



Seminar on MDR tuberculosis and HIV+TB control among vulnerable populations

Objectives

- To strengthen international and inter-regional co-operation in order to support the work to control MDR tuberculosis and reduce the spread of TB+HIV
- to increase the capacity of key professionals in Barents area and North Western Russia in combat of MDR TB among vulnerable populations

Target group and partners

Experts of the Federal Research Institute for Tuberculosis and Lung diseases, St. Petersburg

Head physicians of Tuberculosis dispensaries in Northwest Russia, especially Barents region

Head physicians of AIDS centres in Northwest Russia, especially Barents region

Authorities and leaders from health care personnel of prisons in the Barents Region

Representatives of Steering committees of the Barents TB Programme and Barents HIV/AIDS Programme

Planned amount of participants: approximately 50.

Challenges and best practices in control of MDR TB and HIV+TB co-infection among vulnerable populations in Barents Region

St. Petersburg, 15 November 2013

Topics in the day (9.00 – 15.00)		
9.00 -9.30	Registration and coffee	
09.30 – 09.50	Opening <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <i>Representative of the Consulate General of Finland</i> - <i>Chair of the NDPHS Expert Group on HIV/AIDS and Associated Infections</i> - <i>Representatives of the Steering committees of the Barents TB and HIV programmes</i> 	
<i>Chairperson of the first part</i>	<i>Prof. Andrej Maryandishev</i>	
9.50- 10.10	Trends in MDR and XDR TB, TB and HIV in the Barents area with special focus on vulnerable populations (HIV infected, iv drug users, prisoners)	Prof. Andrej Maryandishev – the main TB specialist in the Arkhangelsk region
10.10 – 10.30	Trends in TB/HIV co-infections in Northwest Russia	Dr. Vladimir Galkin (tbc)
10.30- 10.50	Coffee break	
10.50 – 11.10	Best practices: Measures to prevent tuberculosis among HIV patients in the penitentiary care in Archangelsk.	Dr. Alexander Smolensky– the main TB specialist of the penitentiary system of the Arkhangelsk region (tbc)
11.10 – 11.30	Continuation of MDR care among released prisoners	Dr. Yuriy Markelov– the main TB specialist of the Karelia republic (tbc)
11.30 -11.50	How, whom and where to screen for TB and HIV among vulnerable populations	Dr. Rauni Ruohonen Finland/Filha
11.50-12.10	Availability of rapid diagnostic methods to detect MDR among vulnerable populations	Sweden or Norway

12.10 - 13.00	Lunch	
<i>Chairperson of the second part</i>	<i>Dr. Zaza Tsereteli</i>	
13.00-13.20	The role of peers in case finding	Norway
13.20- 13.40	Best practices: Guidance for tuberculosis prevention among injecting drug users for community-based organisations	Estonia (TUBIDU)
13.40-14.00	Best practices: The role of Low threshold centres in TB and HIV prevention among drug addicts	Dr. Vjacheslav Zinkevich Murmansk AIDS Centre
14.00-14.20	Experiences in dealing with suspected TB/MDR cases in AIDS centres (infection control)	St. Petersburg AIDS Centre
14.20-14.40	Proposal for presentation will be asked from Komi Republic	Komi Republic
14.40-15.00	Closing seremony	