

## TBNET ACADEMY 2026 FELLOWSHIP SCHOLARSHIPS

3-Day Tuberculosis Academy especially for students, residents, fellows, doctoral students and post-docs (up to 3 years post exam).

A forum for young clinicians and researchers in the field of tuberculosis to exchange ideas and to learn from each other under expert guidance and mentorship.

### The program includes

Keynote lectures on:

- Tuberculosis in Lithuania 2026
- Ending TB in our lifetime
- Effect of war on TB in Europe
- Asymptomatic TB
- Post TB Lung Disease
- Antibiotic Stewardship

Reviews (provided by participants) on:

- TB epidemiology & prevention
- TB diagnostics
- TB treatment
- Child TB
- NTM-diseases

Special features:

- Cases from Lithuania
- Year in review
- Career planning
- Teaching ward round
- Visit to the TB laboratory

## PROGRAM

### Sunday, 31.05.2026

16:00 - 16:30	<b>Registration</b>
16:30 - 16:45	<b>Welcome:</b> <i>R Mereškevičienė, L Vasiliauskaitė</i>
16:45 - 17:15	<b>Keynote lecture I:</b> Tuberculosis in Lithuania 2026 <i>VE Davidavičienė</i>
17:15 - 17:45	<b>Opening lecture:</b> TBnet: Research in collaboration <i>L Kuksa</i>
18:00 -	<b>Discussions and dinner at Restaurant "One for all"</b>

### Monday, 01.06.2026

08:30 - 09:30	<b>State-of-the-art I:</b> <i>Participants</i> TB epidemiology & prevention Mentors: <i>B Lange &amp; M Sester</i>
09:30 - 10:30	<b>Keynote lecture II:</b> Ending TB in our lifetime <i>C Lange &amp; AM Mandalakas</i>
10:30 - 11:00	<b>Coffee break</b>
11:00 - 12:00	<b>State-of-the-art II:</b> <i>Participants</i> TB diagnostics Mentors: <i>L Vasiliauskaitė &amp; F Saluzzo</i>
12:00 - 13:00	<b>Lunch</b>
13:00 - 15:00	<b>TB laboratory visit:</b> <i>L Vasiliauskaitė, S Misiūnaitė, U Barcevičiūtė, F Saluzzo</i>
15:00 - 15:30	<b>Coffee break</b>
15:30 - 16:30	<b>State-of-the-art III:</b> <i>Participants</i> TB treatment Mentors: <i>L Guglielmetti &amp; D Chesov</i>
16:30 - 17:00	<b>Keynote lecture III:</b> Effect of war on TB in Europe <i>Y Terleieva</i>
17:00 - 17:30	<b>A case from Lithuania</b> <i>R Valčiukaitė-Žilinskienė</i> Experts: <i>G Günther, D Chesov &amp; C Tweed</i>
17:30 - 18:00	<b>Year in review:</b> <i>S Tunesi</i>
18:00 -	<b>Discussions and dinner at Restaurant "Senoji trobele"</b>

### Tuesday, 02.06.2026

09:00 - 10:00	<b>State-of-the-art IV:</b> <i>Participants</i> Child TB; Mentors: <i>AM Mandalakas &amp; L Carratalà Castro</i>
10:00 - 10:30	<b>Keynote lecture IV:</b> Asymptomatic TB <i>A García-Basteiro</i>
10:30 - 11:00	<b>Coffee break</b>
11:00 - 12:00	<b>Keynote lecture V:</b> Post TB Lung Disease: <i>G Günther</i>
12:00 - 13:00	<b>Lunch</b>
13:00 - 15:00	<b>Teaching ward round</b> <i>V Vaitkus, K Kėvelaitienė, V Kumpauskaitė, I Čeledinaitė-Paliliūnė</i>
15:00 - 15:30	<b>Coffee break</b>
15:30 - 16:30	<b>State-of-the-art V:</b> <i>Participants</i> NTM-diseases Mentors: <i>R Duarte &amp; C Lange</i>
16:30 - 17:00	<b>A case from Lithuania</b> <i>S Gustaitė</i> Experts: <i>L Kuksa, B Lange &amp; S Tunesi</i> ,
17:00 - 18:00	<b>Keynote lecture VI:</b> Antibiotic Stewardship: <i>T Brehm</i>
18:00 -	<b>Discussions and dinner at restaurant "Brussels Mussels"</b>

### Wednesday, 03.06.2026

09:00 - 09:30	<b>How to plan a research project:</b> <i>D Chesov &amp; M Sester</i>
09:30 - 10:00	<b>How to get funded:</b> <i>A García-Basteiro &amp; AM Mandalakas</i>
10:00 - 10:30	<b>Coffee break</b>
10:30 - 11:00	<b>How to write a manuscript:</b> <i>M Lederman</i>
11:00 - 11:30	<b>How to give a winning presentation:</b> <i>R Duarte &amp; L Guglielmetti</i>
11:30 - 12:00	<b>Networking and communication</b> <i>O Konstantynovska &amp; C Tweed</i>
12:00 - 13:00	<b>Lunch</b>
13:00 - 18:30	<b>TB escape room</b> <i>T Brehm, R Duarte, O Kirakosyan, N Köhler</i>
18:30	<b>Farewell dinner at restaurant „La Boheme"</b>

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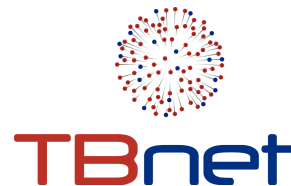
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**TB laboratory visit and teaching ward rounds:**  
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