Target Audience
Up to 200 established and training doctors, infectious diseases physicians, clinical microbiologists, allied healthcare and scientists with an interest in tuberculosis and other mycobacterial diseases.

Faculty Members
Sylvie Alonso, Singapore
Sophia Archuleta, Singapore
Emmanuelle Cambau, Paris, France
Cynthia Chee, Singapore
Alex Cook, Singapore
Jon Friedland, London, United Kingdom
Deila Goletti, Rome, Italy
Li Yang Hsu, Singapore
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Vernon Lee, Singapore
Yee Sin Leo, Singapore
David Lye, Singapore
Laura Nellums, London, United Kingdom
Catherine Ong, Singapore
Rick Ong, Singapore
Nick Paton, Singapore
Kevin Pette, Singapore
Chew Swine Swee, Singapore
Amit Singhal, Singapore
Li Hwei Sng, Singapore
Paul Tambiyah, Singapore
Guy Thwaites, Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam
Reinout Van Crevel, Nijmegen, Netherlands
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Organisers
• ESCMID Study Group for Mycobacterial Infections (ESGMYC)
• Society of Infectious Disease (Singapore)

Course Coordinators
• Jon S Friedland, London, United Kingdom
• Delia Goletti, Rome, Italy
• David Lye, Singapore
• Catherine Ong, Singapore
• Paul Tambiyah, Singapore

Course Objective
The aims of the course is to provide an educational update on the topic of tuberculosis and to a lesser extent other mycobacterial infections in South-East Asia. Tuberculosis remains the infectious disease with the single greatest mortality worldwide and the majority of cases are in Asia. 

The specific education aims are:
• To provide an update on the latest thinking in the management, diagnosis and treatment of tuberculosis.
• To introduce aspects of the immune response to tuberculosis as relevant to the potential development of new diagnostics and host directed therapies.
• To outline recent developments in the management of non-tuberculous mycobacteria commonly found in South-East Asia.
Course Programme

Thursday, 26 September 2019

13:00 Registration
13:20 Opening Remarks

Session 1: The Epidemiology of TB
Chair: Jon S Friedland
13:30 Epidemiology of TB in Singapore and TB control efforts. Vernon Lee
14:00 The Global and Regional experiences and the End TB Strategy. Touhidul Islam
14:30 TB and migration. Laura Nellums
15:00 TB Biomarkers. Delia Goletti
15:30 Refreshment break

Session 2: Pathology of tuberculosis
Chair: Catherine Ong
16:00 Host immune defence in tuberculosis, a clinical perspective. Reinout van Crevel
16:40 Physiology and pathology of TB. Jon S Friedland
17:30 Question-and-Answer Session, light refreshments and networking

Friday, 27 September 2019

Session 3: Diagnosing Tuberculosis
Chair: Sophia Archuleta
09:00 Understanding the use of interferon assays. Delia Goletti
09:30 The role of the microbiology laboratory. Emmanuelle Cambau
10:00 Refreshment break

Session 4, Part 1: Treating TB and delivering care
Chair: Tim Wen Yeo
10:30 Whole Genome Sequencing in TB. Li Yang Hsu, Rick Ong
11:00 Public health and social aspects of TB management. Alex Cook
11:30 Lunch break, poster judging

Session 4, Part 2: Treating TB and delivering care
Chair: Emmanuelle Cambau
12:30 Managing drug-resistant TB. Cynthia Chee
13:00 Extra-pulmonary TB. David Lye
13:30 CNS-TB. Guy Thwaites

Session 5: Update on the cutting edge of TB science
Chair: Sylvie Alonso
14:00 Clinical trials in TB. Nick Petton
14:20 Host-directed therapy in TB. Amit Singhal
14:40 New kids on the block. Kevin Pethe
15:00 Refreshment break

Session 6: Complex patients: Case-based discussions
Chair: Delia Goletti
15:30 TB and HIV. Yee Sin Leo
16:00 TB and DM. Reinout Van Crevel
16:30 Managing TB in the immunocompromised. Catherine Ong
17:00 Challenging TB cases in Asia. Guy Thwaites

Saturday, 28 September 2019

Session 7: Debate
Chair: David Lye
09:00 Topic – The focus in TB must be on research in diagnostics and treatment, not social aspects of the disease. Proposed by Paul Tambayoh
10:00 Opposed by Laura Nellums

Session 8: Non-tuberculous mycobacteria
Chair: Paul Tambayoh
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12:00 Closing remarks, poster prize presentation, lunch and future planning

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