



Tuberculosis Research Advancement Center
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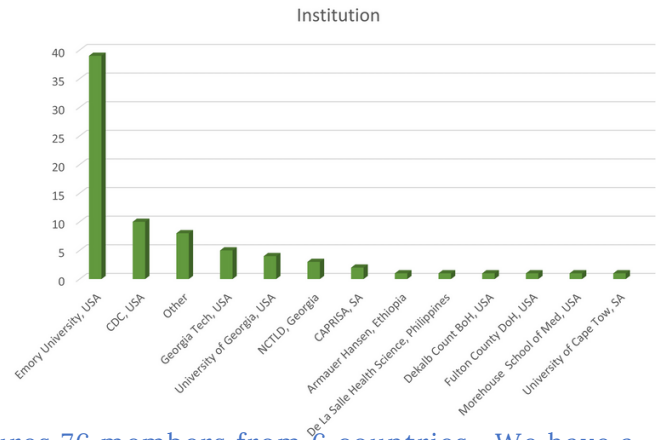
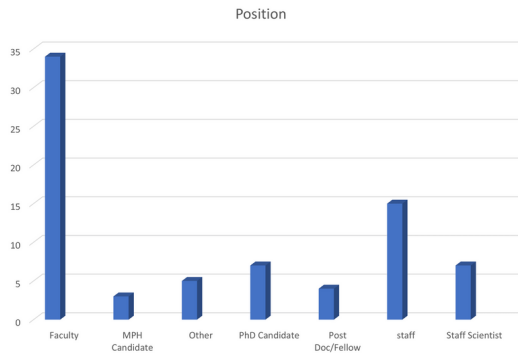
World TB Day Events

World TB Week 2023 was a great success thanks to all of you who participated! We were delighted to host Dr. Susan Dorman of MUSC to give the keynote address "Phthisis 2023: Reasons for Optimism about TB Control," as well as a highly attended cooperative session with the Seattle TRAC on research projects from both centers. Our events reached a wide variety of audiences; from physician-scientists who attended the TB Vaccines update (given as part of the ID Seminar), to MPH students who participated in the "Careers in TB" lunchtime panel (which included panelists from our partners in the country of Georgia!). We even awarded the inaugural Sputum Cup trophy for TB Trivia to The Gene X-perts.



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Membership Stats



The TRAC membership survey currently captures 76 members from 6 countries. We have a wide variety of members, from Faculty and MPH students, to staff and country directors.

The survey is used to identify potential areas of collaboration and expertise, as well as track our membership metrics for the annual reports to the NIH. If you have not yet filled out your survey we encourage you to do so [HERE](#).

Upcoming Presentations

TB Works In Progress : Updates from Kyrgyzstan

Friday April 21, 2023 9:00am



Dr. Abdullaat Kadyrov and Dr. Gulmira Kalmambetova of the National TB Program of Kyrgyzstan will be presenting on their work and research in-country and what areas are available for potential collaborations. Online only.

[Add to calendar](#)

Visiting Speaker: Dr. Chetan Seshadri

Monday May 15, 2023 4:00pm CNR 1000



The Basic and Translational Science Core is pleased to host their first Visiting Speaker for the Emory/Georgia TRAC, Dr. Chetan Seshadri of the University of Washington. Dr. Seshadri is a PI of the Seattle TRAC (SeaTRAC) and will be presenting on Monday May 15, 2023. This will be the Emory/Georgia TRAC's second collaboration with SeaTRAC following a successful joint session on World TB Day.



NOA: The first TRAC Opportunity Award goes to Dr. Ankita Garg of UGA



The first ever Emory/Georgia TRAC Opportunity award was given to Dr. Garg of UGA to complete a project studying the regulation of primary macrophage metabolic pathways in response to *M. tuberculosis* infection. The goal of the Accelerator Awards is to efficiently provide small amounts of funding to fill key funding gaps for targeted specific needs, and overcome barriers for critical research. Dr. Garg's request for \$3k will be used to fund "-omic" analysis of her work via the BISB Core. More information on the accelerator program, as well as how to apply, can be found [HERE](#).

TRAColades



Congratulations to **Dr. Kogie Naidoo**, deputy director of the Centre for the AIDS Programme of Research in South Africa (CAPRISA) who was profiled in The Lancet Respiratory Medicine for her work on HIV and TB in her home country of South Africa. Read the full profile [HERE](#).

The TRAC would like to give a hearty congratulations and "Bon Voyage" to TB Research Coordinator **Jenna Daniels, MPH** and TB Business Manager **Meghan Franczek, MPH**. Meghan will be attending Case Western Reserve's MSc in Anesthesia in May and Jenna has been accepted to multiple medical school programs (including Emory!) and will be deciding in the coming weeks. Thank you for all your hard work with the TB program!



Dr. Prashant Bajpai has been selected as an AIDS Vaccine 200 (AV200) Fellow for 2023/2024. This award is bestowed by Action Cycling Atlanta, a community cycle group who raise money for AIDS research on behalf of the Emory Vaccine center, and totals \$30k to be used towards HIV and TB research.

The Society for Epidemiologic Research (SER) has announced its annual award winners. The Roger Detels Distinguished Researcher in Infectious Diseases Epidemiology award recipients this year are **Dr. Neel Gandhi** and **Dr. Sarita Shah**, who were jointly nominated for their work in TB prevention and control. Awards will be presented at the annual meeting in Portland, Oregon, June 13-16.



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Bulletin Board

REGISTRATION FOR THE NATIONAL TB CONFERENCE IN ATLANTA GEORGIA IS NOW OPEN. THE 2023 THEME IS PARTNERSHIP, INNOVATION AND EQUITY. ([Learn More](#))



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Recent Publications

Day CL, Willis F, Staitieh B, Campbell A, Martinson N, Gandhi NR, Auld SC. [Mycobacterium tuberculosis-specific cytokine responses according to HIV status among household contacts of people with TB](#). Tuberculosis. 2023 Mar 1;139:102328.

Sadowski C, Belknap R, Holland DP, Moro RN, Chen MP, Wright A, Millet JP, Cayla JA, Scott NA, Borisov A, Gandhi NR. [Symptoms and Systemic Drug Reactions in Persons Receiving Weekly Rifapentine Plus Isoniazid \(3HP\) Treatment for Latent Tuberculosis Infection](#). Clin Infect Dis. 2023 Feb 23:ciad083. doi: 10.1093/cid/ciad083. Epub ahead of print. PMID: 36815322.

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