



14th Annual Conference
Under One Sun: Looking Ahead, Working Together, Moving Forward

Rosen Plaza Hotel
Orlando, FL, USA
March 11-13, 2010

Dear Colleague:

The 14th Annual Meeting of the North American Region of the International Union Against Tuberculosis and Lung Disease will be held on March 11-13, 2010 in Orlando, Florida. The theme of the 2010 Conference is: "Under One Sun: Looking Ahead, Working Together, Moving Forward". The Keynote Address will be delivered by Paul Farmer, MD from Partners in Health.

We attach the Call for Abstracts and Travel Grant Application, which is also available on the website of the British Columbia Lung Association: www.bc.lung.ca. We encourage the submission of abstracts for Poster or Oral Presentations of research on all aspects of tuberculosis control, including, epidemiologic, clinical, basic science, nursing, social, behavioral, programmatic, psychosocial and educational studies.

Again this year, we are able to offer travel grant awards to selected applicants from North, Central and South America including the Caribbean, especially those living or working in high burden countries or regions. You may apply for a travel grant by submitting an abstract, which is required for applicants from the US and Canada. For all applicants we are asking for a letter of support from your program manager or principal investigator. The deadline for submission of abstracts and travel grant applications is **October 2, 2009**.

We are asking for your recommendations for such travel grant applicants from a TB program, organization or project with which you are associated, especially in a high burden country in this hemisphere, for whom you could write a letter of recommendation. Please forward this information to everyone you know, especially to principal investigators and program managers, who may be affiliated with or working in such a TB program, organization or project.

We appreciate your assistance in extending this opportunity to a new group of colleagues who will benefit from attendance at our meeting. For further information, please contact me at 925-313-6746 or ccrane@hsd.cccounty.us, or Menn Biagtan at 604-731-5864 or biagtan@bc.lung.ca.

Sincerely yours,

Charles M. Crane, MD, MPH
Chair, Abstract Committee, IUATLD-NAR