



3rd International Meeting on Childhood Tuberculosis

Virtual Meeting hosted from Sofia, Bulgaria

Thursday 23rd – Friday 24th September 2021

Day 1: Thursday 23rd September 2021

Session 1: Eliminating TB in Children

Chairs: Dr. Svetlana Velizarova, Dr. Steve Welch & Dr. Folke Brinkmann

12:30-12:45 (time in CEST)	Welcome and introduction	Dr. Svetlana Velizarova Dr. Steve Welch Dr. Folke Brinkmann
12:45-13:15	Invited lecture: an overview of scientific advances in understanding TB	Prof. Beate Kampmann
13:15-13:35	Updates on TB epidemiology and normative guidance on the management of TB in children and adolescents	Dr. Sabine Verkuijl
13:35-13:55	End TB: Reality or Dream? Childhood Tuberculosis in Bulgaria	Prof. Petko Minchev
13:55-14:15	Impact of COVID-19 disruptions on global BCG coverage and paediatric TB mortality	Prof. Richard White
14:15-14:30	Collaborative Q&A	

14:30-14:40 Coffee

Session 2: What's new

Chairs: Dr. Nicole Ritz & Dr. Liz Whittaker

14:40-15:00	What's the latest in paediatric TB meningitis?	Dr. Robin Basu Roy
15:00-15:20	Tuberculosis in children on TNF-alpha inhibitors	Dr. Antoni Noguera
15:20-15:40	TB shortening trials	Dr. Anna Turkova

15:40-15:50 Coffee

15:50-16:20	Clinical Cases	Dr. Natalia Gabrovska Dr. Anabela Galacheva
16:20-16:40	Research Update	Dr. James Seddon
16:40-16:55	Collaborative Q&A	
16:55-17:00	Summary of day	Dr. Steve Welch
17:15-18:45	ptbnet Business Meeting	ptbnet members



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Session 3: Focus on MDR		
Chairs: Dr. Maria Tsolia & Dr. Marc Tebruegge		
10:00-10:30 (time in CEST)	Invited lecture – treatment of MDR TB in children in 2020 and beyond	Prof H. Simon Schaaf
10:30-10:50	MDR TB in Bulgaria	Dr. Vladimir Milanov
10:50-11:05	Collaborative Q&A	
11:05-11:15 Coffee		
Session 4: Diagnosing TB		
Chairs: Dr. Antoni Noguera & Dr. Matthias Bogyi		
11:15-11:35	Is one cough enough? What does WGS teach us about TB transmission	Dr. Pretin Davda
11:35-11:55	Point-of-care Ultrasound in Childhood TB	Dr. Sabine Belard
11:55-12:15	Artificial intelligence in TB diagnostics and therapy monitoring	Dr. Maria J Ledesma-Carbayo
12:15-12:30	Collaborative Q&A	
12:30-13:00 Lunch and Collaborative Poster Session		
Session 5: Potpourri		
Chairs: Dr. James Seddon & Dr. Anna Turkova		
13:00-13:20	TB in adolescents	Dr. Katharina Kranzer
13:20-13:40	Getting drugs to the site of disease	Dr. Elisa Lopez
13:40-14:10	Clinical Cases (surgical studies)	Dr. Zdravka Antonova Dr. Yanko Pahnev
14:10-14:25	Collaborative Q&A	
14:25-14:35 Coffee Break		



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Session 6: Diagnosing TB – the yin and yang of host and bacteria		
Chairs: Dr. Begoña Santiago & Dr. Florian Götzinger		
14:35-14:55	A bug's life – getting the best sample and using the best test	Dr. Maria Tsolia
14:55-15:15	Predicting progression from infection to disease	Dr. Marc Tebruegge
15:15-15:35	Immunology in the diagnosis of TB infection	Dr. Nicole Ritz
15:35-15:50	Final Collaborative Q&A	
15:50-16:00	Summary of day and conference	Dr. Svetlana Velizarova Dr. Steve Welch Dr. Folke Brinkmann