

**International Symposium
on the occasion of
World TB Day 2007**

**125 years after the
discovery of the tubercle
bacillus by Robert Koch –
tuberculosis a continuing
global emergency**

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In 1882, Robert Koch identified the tubercle bacillus as the aetiologic agent of tuberculosis and presented his results in the famous talk “Über Tuberkulose” on March 24. Today, 125 years later, tuberculosis is still an undefeated global epidemic causing unresolved medical, social and socioeconomic problems. The co-infection with HIV and the emergence of multi- and extensively drug-resistant strains of *Mycobacterium tuberculosis* are the greatest challenges to the control of this disease.

In the light of the 125th anniversary of Robert Koch’s discovery, leading experts and decision makers in tuberculosis control gather on the occasion of the World Tuberculosis Day to discuss the current situation and novel strategies to fight tuberculosis as well as current research developments.

10.00 am

Opening and Welcoming Addresses

Robert Loddenkemper

German Central Committee against Tuberculosis/
Stop TB Partnership for Europe & Central Asia

Reinhard Burger

Robert Koch Institute, Berlin, Vice-President

Ulla Schmidt

Minister of Health, Berlin

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Ministry of Economic Cooperation and
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WHO Regional Office for Europe, Director

Andreas Crusius

German Medical Association, Berlin, Vice-President

Rudolf Seiters

German Red Cross, Berlin, President

Behrend Behrends

Charité, Medical University, Berlin, Clinic Director

Helmut Hahn

Berlin Medical Society

11.00 am

Introductory Lecture

*Historical development of tuberculosis since Robert Koch's
discovery of the tubercle bacillus*

John F. Murray, Paris/San Francisco

11.30 am

Session I Global Problems in Tuberculosis Control

Chairs: Robert Loddenkemper, Reinhard Burger

*The tuberculosis situation worldwide and the global plan
to stop TB*

Dermot Maher

World Health Organisation, Geneva

TB/HIV: why can't we do more, faster?

Paul Nunn

World Health Organisation, Geneva

Increasing resistance rates worldwide and the special threat by MDR and XDR tuberculosis

Sabine Rüsç-Gerdes

National Centre for Mycobacteria, Borstel

12.30 pm

Lunch break

2.00 pm

Session 2

Tuberculosis in Europe and Germany

Chairs: Richard Zaleskis, Walter Haas

Historical lecture on tuberculosis and fine arts

Timo Ulrichs

German Federal Ministry of Health

Koch-Metchnikov-Forum, Berlin

Tuberculosis in Europe and the emergency situation in Eastern Europe and Central Asia

Richard Zaleskis

World Health Organisation Europe Region, Copenhagen

Present TB-Situation in Germany and the impact of migration

Bonita Brodhun

Robert Koch Institute, Berlin

Risk factors for tuberculosis and shortcomings in TB control in Germany

Roland Diel

German Central Committee against Tuberculosis,
Berlin/Hamburg

Tuberculosis from a German patient's perspective

Christoph Wöhrle

Berlin

TB Control in Russian hospitals: Russian-German collaborative TB Projects

George A. Kosmiadi

Central Tuberculosis Research Institute, Moscow

Problems in TB control Programme in Ukraine

Ivan I. Usichenko

Ukrainian Red Cross, Kiev

*Cooperation and TB Control in
Central Asia and in the Caucasus*

Peter Reff

Kreditanstalt für Wiederaufbau (KfW),
Frankfurt/Main

4.15 pm

Coffee break

4.45 pm

Session 3

**New Developments in
Tuberculosis Research**

Chairs: Timo Ulrichs, Paul Nunn

Historical lecture on tuberculosis and music

Nikolaus Konietzko

Essen

Advances in new TB diagnostics

Rick O'Brien

Foundation for

Innovative New Diagnostics (FIND), Geneva

New drugs in the pipeline?

