

TODAY'S CHALLENGES IN TUBERCULOSIS CONTROL

-International course in Tartu and Tallinn

11-14 April 2011



In recent years the epidemiological situation of tuberculosis has become a new challenge for health care systems in the whole Europe. Tuberculosis respects no borders: migration inside Europe has steadily increased as well as concomitant social problems. The emergence of MDR TB and HIV has aggravated the situation even more. In the rapidly changing situation there is a need to update the knowledge and skills of medical specialists.

- **Target group**

This course is offered for medical doctors in specialities of pulmonology, infectious diseases, public health and professionals working in the field of tuberculosis.

- **Course Outline and methodology**

The four-day course includes epidemiology, surveillance, diagnostic methods, laboratory issues, infection control, screening and treatment of latent TB infection, new innovations in TB management and control, diagnosis and treatment of MDR-TB, XDR-TB and TB/HIV co-infection.

The training is participatory and the course includes lectures, discussions and group sessions based on exercises and case studies. Site visits to the TB and MDR-TB wards and National TB Register will be organised. The course provides a forum for interaction among specialists as well as for stimulating collaboration. Post-course evaluation of the course will be carried out. The course language is English.

- **Course Venue**

The first three days (11-13 April) of the course will be held in Hotel Pallas and Tartu University Lung Clinic and the last day (14 April) in the National Institute of Health Development in Tallinn, Estonia.

- **Course fee**

The course fee is **1500 euros including** training programme, course materials, lunches, accommodation and bus transportation from Tartu to Tallinn on 13 April 2011 and social programme. Social programme includes get-together and a guided tour in Tartu. The group reservations for hotel accommodation have been made in Hotel Pallas (11-12 April), located in the old town in Tartu and in Tallinn Hotel St. Barbara (13-14 April) also with a central location.

The course will be invoiced prior to the course. The course fee should be paid by **1 April 2011**. When notice of **cancellation** is received within seven working days before the course start date, the cancellation fee is 50% of the course fee payable.

- **Deadline for application**

Applications should be submitted by the **21 March 2011** to paivi.pyykkola@filha.fi. Application forms are available www.filha.fi.

• Further information

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Previous tb courses in Tartu

Organising partners: Filha, National Tuberculosis Programme (NTP) of Estonia, the Tartu University Clinics, WHO and IUATLD

- International Tuberculosis courses for medical doctors annually since 1996
- International Tuberculosis courses for registered nurses for 2000-2009

Annexes

1. Course programme at a glance



International Union Against
Tuberculosis and Lung Disease
Promoting lung health in low- and middle-income countries



Tartu University Hospital



The Norwegian Heart and
Lung Patient Organisation