15th National Conference on

Laboratory Aspects of Tuberculosis

June 22–23, 2027 | Atlanta, GA

APHL

Request for Session Proposals

NEW Deadline: Monday, November 30, 2026

APHL members are invited to submit proposals for the 15th National Conference on Laboratory Aspects of Tuberculosis.

The conference usually consists of 6–8 plenary sessions, a keynote address, case studies, roundtables, survivor stories, posters and exhibits. Tentatively there will be 4 open plenary session slots.

Those attending typically include individuals from public health laboratories, clinical or commercial laboratories and industry partners who wish to discuss issues relevant to laboratory, programmatic and clinical aspects of Tuberculosis testing.

Topics of Interest

Submitters are encouraged to focus on new knowledge, problems and solutions, and data. Topics of interest include (but are not limited to):

- Evaluation or comparison of new methods, approaches and algorithms to improve laboratory efficiency for diagnosis or surveillance
- Continuity of operations planning (particularly as it relates to supply chain disruptions and laboratory moves/renovations)
- Jurisdictional partnerships (regional networks, laboratory-program, working with the TB Centers of Excellence, private-public laboratory partnerships)
- Successful education/outreach
- Workforce development/retention
- Biosafety considerations
- Quality assurance

Session Formats

Plenary Session Proposals should be targeted to the majority of participants and include diverse perspectives where applicable. Roundtable Proposals should be guided discussions on specific topics. Minimal AV will be supplied (flipcharts, printouts and microphones).

- Plenary sessions are 60–90 minutes
- Sessions generally have a moderator and 2–3 speakers
- Panel discussions or other interactive/informational sessions addressing a specific issue or topic may be appropriate
- We strongly encourage sessions to include evidence-based science and participant engagement

Proposal Requirements

1. Submitter contact information
2. Session proposal type (plenary or roundtable)
3. Session proposal name
4. Description of session content
5. Description of session relevance
6. Session objectives 1–3
7. Suggested speakers' names

Submission Instructions

Proposals should be submitted to infectious.diseases@aphl.org by November 30. Submitters will be notified of decisions regarding their proposals.

Proposal Selection Process

The APHL TB Conference Planning Committee will determine the plenary and roundtable sessions, choosing from member submissions and planning committee-generated proposals.

Direct questions to infectious.diseases@aphl.org.

Poster abstracts will be solicited at a later date.