

August 2007 Newsletter



In Memoriam, Dr. George Comstock

We note with sadness the death of Dr. George Wills Comstock on July 15th, 2007, at the age of 92. Dr. Comstock was an eminent leader in tuberculosis research, leading groundbreaking studies of isoniazid preventive therapy in Alaska in the 1950s-1960s, BCG vaccination, and multiple other topics. He provided inspiration and encouragement to all of the CREATE investigators and participated in the development of our scientific agenda from the very earliest days of the Consortium. We will miss his high standards and intellectual clarity, as well as his generous spirit and kind demeanor.

Please follow this link to a [Full Obituary](#), and join us in remembering a great and honorable man.

\$4.4 Million Award for TB/HIV Policy and Advocacy

CREATE has been awarded \$4.4 million in supplemental funding from the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation to enhance and expand its activities in evidence-based advocacy for global policy transformation.

CREATE and its partners, including the World Health Organization (WHO), will expand efforts to ensure the translation of study results into national and global health policy. Please click [here](#) to read the full press release.

CREATE DSMB Meets

Annecy, 2007

The CREATE Data Safety and Monitoring Board (DSMB) met in Annecy, France, on June 14, 2007. The DSMB is chaired by Dr. Philip

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Hopewell of the University of California, San Francisco; additional members are Drs. Andrew Nunn, of the British Medical Research Council, Karin Weyer of the South African Medical Research Council, and Francisco Bastos of Fiocruz in Rio de Janeiro. The DSMB is charged with overseeing the integrity and safety of the CREATE studies and meets annually to assess progress.

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TB Art Exhibition

Photography exhibit travels the globe

A welcome addition to the CREATE portfolio, photographer Damien Schumann has been working with the Desmond Tutu Center for Tuberculosis Research to develop a visual presentation of the plight of TB patients living in a South African township.

The exhibit has been featured at the International Union Against TB and Lung Disease annual conference and most

Linda Watkinson retired at the end of June after a 25 year career at Johns Hopkins. For the past 3 years she has served as the Manager of Education and Training Services for CREATE. Her energy and commitment to education will be greatly missed.

IAS Sydney 2007



CREATE at IAS

CREATE was an active presence at the 4th International AIDS Society Conference on HIV Pathogenesis, Treatment and Prevention from July 23rd - 26th in Sydney, Australia. CREATE co-sponsored an HIV-related TB pre-conference symposium in conjunction with the Forum for Collaborative HIV Research, the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation, Agence Nationale de Recherches sur le Sida, Tibotec and others. A new direction for incorporating research networks in to the global agenda for TB-HIV co-infection was discussed, as well as the need for more advocacy efforts in this field.

Kaiser Network is broadcasting portions of the conference at

[Kaiser IAS Broadcast](#) and read more in a special edition of the [Stop TB Partnership TB/HIV Update](#).

Modeling Project

CREATE has received a \$1 million, 4-year award from the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation to conduct mathematical modeling of public health interventions for the control of HIV-related TB. The project, led by Dr. Elizabeth Corbett of the London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine, will develop mathematical models of TB/HIV transmission and disease to allow exploration and projection of the relative impact of different control strategies being studied through

recently at the IAS conference in Sydney. Click [here](#) to visit this talented artist's website.

Dr. Elizabeth Corbett,
Director of the CREATE
Modeling Project

CREATE, as well as those already being promoted by the World Health Organization. Prototype models will be tested against interim trial data, allowing timely testing of important generalizations and assumptions. Problem areas and parameters to which model predictions are sensitive will be subject to targeted epidemiological research. The fitted models will be used to evaluate the projected effectiveness of the interventions in populations with differing TB/HIV epidemic characteristics, in order to maximize the value of the CREATE trial results to policy-makers.

Dr. Corbett, an internationally renowned TB/HIV expert and long-time CREATE collaborator, will join the Executive Committee of CREATE in her role as Principal Investigator of this major new undertaking.

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