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Dear << Test First Name >>,

Welcome to the latest TB Modelling and Analysis Consortium ([TB MAC](#)) newsletter, with information for TB modellers, epidemiologists, and decision-makers.

Join us (virtually) for the TB MAC / WHO annual meeting (1-4 October)

Our annual meeting in Istanbul is next week and we have a packed 4 day draft [agenda](#) planned filled with exciting talks and discussions. Although we are unable to offer any more physical places at the meeting, you are invited to dial in to hear the presentations and discussions, as well as, provide input. If you would like to join the meeting remotely, please register to join by sending us an [email](#) stating which sessions/times you would like to join. .

Know someone who would like to attend the TB MAC Introduction to TB Modelling Course at the Union conference? (30 October)

Participants looking for an introduction to the basic structure, assumptions, principles, and concepts of TB modelling, look no further. The TB MAC's Post Graduate course - 'An Introduction to Tuberculosis Modelling' - has been accepted for a seventh consecutive year! The course will take place on Wednesday the 30 October, from 08:00 to 14:00 IST in room MR G.04. Please pass on the details of this course to anyone you think would be interested. We are also able to cover the registration costs for this course for individuals from low and middle income countries. To apply, please email us at tb-mac@lshtm.ac.uk and include your current institution, country, as well as a brief paragraph justifying your interest. Successful applications will be notified on a weekly basis.

Join us at The Union Conference for the TB MAC symposium: Modelling to support ending the emergency: Science, leadership, action. (2 November)

We have pulled together an exciting group of presenters to discuss four key modelling initiatives supporting acceleration

towards ending the emergency, and a policy maker's perspective on the advantages and disadvantages of modelling for country- and global-level TB decision-making. TB MAC's symposium will take place on the 2nd of November, from 14:00 to 15:30 IST in room MR 1.03 & 1.04. Please pass on the details of this Symposium to anyone you think would be interested.

Save the date (1 November) to join members of the TB MAC community for informal drinks at the Union on Friday the 1st of November 18:00 IST. Venue to be confirmed. Please register your interest by filling in your details in this short [form](#).

Lastly, to help you to identify modelling talks at this years conference we have made a **TB MAC Modelling guide to the Union Conference** which can be found at the the following [link](#). The document is fully editable so please add any items you feel are appropriate or may have been overlooked.

Please tell our independent evaluator what you think of TB MAC, by the 31st of October.

TB MAC values feedback from the community. To this end for the past 6 years our independent evaluator -[David Collier](#)- has delivered annual evaluation reports to the steering committee and funders, available [here](#). A key contribution to this work is the views of stakeholders. David is therefore inviting everyone who reads our newsletter to complete [this brief online form](#) with their ratings and any wider comments on TB MAC's achievements and organisation over the last three years. Only David has access to these forms, and he will pass on to the TB MAC steering committee a summary of the main themes emerging from the feedback, not the original comments. The deadline for comments is the end of October.

Recent publications from our community

[Kendall et al](#) simulate implementation of the regimen BPamZ for both RR-TB and for all patients in South Africa.

[Arinaminpathy et al](#) model strengthened TB services, accelerated case finding and a new test for LTBI for 11 countries in the WHO SEAR region.

[Sohn et al](#) evaluate the cost of centralized and decentralized molecular testing for tuberculosis with Xpert MTB/RIF in India.

[Sumner et al](#) assess the impact on TB incidence of a new correlate-of-risk test to target preventive therapy among HIV-uninfected adults in South Africa.

[Radtke et al](#) link country-specific demographic data from 20 high-burden countries to pharmacokinetic, outcome, and epidemiological models.

[Lee et al](#) model the cost-effectiveness of a point-of-care diagnostic for HIV-negative adults with presumptive TB in the public sector in India.

[Knight et al](#) estimate the global burden of latent multidrug-resistant tuberculosis infection.

If you have any recently published TB modelling papers that you would like us to highlight in our future newsletters [email us with details](#)

...more information, [visit our TB MAC website](#).

For more information on TB MAC, or to get involved, please contact any of the [TB MAC Committee](#), visit www.tb-mac.org or email us directly at tb-mac@lshtm.ac.uk.

Best wishes,
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