

TBNET ACADEMY 2025 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 Albania 2025
- Asymptomatic TB
- TB and migration
- How to EndTB
- Post TB Lung Disease

Reviews (provided by participants) on:

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

Special features:

- Cases from University Lung Disease Department, Regional Hospital Center of Tirana
- Year in review
- Career planning
- Teaching ward round
- Visit to the TB laboratory
- UNITE4TB @ Albania

PROGRAM

Sunday, 18.05.2025

16:00–16:30 **Registration**
 16:30– 16:45 **Welcome:** *S Bala*
 16:45– 17:15 **Keynote lecture I:**
 Tuberculosis in Albania 2025
 D Mema
 17:15–17:45 **Opening lecture:**
 TBNET: Research in collaboration
L Kuksa
 18:00 - **Discussions and dinner**

Monday, 19.05.2025

08:30 - 09:30 **State-of-the-art I:** *Participants*
 TB epidemiology & prevention
 Mentors: *O Pedersen & M Sester*
 09:30 - 10:30 **Keynote lecture II:**
 Asymptomatic TB
A Garcia-Basteiro
 10:30 - 11:00 **Coffee break**
 11:00 - 12:00 **State-of-the-art II:** *Participants*
 TB diagnostics
 Mentor: *A Garcia-Basteiro & F Saluzzo*
 12:00 - 13:00 **Lunch**
 13:00 - 15:00 **TB laboratory visit:** *S Tafaj,*
F Saluzzo, L Suraj & B Tafa
 15:00 - 15:30 **Coffee break**
 15:30 - 16:30 **State-of-the-art III:** *Participants*
 TB treatment
 Mentor: *L Guglielmetti & S Tunesi*
 16:30 - 17:00 **Keynote lecture III:**
 TB & migration
A Vasiliu
 17:00 - 17:30 **A case from the University Lung Disease,**
Department, Regional Hospital Center,
Tirana
I Tashi, S Golgota
 Experts: *G Günther, L Kuksa & C Tweed*
 17:30 - 18:00 **Year in review:** *G Bothamley*
 18:00 - **Discussions and dinner**

Tuesday, 20.05.2025

09:00 - 10:00 **State-of-the-art IV:** *Participants*
 Child TB; Mentors:
AM Mandalakas & A Vasiliu
 10:00 - 10:30 **Keynote lecture IV:**
 Antibiotic stewardship in TB:
T Brehm
 10:30 - 11:00 **Coffee break**
 11:00 - 12:00 **Keynote lecture V:**
 How to EndTB
C Lange & AM Mandalakas
 12:00 - 13:00 **Lunch**
 13:00 - 15:00 **Teaching ward round**
L Agolli, A Fico, D Mema, A Mezini & I Tashi
 15:00 - 15:30 **Coffee break**
 15:30 - 16:30 **State-of-the-art V:** *Participants*
 NTM-diseases
 Mentor: *R Duarte & N Lorent*
 16:30 – 17:00 **A case from the University Lung Disease**
Dept., Regional Hospital Center, Tirana
A Mezini, I Tashi
 Experts: *T Brehm, D Chesov & S Tunesi*
 17:00 - 18:00 **Keynote lecture VI:**
 Post TB Lung Disease: *G Günther*
 18:00 - **Discussions and dinner**

Wednesday, 21.05.2025

09:00 - 09:30 **How to plan a research project:**
D Chesov & M Sester
 09:30 - 10:00 **How to get funded:**
A Garcia-Basteiro & AM Mandalakas
 10:00 - 10:30 **Coffee break**
 10:30 - 11:00 **How to write a manuscript:**
M Lederman
 11:00 – 11:30 **How to give a winning presentation:**
R Duarte & A Vasiliu
 11:30 - 12:00 **Networking and communication**
N Lorent & C Tweed
 12:00 - 13:00 **Lunch**
 13:00 - 18:30 **UNITE4TB @ Albania**
R Duarte, A Fico, G Bothamley,
O Kirakosyan & C Sepulcri
 18:30 **Farewell dinner**

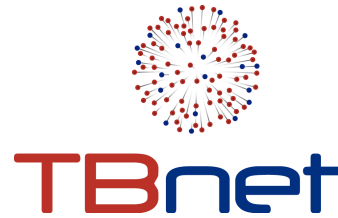
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