

The Union

CONFRONTING RESISTANCE: FUNDAMENTALS TO INNOVATIONS



THE 47TH UNION
WORLD CONFERENCE
ON LUNG HEALTH

25–29 OCTOBER 2016
ACC LIVERPOOL
UNITED KINGDOM



Ruby, 28, holds her son during a health visit in Anna Nagar slum in New Delhi. Ruby has two children. She was on six months treatment for TB and is now cured.

Dear colleagues and partners

We are pleased to invite you to the 47th Union World Conference on Lung Health, taking place in Liverpool, UK, 25-29 October 2016.

TB is a curable and treatable disease, yet was accountable for the deaths of 1.5 million people in 2013. Its affects are felt in all parts of the world – including the UK – and poses real challenges for public health efforts globally.

Our conference theme is Confronting Resistance: Fundamentals to Innovations. This addresses a number of critical areas for discussion, including the growing problem of resistance to existing TB drugs, which is one of the most important challenges facing us today.

The theme also reflects our global tobacco control work, which requires coordinated efforts to confront resistance from the powerful tobacco industry, and to introduce the innovative policies needed to de-normalise and reduce tobacco use. This work combats the pandemic of tobacco-related diseases which account for six million deaths each year.

Most broadly, the theme is also the next natural step after 2015's "New Agenda" – confronting resistance to the new ideas and challenges that this agenda introduces to governments, business, communities, the healthcare system and individuals.

Our annual World Conference is a five-day scientific programme and a vital meeting place for the finest scientific minds working on all aspects of lung health, including TB. It is truly fitting that in 2016 we will be hosted by Liverpool. This dynamic city has for many years been at the forefront of pioneering research into TB causes, affects and treatment, through its work at the world famous Liverpool School of Tropical Medicine and Hygiene, as well as far-reaching and innovative sanatorium care in the city's regional hospital network.

We look forward to welcoming you to Liverpool in 2016.

Jose Luis Castro
Executive Director – The Union

Stacie C Stender
Chair – Coordinating Committee
of Scientific Activities

The Conference

Scientific Programme

The scientific programme includes over 150 sessions featuring presenters from 65 countries. The programme includes:

- Post-graduate courses
- Workshops
- Over 50 symposia
- Oral abstract sessions
- Poster discussion sessions
- Plenary sessions
- 'Meet the expert' sessions

Who attends

The conference attracts worldwide public health professionals and policy-makers and brings recognised scientific experts and opinion formers from all over the world to lead the debates.

Abstracts

Authors are encouraged to send their abstracts to be presented at the Liverpool 2016 conference. The Union offers an Abstract Mentor Programme to support and encourage the participation of young and/or less experienced investigators from low-resource settings.

Further information and submission deadlines will be available on the website in mid-December 2015.

Symposia

Online submission will open mid-December 2015 for sessions to be included in the scientific programme. We welcome your ideas for sessions relating to TB, HIV, adult and child lung health and tobacco control. We also encourage submissions from members of civil society, as well as sessions about community-driven interventions.

Online submission is required via <http://services.theunion.org>

Registration

The annual Union World Conference on Lung Health attracts more than 3,000 delegates from over 125 countries.

Union members (general and student) benefit from a 50 Euro discount on the full five-day registration fee.

Early bird discount rates apply. Register before 10 August 2016 to qualify.

Registration will open in May 2016.

CME Credits

The Union will seek accreditation from the European Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education (EACCME) for the activities to be offered.

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The Coordinating Committee of Scientific Activities

Chair

Stacie C Stender (South Africa)

SUB-GROUP I

Scientific Director

Paula I Fujiwara (USA)

Directors of the Technical Departments of the Institute

Tuberculosis and HIV: Riitta Dlodlo (Zimbabwe)

Tobacco Control: Ehsan Latif (UK)

Research: Anthony D Harries (UK)

Chairs Scientific Sections

HIV: Jeroen Van Gorkom (Netherlands)

Adult & Child Lung Health: Simon Schaaf (South Africa)

Tobacco Control: Kamran Siddiqi (UK)

Tuberculosis: C.N. Paramasivan (Switzerland)

Chairs of the Sub-Sections

Immunology: Thomas Shinnick (USA)

TB Nurses & Allied Professionals:

Carrie Tudor (South Africa)

Zoonotic TB: Adrian Muwonge (Uganda)

SUB-GROUP II (Scientific Programme Committee)

Programme Secretaries of Scientific Sections

HIV: Keren Middelkoop (South Africa)

Adult & Child Lung Health: Andrew Steenhoff (USA)

Tuberculosis: Kevin Schwartzman (Canada)

Tobacco Control: Omara Dogar (United Kingdom)

Programme Secretaries of Sub-Sections

TB Bacteriology and Immunology: Stella Van Beers (Netherlands)

TB Nurses and Allied Professionals:

Linette McElroy (Canada)

Zoonotic TB: Alejandro Perera Ortiz (Mexico)

Institute Representative: Paula I Fujiwara (USA)

Civil Society Representative: Evaline Kibuchi (Kenya)

Organising Committee

José Luis Castro
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Get Involved

Exhibitor booths

The Union offers a unique opportunity for exhibitors to showcase their products and services to delegates from all over the world, who are interested in lung health and related topics. The Union's conference exhibition area also provides excellent opportunities for networking with delegates and other exhibitors. A variety of companies, agencies, non-governmental organisations (NGOs) and other health organisations exhibit at the conference. All coffee breaks and rest areas, Internet area, poster sessions and registration desks are situated on the same level as the exhibition area, providing frequent and repeated opportunities for delegates to visit the exhibits.

