

Save the date!

Eighth Scientific Symposium on the occasion of World Tuberculosis Day 2014

Berlin

Title:

„HIV-TB comorbidity – current challenges and strategies“

Aim:

Both, HIV and *Mycobacterium tuberculosis*, belong to the biggest killers and account for millions of deaths year by year. In recent years, coinfection with both pathogens not only occurs in Sub-Saharan Africa, but also at tremendously increasing speed in Eastern Europe and Central Asia where the problem of multidrug-resistant tuberculosis already makes an efficient tuberculosis control virtually impossible. Although the development of new strategies, new diagnostic tools and new drugs to fight tuberculosis is currently speeding up, HIV-TB comorbidity together with multidrug-resistance are two challenges that require an even faster counter-action. The past years saw increased efforts in research in diagnostics, therapy and prevention, also thanks to an increased engagement of non-governmental organizations and a fruitful collaboration with private companies. The eighth scientific symposium on World Tuberculosis Day will review the current epidemiological situation and present the newest insights in how to fight HIV-TB comorbidity in high- and low-burden settings.

Organization:

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Venue:

Langenbeck-Virchow-Haus, Luisenstr. 59, 10117 Berlin, Germany

Time:

Thursday, March 20, 2014: opening, first scientific day; reception;

Friday, March 21, 2014: scientific symposium, second scientific day

Registration:

Participation is free of charge; registration at the KMF secretariat is mandatory.

In cooperation with: WHO-Euro, Copenhagen; Stop TB Partnership; Stop TB Forum Germany, Berlin; Charité University Medicine, Berlin; Central Tuberculosis Research Institute, Moscow, Russia; Institute for Public Health, Ministry of Health, Moscow, Russia; Institutes for Tuberculosis in Smolensk, Voronezh, Yekaterinburg, Russia; Institute for Phthiopulmonology Chiril Draganiuc, Moldova; Institute for Tuberculosis, Tbilisi State Medical University, Georgia.

Preliminary program:

Thursday, March 20, 2014

Session 1: General aspects of tuberculosis and HIV/AIDS, epidemiology

Session 2: State of the art in diagnostics

Friday, March 21, 2014

Session 3: Country reports and experiences with fighting MDR-TB and HIV-TB comorbidity

Session 4: (Basic) research and development: How to address the problem

Session 5: State of the art in treatment

Session 6: How to address the problem in advocacy and awareness building