**Type of session**  
Symposium

**Track**  
Zoonotic TB

**Description**  
While Mycobacterium tuberculosis is the primary causal agent of human TB worldwide, the incidence of zoonotic TB caused by Mycobacterium bovis, the causal agent of bovine TB, and mycobacteria other than Mycobacterium tuberculosis complex (MTC) is underestimated and yet to be fully understood, especially in the developing world. The main challenge lies with the Mycobacterium species-unspecific diagnostics currently used in most of the high-TB burden countries. Despite this challenge, it has been estimated that in Africa alone approximately 70,000 zoonotic TB cases occur per year. This symposium will cover all aspects of zoonotic TB.

**Target audience**  
1. Physicians, nurses, microbiologists, tuberculosis epidemiologists and pathologists  
2. Public health specialists, veterinarians, scientists interested in tuberculosis  
3. Policy-makers, civil society, funders, academicians and researchers

**Objectives**  
1. A dialogue between medical and veterinary fields to address challenges posed by zoonotic TB  
2. To create global awareness of zoonotic TB and its impact to public health  
3. To highlight the progress in TB diagnostics, vaccines and infection models  
4. To identify areas of synergy in preventing and controlling zoonotic TB

**Keywords**  
Zoonoses; tuberculosis; public health; zoonotic TB; socioeconomic

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