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CALL FOR LATE-BREAKING ABSTRACTS

Deadline for Submission: December 12, 2018

We welcome the submission of late-breaking abstracts on all aspects of tuberculosis prevention and care, including epidemiologic, clinical, basic science, nursing, social, behavioural, psychosocial and educational studies, as well as outcomes of program initiatives. Abstracts must be submitted in accordance with these guidelines.

Poster Presentation

- All abstracts submitted will be reviewed. Abstracts of limited quality and those lacking results will not be accepted.
- At least one author of the abstract must register for the conference by **January 11, 2019** and attend the conference.

Abstract Content

- Abstracts may be written in English, French or Spanish. Posters may be displayed in these languages as well.
- Abstracts must be:
 - maximum of 250 words, excluding title, headings, and authors' names and affiliations
- The body of the abstract must contain the following sections (Note: section names must be included in the abstract, and written in CAPITAL LETTERS. For sample of proper formatting, please see sample abstract on page 4.):
 - TITLE
 - AUTHORS (last names and initials only, omit degrees), institutions, city, country (omit street address and zip/postal code); underline the name of presenting author
 - BACKGROUND
 - DESIGN/METHODS or INTERVENTION/RESPONSE
 - RESULTS (Give both numbers and proportions where applicable)
 - CONCLUSION

Abstracts may involve scientific research or public health practice, as described by The Union:

Category 1: Scientific research

It is recommended that abstracts in *Category 1: Scientific Research* be organized using the following sections:

- *Background*: State study objectives, study question or a description of the challenge addressed by the research.
- *Design/methods*: State the setting, methods, desired outcomes, procedures and techniques used to collect and analyze information. Include a description of participants, procedures, measures and appropriate statistical analyses.
- *Results*: Present specific findings to date.
- *Conclusion and recommendations*: State the implications of the results and key recommendations. Present specific findings on how the research addressed the study, question or challenge. Highlight opportunities for future research as well as implications for further research for TB prevention and care programs.

Category 2: Public health practice/education and training

It is recommended that abstracts in *Category 2: Public health practice/education and training* be organized using the following sections:

- *Background and reason for implementation or problem being addressed*: identify the context and the specific challenges to program implementation. Describe the activity, program or policy by which the issue was addressed. Describe target populations, geographic sites/locations and scale and type of activity or service.
- *Intervention or response*: how was the challenge overcome? Detail the methods, activities and implementation steps used to overcome the challenge. Describe the methods, procedures and techniques used to collect and analyze information that informed your conclusions. Identify the course of action used to address program implementation issues.
- *Results and lessons learned*: describe the results and impact of the project. Explain the potential application or benefit to other programs. Describe what worked and what did not work and the evidence that led to this determination.
- *Conclusions and key recommendations*: state the implications of the effective public health practice and key recommendations. Highlight opportunities for future program practice, as well as implications for other programs or settings.

Scoring Criteria

Quality of writing	0-5 points
Originality	0-5 points
Methods (suitability, validity)	0-5 points
Relevance of findings for TB prevention and care	<u>0-5 points</u>
Total:	0-20 points

Submission

- Via our [Online submission](#) portal (preferred method)
- Or by e-mail to tbconference@bc.lung.ca. If submitting by e-mail, [download the form here](#).
- **Deadline for submission is December 12, 2018.**

Use of Non-stigmatizing language:

The Union-NAR is committed to promoting patient-centered, non-stigmatizing language in conference abstracts and presentations and therefore requests that you follow the guidance laid out in the Stop TB Partnership’s publication: [Suggested Language and Usage for Tuberculosis \(TB\) Care, Communications and Publications](#).

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BACKGROUND

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CONCLUSION

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