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Media Advisory

Breaking news on COVID-19 rapid testing v laboratory-based testing and impact of the novel coronavirus on pregnancy to be released today at the Official Scientific Press Conference of the [51st Union World Conference on Lung Health](#)

3rd day of conference marked by Special Session assessing the COVID-19 responses of South Africa, UK, Australia, New Zealand, Brazil Senegal and Turkey

Thursday, 22nd October 2020

What: 51ST WCOLH Official Press Conference: *COVID-19 Scientific Highlights*

Who:

Grania Brigden, Director, TB Department, (The Union), Switzerland (Chair)

Jilian Sacks, Senior Scientific Officer, Pandemic Preparedness, Foundation for Innovative New Diagnostics (FIND), Switzerland
Comparative evaluation of the clinical accuracy of SARS-CoV-2 serological rapid diagnostic tests (RDTs) and manual ELISAs

Marco Tovar, Medical Director, Partners in Health, Peru
Tuberculosis and COVID-19 Co-infection among people with cough screened during the active case finding of COVID-19 in community with a high prevalence of tuberculosis

Kristina Adams Waldorf, Professor of Obstetrics and Gynaecology, University of Washington, U.S.
Pathogenesis and immunology of COVID-19 in pregnant women (Symposia)

Malavika Prabhu, Assistant Professor of Obstetrics and Gynaecology, Weill Cornell Medicine, U.S.
Pregnancy and Postpartum Outcomes of COVID-19 in New York City: A Multi-centre Prospective Cohort Study (Symposia)

When: 08:00 EST/14:00 CEST

What: Special Session 2: *COVID-19: Different strokes*

Linda Gail-Bekker, Chief Operating Officer & Deputy Director, Desmond Tutu Health Center, South Africa (moderator)

Abdoulaye Bousso, Director Health Emergency Operation Center, Senegal

Glenda Gray, President, South Africa Medical Research Council, South Africa

Jodie MacVernon, Professor and Director of Doherty Epidemiology, The Doherty Institute for Infection and Immunity, Australia

Kayihan Pala, Professor of Public Health, Uludag University Bursa, Member – COVID-19 Steering Committee of Turkish Medical Association, Turkey

Guilherme Werneck, Professor, Epidemiology, Rio de Janeiro State University, Brazil

Ayesha Verrall, Infectious diseases physician, TB researcher and COVID-19 adviser, Labour Party Candidate & Senior Lecturer, University of Otago, Wellington, New Zealand

Robin Gorna, Women's Rights, Human Rights, HIV/AIDS Activist, UK

When: EST 09:00-10:30 /CEST 15:00-16:30

Attendance at the Official Opening Press Conference (is strictly limited to accredited media only.

[Media registration](#) is open and free to all accredited media representatives.

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Full Union Conference Programme available [here](#).

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