

## New Diagnostics Working Group

### ANNUAL MEETING

16 October 2008, 14:00 - 17:30  
Palais des Congrès, Paris, Room 342AB

### AGENDA

- 14:00 **Welcome**  
*Giorgio Roscigno, FIND (NDWG Chair) - Andy Ramsay, WHO (NDWG Secretary)*
- 14:05 **The New Diagnostics Working Group: What is it for? How does it work? What has it done?**  
*Giorgio Roscigno, Foundation for Innovative New Diagnostics, Switzerland.*
- 14:25 **The NDWG Scientific Blueprint for TB Diagnostics Development: An update.**  
*Russell Dacombe, LATH, UK.*
- 14:45 **Evidence-based TB diagnosis: how evidence informs practice and policy.**  
*Madhukar Pai, McGill University, Canada.*
- 15:00 **Coffee break**
- 15:30 **Assessing the impact of New Diagnostics on equitable access to TB care.**  
*S Bertel Squire, Liverpool School of Tropical Medicine, UK.*
- 15:45 **Front-loading smear microscopy to optimize TB diagnosis: Preliminary findings from Ethiopia, Nepal, Nigeria and Yemen.**  
*Luis Cuevas, Liverpool School of Tropical Medicine, UK.*
- 16:00 **Culture-based diagnostics - Obstacles, Solutions, New Developments.**  
*Urvashi Singh, All-India Institute of Medical Sciences, India.*
- 16:15 **The urgent need for TB Point-Of-Care Testing: Where do we stand?**  
*Catharina Boehme, Foundation for Innovative New Diagnostics, Switzerland.*
- 16:30 **Nucleic Acid Amplification Tests for Tuberculosis: Rationale and prospects for use in disease-endemic countries.**  
*Thomas Shinnick, Centre for Disease Control, USA*
- 16:45 **LTBI Diagnosis: Advances and prospects.**  
*Madhukar Pai, McGill University, Canada.*
- 17:00 **TB Diagnostics and HIV.**  
*Colleen Daniels, World Health Organization, Switzerland.*
- 17:15 **Summing-up and announcements:**
- **Vacant positions in NDWG**
  - **Announcement of FIND RFA for Point-Of-Care Diagnostics**  
*Giorgio Roscigno, Foundation for Innovative New Diagnostics, Switzerland*
  - **The X Prize**  
*Amy Wong, X Prize Foundation, USA*
  - **Collaboration to identify drug resistance mutations in a global strain set.**  
*Megan Murray, Harvard School of Public Health, USA*
- 17:30 **Close of meeting**