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Wolfheze Workshops 2013

Progress of Implementation of Concerted Action Plans to Prevent and Combat M/XDR- TB

12th WHO National TB Programme Managers' Meeting and 16th Wolfheze Workshops
Jointly organized by

the World Health Organization Regional Office for Europe (WHO/Europe), the European Centre for Disease Prevention and Control (ECDC) and KNCV Tuberculosis Foundation

The Hague, Netherlands, 29–31 May 2013

The Wolfheze Workshops 2013 aim to strengthen tuberculosis (TB) control in the WHO European Region, with emphasis on sharing experiences and discussing progress and plans for the development of Region-specific guidance documents based on a consensus-building approach. The tradition of the Wolfheze movement dates back to 1990 when the first regional meeting on TB control was organized in the village of Wolfheze in the Netherlands. The Workshops provide a platform for national TB programme managers, health authorities, laboratory experts, national TB surveillance correspondents, civil society organizations and other partners to discuss achievements, challenges and the way forward.

The programme of the Workshops focuses on the progress made since the Berlin Declaration in 2007, the launch of the ECDC Framework Action Plan to Fight Tuberculosis in the European Union in 2008, and the Consolidated Action Plan to Prevent and Combat Multidrug- and Extensively Drug-Resistant Tuberculosis (M/XDR-TB) in the WHO European Region in 2011. In addition, the event will cover measures to improve the laboratory network, patient management and innovative models of care, enhanced case-finding within high risk settings, extrapulmonary TB, TB among vulnerable populations, including migrants and prisoners, childhood TB, and the role of civic society.

The Wolfheze Workshops 2013 will be organized in conjunction and in parallel with the Joint ECDC/WHO European Tuberculosis Surveillance Network annual meeting on 28–29 May 2013 (by invitation only) and the ECDC coordinated European Reference Laboratory Network for Tuberculosis (ERLN-TB) annual meeting on 29–31 May 2013 (by invitation only).

On 29 May 2013, a joint meeting day will bring together the three European networks/groups of experts in TB prevention and control, surveillance and laboratory. To allow for an exchange of experiences and to discuss the common goal of eliminating TB in Europe, the main theme for this joint day will be monitoring the progress made in TB prevention and control efforts through the PAN-European and European Union action plans and monitoring frameworks¹. Please see below the provisional programme of the Wolfheze Workshops.

¹ Monitoring the implementation of the Framework Action Plan to Fight Tuberculosis in the European Union, the Berlin Declaration on Tuberculosis, and the Consolidated Action Plan to Prevent and Combat Multidrug- and Extensively Drug-Resistant Tuberculosis in the WHO European Region, 2011–2015.

Provisional Programme

Wolfheze Workshops (WW)			Parallel meeting	
Tuesday	28 May		Joint ECDC/WHO European Tuberculosis Surveillance Network annual meeting	
		18:00-19:00		Welcome reception
Wednesday	29 May	Joint meeting day of Wolfheze Workshops for NTP managers, TB experts and officials of the Wolfheze movement, European Reference Laboratory Network for Tuberculosis (ERLN-TB) and Joint ECDC/WHO European Tuberculosis Surveillance Network		
		Monitoring progress in TB prevention and control efforts through the PAN-European and European Union action plans and monitoring frameworks		
		09:00-09:30	Opening session	
		09:30-17:00	Follow-up of Berlin Declaration 2007, Consolidated Action Plan to Prevent and Combat M/XDR-TB in the WHO European Region, 2011-2015, and EU Action Plan. Country presentations and workshops on diagnosis, treatment, care, and monitoring and	
Thursday	30 May	Wolfheze Workshops for NTP managers, TB experts and officials of the Wolfheze movement		European Reference Laboratory Network for Tuberculosis (ERLN-TB) annual meeting
		Challenges and new strategies in TB control		
		09:00-11:00	Intensified case finding	
		11:15-13:00	Role of civic society / ACSM in TB control	
		14:00-15:15	Extrapulmonary TB: situation analysis and challenges	
		15:30-17:00	TB in vulnerable populations (migrants / prisoners)	
Friday	31 May	Wolfheze Workshops for NTP managers, TB experts and officials of the Wolfheze movement		
		WW working groups: reporting back, past and future targets		
		09:00-11:00	Childhood TB	
		11:15-13:00	Reporting back from WW working groups	
			New WW working groups: ToR, deliverables and planning	

The detailed programme and registration forms will be sent to you in early 2013. For any further queries, please do not hesitate to contact:

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