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44th Union World Conference on Lung Health will focus on “Shared air, safe air?”

8 July 2013 / Paris, France – When delegates from 125 countries gather in Paris this fall for the **44th Union World Conference on Lung Health**, they will discuss the latest research and programme developments in tuberculosis and lung disease, as well as related problems, such as HIV, non-communicable diseases and tobacco control. The conference theme is “Shared air, safe air?” highlighting the overarching need to ensure air quality for lung health and the specific challenges created by indoor air pollution, tobacco smoke and airborne infections.

The conference organised each year by the **International Union Against Tuberculosis and Lung Disease (The Union)** will be held on 30 October–3 November 2013 at the Palais des Congrès in Paris, France. Registration is now open (early-bird discount offered through 15 July); to register or learn more, please visit www.worldlunghealth.org

Scientific programme

The five-day scientific programme will offer 19 post-graduate courses and workshops, such as “Making that Air Safer: Sustainable TB Infection Control Approach” and “Operational Research Skills in One Day”. Speakers from more than 60 countries will present 53 symposia and more than 100 poster-related sessions. Other highlights will include:

Plenary speakers (partial list)

- **Dr Diane Havlir** (Chief, HIV/AIDS Division and Positive Health Programme, San Francisco General Hospital and Professor of Medicine, University of California, San Francisco, USA)
- **Heather Zar** (Head, Paediatric Pulmonology Department, Red Cross Children’s Hospital, University of Cape Town, South Africa)
- **Prof Innes Asher** (Head, Department of Paediatrics: Child and Youth Health, Faculty of Medical and Health Services, University of Auckland, New Zealand, and Chair, Global Asthma Network)

Special events

- **Stop TB symposium:** “Accelerating Impact: The Transformative Role of Research to End Tuberculosis” – a one-day symposium organised by the World Health Organization and the Stop TB Partnership will take place on Wednesday, 30 October.
- **Late-breaker sessions:** Late-breaker sessions will present the most recent research on TB-HIV (Saturday, 2 November, 14:30–16:30) and TB (Sunday, 3 November 09:15–11:15).
- **2nd President’s Centennial Dinner:** A gala dinner will be held on Wednesday, 30 October to raise funds for research and education programmes, as part of The Union Centennial Campaign (1920–2020).

About The Union

The mission of the International Union Against Tuberculosis and Lung Disease (The Union) is to bring innovation, expertise, solutions and support to address health challenges in low- and middle-income populations. With nearly 15,000 members and subscribers from 150 countries, The Union has its headquarters in Paris and offices serving the Africa, Asia Pacific, Europe, Latin America, North America and South-East Asia regions. Its scientific departments focus on tuberculosis and HIV, lung health and non-communicable diseases, tobacco control and research. Learn more at www.theunion.org