Christo von Niekerk

TB Alliance, Cape Town

Development of new TB vaccines

Steve Reece and Stefan H.E. Kaufmann

Max Planck Institute for Infection Biology, Berlin

Research and re-tooling: WHO's role

Dermot Maher

World Health Organisation, Geneva

German engagement in international TB control

Robert Loddenkemper

German Central Committee
against Tuberculosis, Berlin

6.45 pm

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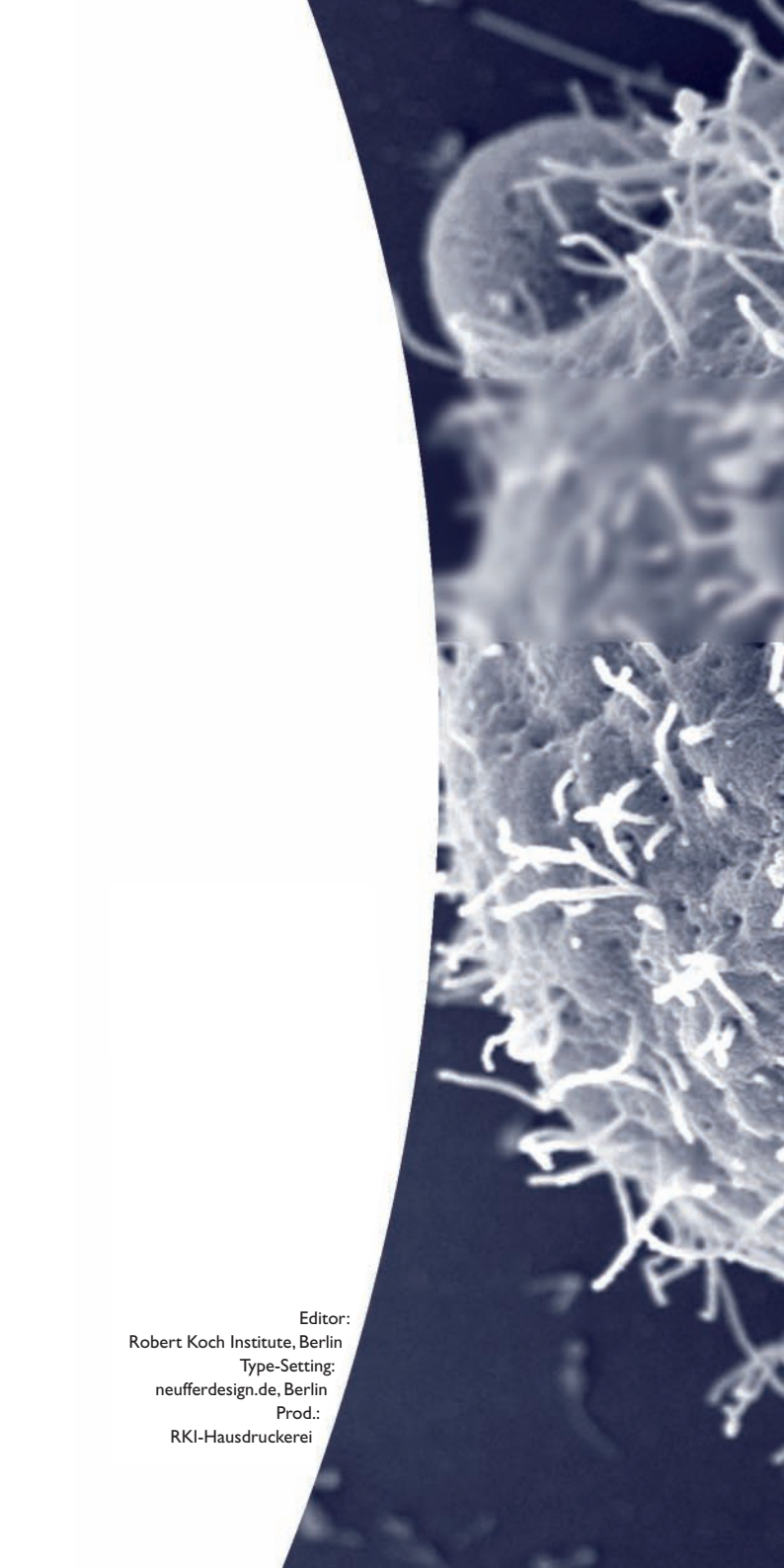
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