

# CALL FOR ABSTRACTS

**Deadline for Submission: October 2, 2009**

We welcome the submission of abstracts for poster and oral presentations of research on all aspects of tuberculosis control, including epidemiologic, clinical, basic science, nursing, social, behavioural, psychosocial and educational studies, or outcomes of program initiatives. Abstracts must be submitted in accordance with these guidelines.

## **Oral and Poster Presentations**

- Abstracts may be submitted for poster presentation only, or for either poster or oral presentation
- Abstracts will be reviewed and selected for oral or poster presentation.
- At least one author of the study must register for the conference by February 12, 2010 and attend the conference.

## **Abstract Content**

- Abstracts may be written in English, French or Spanish. Posters may be presented in these languages as well.
- Abstracts must be typed or printed within the box (see below), maximum of 250 words, including the heading, minimum font size 10.
- The body of the abstract should contain the following sections (Write section names in CAPITAL LETTERS):
  - Title (omit section title)
  - Authors (omit section title). Include last names and initials only (omit degrees), institutions, city, and country (omit street address and zip/postal code); underline the name of the author who will present the study
  - BACKGROUND
  - METHODS
  - RESULTS (Give both numbers and proportions)
  - CONCLUSION

### Scoring Criteria

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| ○ Quality of writing            | 0-6 points        |
| ○ Quality, originality of study | 0-8 points        |
| ○ Relevance to TB control       | 0-4 points        |
| ○ Format, word count            | <u>0-2 points</u> |
| Total:                          | 0-20 points       |

### Submission

- Submit the abstract form with the abstract to Menn Biagtan, MD, MPH
- Electronic submission is encouraged
- Abstracts may also be submitted by mail or FAX
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### Notification

- We will notify the submitting author of acceptance for oral (if requested) or poster presentation or rejection no later than November 13, 2009
- Abstracts may be accepted as submitted, or conditionally. If accepted conditionally, we will contact you with instructions for revisions needed, or to provide assistance. If you may need assistance, we encourage you to submit your abstract early and request assistance.
- All accepted abstracts will be published in the meeting proceedings, provided that at least one author attends the meeting
- **Please Note:** If the abstract is accepted for oral presentation, authors will be required to submit presentations by February 12, 2010. Presentations will be limited to 7 minutes in length, with 3 minutes for discussion. Presenters of abstracts selected for oral presentation must sign a conflict of interest disclosure form and submit their slides for review no later than February 12, 2010.

### Submit abstracts to, or for additional information:

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