

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

Monday, 01.06.2026

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

Tuesday, 02.06.2026

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

Wednesday, 03.06.2026

09:00 - 09:30	How to plan a research project: <i>D Chesov & M Sester</i>
09:30 - 10:00	How to get funded: <i>A García-Basteiro & AM Mandalakas</i>
10:00 - 10:30	Coffee break
10:30 - 11:00	How to write a manuscript: <i>M Lederman</i>
11:00 - 11:30	How to give a winning presentation: <i>R Duarte & L Guglielmetti</i>
11:30 - 12:00	Networking and communication <i>O Konstantynovska & C Tweed</i>
12:00 - 13:00	Lunch
13:00 - 15:30	TB escape room <i>Thomas Brehm, Raquel Duarte, O Kirakosyan</i>
18:30	Farewell dinner

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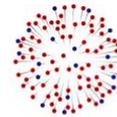
TB laboratory visit and teaching ward rounds:

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