A list of exhibitors is published in the final programme, which is distributed to all attending delegates, thus increasing exhibitors' exposure.

Discounted prices on the booths are offered to Union organisational members, publishers and fellow NGOs

Sponsorship opportunities

Various sponsorship and advertising opportunities are available, including sponsored satellite symposia, flyer inserts and advertising in the final programme, as well as sponsorship of participants from low-income countries. For more information about exhibiting and sponsorship, please see worldlunghealth.org or write to us at liverpool2016@theunion.org

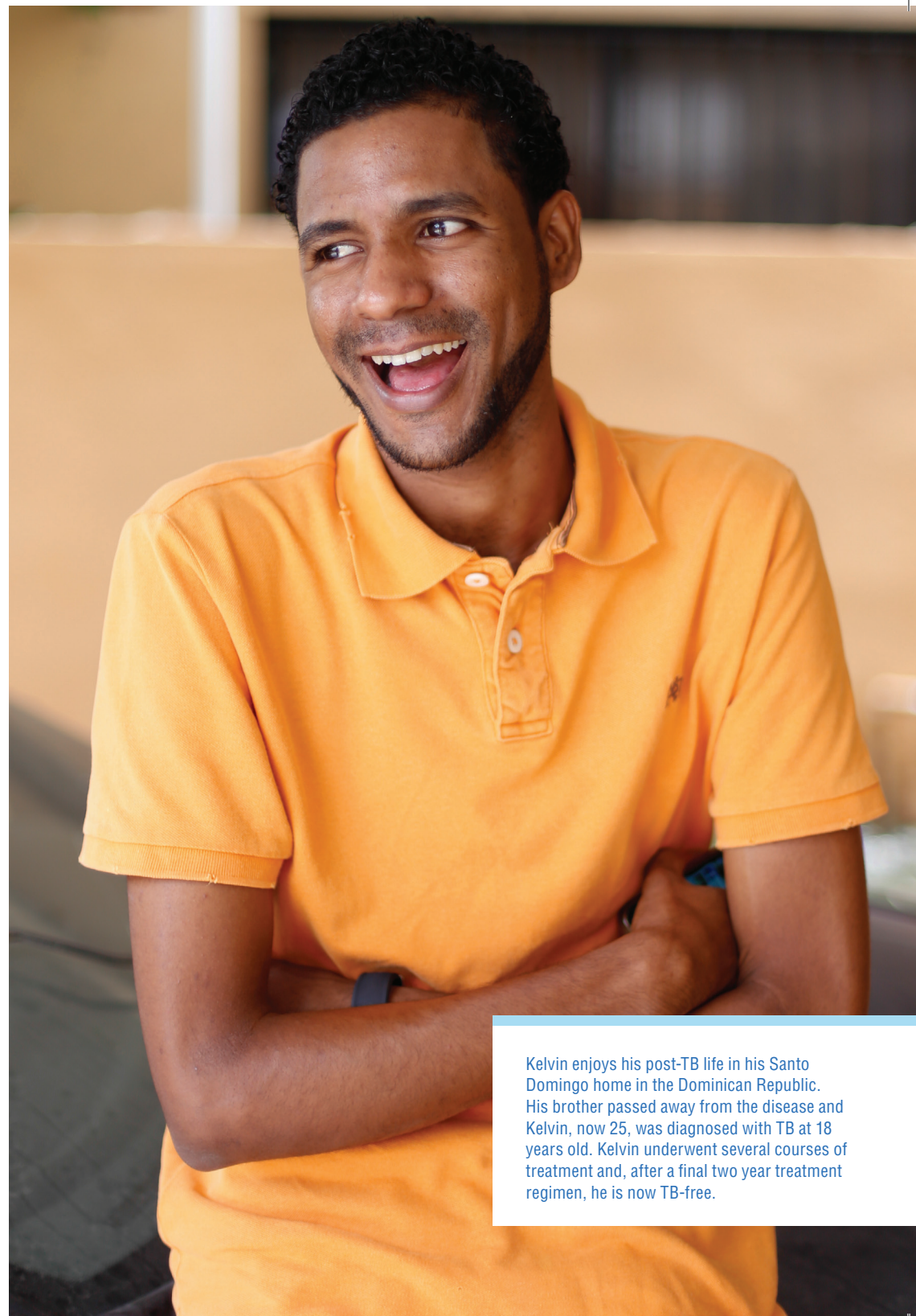
Liverpool – a city of culture and heritage with people at its heart

Liverpool is one of the most vibrant cities in the UK. Famed for its culture and heritage, the city was European Capital of Culture in 2008 and has the UK's largest collection of museums and galleries outside London. In 2004, UNESCO granted World Heritage Site status to Liverpool's unique and historic Waterfront, reflecting the city's significance as a major maritime port at the time of Britain's greatest global influence.

Academically, Liverpool is renowned as a centre of scientific and medical research. Founded in 1898, its world famous Liverpool School of Tropical Medicine and Hygiene is the world's oldest school in this field, with a stellar reputation for scientific breakthroughs and educational excellence.

ACC Liverpool

The Arena and Convention Centre (ACC) Liverpool is a major events and conference venue located in the former Kings Dock on the city's historic waterfront. The site opened in 2008 and comprises the BT Convention Centre and the Echo Arena.



Kelvin enjoys his post-TB life in his Santo Domingo home in the Dominican Republic. His brother passed away from the disease and Kelvin, now 25, was diagnosed with TB at 18 years old. Kelvin underwent several courses of treatment and, after a final two year treatment regimen, he is now TB-free.



Conference Venue

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