

**2017 - WMLN ANNUAL  
CONFERENCE  
WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 8, 2017**

**Program:**

The Wisconsin Mycobacteriology Laboratory Network (WMLN) was formed to ensure consistent, high-quality laboratory services in support of the prevention and control of tuberculosis. The annual conference is a forum for participants to share information and discuss issues related to maintaining state-wide excellence in mycobacteriology testing. Topics of discussion will include a WI TB Program update and Global TB perspective, Infection Control, overview of Mycobacterium bovis BCG, quality assurance in the mycobacteriology laboratory and case studies.

**Target Audience:**

This workshop is intended for laboratory professionals currently performing mycobacteria culture or identification. It is also intended for public health personnel involved in mycobacteria case management or mycobacteria prevention efforts.

**Special Needs:**

In compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), individuals requiring special accommodations must notify the program coordinator no later than one month prior to the workshop date.

**Fee:**

This conference is offered at no charge; lunch, morning break and afternoon break will be provided.

**Speakers:**

**Allen Bateman, PhD, D(ABMM)**, Assistant Director, Communicable Disease Division, WSLH

**Donald Busalacchi, BS**, Microbiologist, Mycobacteriology Laboratory, Communicable Disease Division, WSLH

**Youngmi Kim, MS, M(ASCP)** Senior Microbiologist, Mycobacteriology Laboratory, Communicable Disease Division, WSLH

**Kate Louther, RN, MS** Public Health Supervisor, Public Health Madison and Dane County

**Alana Sterkel, PhD, SM(ASCP)**, Assistant Director, Communicable Disease Division, WSLH

**Julie Tans-Kersten, MS, BS, MT(ASCP)**, Supervisor, Community and Healthcare Infection Prevention Unit, Wisconsin Tuberculosis Program, Wisconsin Division of Public Health

**David Warshauer, PhD, D(ABMM)**, Deputy Director, Communicable Disease Division, WSLH

**Philip Wegner, RN, MPH** TB Nurse Consultant, Wisconsin Tuberculosis Program, Wisconsin Division of Public Health

**John Wilson, MD**, Associate Professor of Medicine, Mayo Clinic Division of Infectious Diseases

**Tentative Agenda:**

**8:00 AM –Registration and Refreshments**

**8:30 AM –Welcome**  
Laura Louison

**8:45 AM - WI TB Program Update**  
Julie Tans-Kersten

**9:15 AM – Global TB Perspective**  
Philip Wegner

**9:45 AM – Break**

**10:00 AM – Infection Control**  
Kate Louther

**10:30 AM – Mycobacterium bovis BCG**  
John Wilson

**11:30 AM – GeneXpert MTB-RIF rollout in South Africa**  
Allen Bateman

**12:00 PM–Lunch**

**1:00 PM –Case Study**  
Alana Sterkel

**1:40 PM – Quality Assurance for the Mycobacteriology laboratory**  
David Warshauer

**2:25 PM – Break**

**2:40 PM – Case Study**  
Youngmi Kim

**3:00 PM – Case Study**  
Don Busalacchi

**3:20 PM – Final Thoughts**  
Laura Louison

**3:30 PM - Adjourn**



## REGISTRATION

### To Register:

Complete the brochure registration form below & email to: [laura.louison@slh.wisc.edu](mailto:laura.louison@slh.wisc.edu) or fax to: 844-390-6233

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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Organization: \_\_\_\_\_

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City: \_\_\_\_\_

Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Yes, I will participate in the WSLH-sponsored lunch

List any dietary restrictions: \_\_\_\_\_

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**Registration Deadline:  
November 1, 2017**

## DIRECTIONS

### From Milwaukee and Southeast Wisconsin

- Take exit for 90/94 towards Wisconsin Dells.
- Take exit 135A from 90/94. This is 151 South (E. Washington Ave.)
- Travel south on East Washington Ave. for 0.8 miles.
- Turn right on Independence Lane.
- Turn right into the Crowne Plaza parking lot.

### From Fond du Lac, Fox Cities, and Northeast Wisconsin

- 151 South becomes E. Washington Ave. (in Madison).
- After driving under 90/94, travel south on East Washington Avenue for 0.8 miles.
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### From North and Northwest Wisconsin (Marshfield, Eau Claire, Wisconsin Rapids, La Crosse)

- Take exit 135A from 90/94. This is 151 South (E. Washington Ave.)
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### From Janesville and Beloit

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### Questions?

Please call Laura Louison at (608) 224-4265 or email: [laura.louison@slh.wisc.edu](mailto:laura.louison@slh.wisc.edu)

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**Wednesday, November 8, 2017**  
8:00 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.

Crowne Plaza  
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Madison, WI 53704  
(608) 244-4703

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