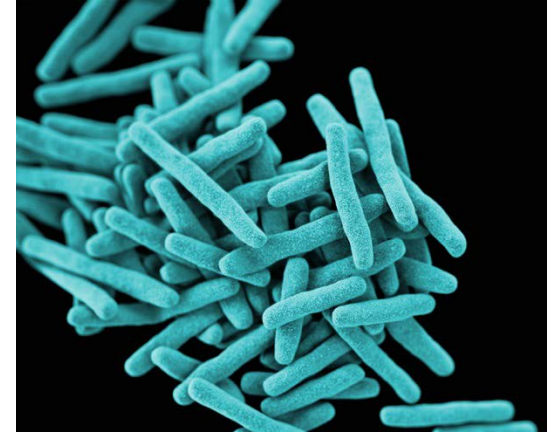


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Welcome Address

Marie-Claire Rowlinson, PhD D(ABMM)
Chair, Planning Committee

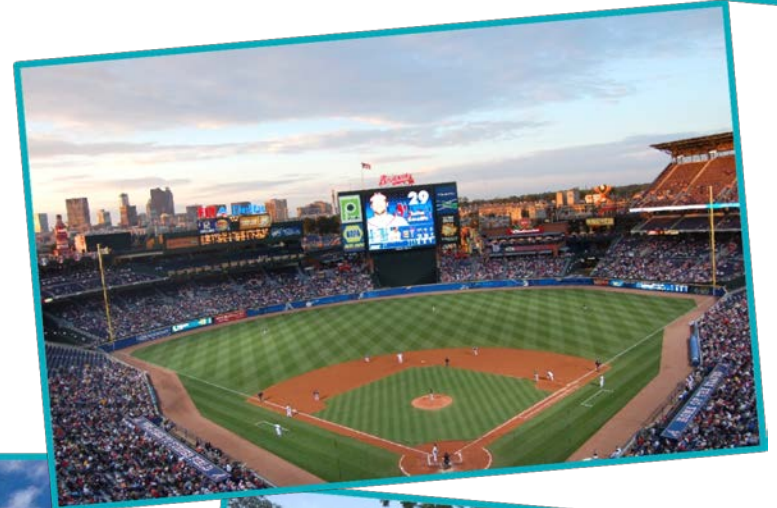


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- Welcome to Atlanta
- Current status of tuberculosis testing
- Thank you to our partners
- Coming up at this meeting



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

Tuberculosis (TB) Disease: Only the Tip of the Iceberg

There are **two** types of TB conditions: TB disease and latent TB infection.

People with **TB disease** are sick from active TB germs. They usually have symptoms and may spread TB germs to others.

People with **latent TB infection** do not feel sick, do not have symptoms, and cannot spread TB germs to others.

But, if their TB germs become active, they can develop **TB disease**.

Millions of people in the U.S. have **latent TB infection**. Without treatment, they are at risk for developing **TB disease**.

To learn more about TB, visit www.cdc.gov/tb

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Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

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 8th-9th
- NTCA Social, June 9th 6:00pm - 9:00pm
- Joint session, June 10th, 10:15am - 12:15pm



2015 NTC Registration Now Open

This year's NTC will be a joint meeting with colleagues from DTBE and APHL. [Register now >](#)

COMING UP AT THE MEETING

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Sessions/Posters/Exhibitors

Exciting sessions covering a range of topics:

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

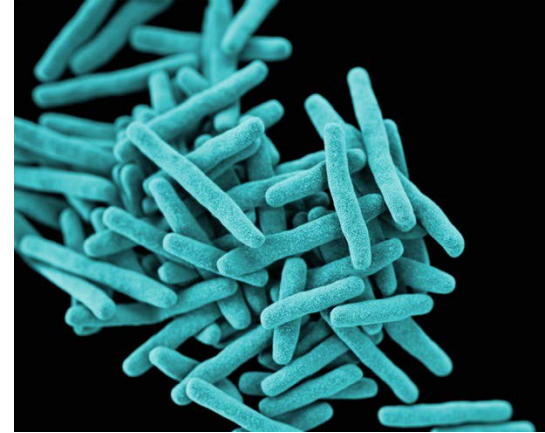
Posters (14) – Monday and Tuesday

- 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!

