WHO WE ARE
The Union is an international scientific Institute strong in technical assistance, operational research and education, addressing the challenges of tuberculosis, HIV/AIDS, tobacco control and related issues in low- and middle-income countries.

The Union is also a Federation of more than 15,000 members and subscribers in 152 countries committed to the same vision: health solutions for the poor.

WHAT WE DO
The Union developed the DOTS TB control model adopted by the WHO, which has been used to treat more than 56 million people since 1995. Today this Union model is also used to manage TB-HIV, TB-diabetes, asthma, child pneumonia, child TB and other health challenges.

RECENT HIGHLIGHTS
• 12 countries in Africa and Asia are testing a shortened MDR-TB regimen through clinical trials and operational research with Union support.

• Marginalised populations in 300 districts across 21 Indian states have improved access and better quality TB services through Project Axshya, a civil society initiative to improve TB control.

• Close to 20,000 people with HIV receive antiretroviral therapy through the IHC programme in Myanmar.

• 565 tobacco control projects in 66 countries, co-managed by The Union as a partner in the Bloomberg Initiative to Reduce Tobacco Use, have led to 34 countries implementing national smokefree legislation and more.

• Operational research activities led to 118 publications in peer-reviewed journals.
journals in 2013 producing important changes in policy and practice.

- **100 courses** build capacity in TB and MDR-TB, operational research, HIV/AIDS, tobacco control, child lung health, management and other essential areas.

- **The Union World Conference on Lung Health** is the most important TB conference and the largest to focus on lung health in low- and middle-income countries.

- In addition, The Union publishes **two peer-reviewed scientific journals**, as well as guides and other resources.

**WHERE WE WORK**

The Union Institute serves **more than 100 countries** each year through a multidisciplinary team of 359 staff and consultants based in Paris and 11 offices in the Africa, Asia Pacific, Europe, Latin America, North America and South-East Asia regions. Members of The Union are at work in 152 countries advancing our common cause.

**JOIN THE MOVEMENT**

Joining The Union is about joining a movement that inspires and motivates you to carry on making a difference for people who are largely neglected.

- **Prof S Bertel Squire BSC, MB Chir, MD (Research), FRCP**
  Liverpool School of Tropical Medicine, United Kingdom

...at www.theunion.org
Make an impact on global health

As part of The Union, you will advance your knowledge, build international contacts and gain experience in research and other skills.

OPPORTUNITIES FOR ORGANISATIONS AND INDIVIDUALS

A wide variety of organisations and individuals join The Union to become involved in its activities on behalf of global health and take advantage of the professional opportunities that membership offers. Individual membership is also open to any interested person who wishes to support our mission.

MAKE CONNECTIONS

As a Union member, I have made connections with people who are helping me grow my research.

Dr Adrian Gardner
Indiana University School of Medicine, USA

CONTRIBUTE MORE

PTSI is more than 100 years old, so we joined The Union early on. The benefits have been that our people have gained expertise in conducting projects; we have access to excellent resources; and, as part of the greater Union, we are able to contribute more.

Prof Camilo Roa
The Philippine Tuberculosis Society, Inc (PTSI), The Philippines
through The Union

UNITING BY EXPERTISE

Union members with common professional interests conduct research, develop publications, offer training and plan other joint activities through The Union’s scientific sections and working groups. The sections and working groups define their own projects, but both play an integral role in developing the scientific programme for each year’s Union World Conference on Lung Health.

UNITING BY REGION

The Union members also collaborate by region to address lung disease and related challenges by organising region conferences and other activities, such as advocacy events, workshops and newsletters. The Union region conferences highlight local research and successful solutions, and play an important role in building regional networks and expertise. Regional perspectives also contribute to the whole Union’s deep understanding of local issues.

RECENT MEMBER PROJECTS

- TB in prisons: analysis and recommendations
- TB and migration: analysis and recommendations
- TB laboratory GLI step-wise process tool
- Oxygen therapy resource kit
- Toolkit for preventing tobacco industry interference
- TB-HIV late-breaker session at the World Conference
- Region conferences in North America and South-East Asia

WORK TOGETHER TO DO BETTER

Our Africa Region Conferences create an opportunity for stakeholders and donors to interact with African people and discuss how we can do better and get additional support for TB and HIV/AIDS.

Dr Cuthbert Kanene
Zambia Southern Regional Office,
US Centers for Disease Control, Zambia
The support of organisations and individuals plays a critical role in funding the core activities for which The Union has been widely known for nearly 100 years: conferences, courses, research and publications. The benefits to members include a wide variety of professional resources and opportunities.

**CATEGORIES OF UNION MEMBERSHIP**

Membership fees for both organisations and individuals are offered on a sliding scale. Details are available at www.theunion.org or by writing to membership@theunion.org.

**ORGANISATIONS**

**Constituent member (CM)**

Constituent members form the leadership of The Union. Each country is represented by one constituent member organisation that plays an influential role in decision-making and helps shape both The Union’s agenda and the global agenda for public health.

**Organisational member (OM)**

Any non-profit organisation with compatible goals may apply to become an organisational member of The Union. These members also play an active role in shaping Union priorities and contribute significant support to its activities. There is no limit to the number of OMs from any one country that may join. Corporations and other profit-making groups are invited to learn about our corporate partners programme at www.theunion.org.

**Associate organisational member (AOM)**

The associate organisational member category invites the broader participation of organisations in low-income countries. Associate organisational membership is only open to organisations joining for the first time.
**MEMBER BENEFITS**

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- **MO**: individual member: online
- **ST**: student member
- **FY**: 15-year member
- **BM**: benefactor member

**INDIVIDUALS**

Any individual working in or interested in public health may join The Union. Those who engage in Union scientific and regional activities find the networking and collaboration provide significant opportunities for personal professional growth, as well as to contribute to our common cause. Others may join simply to become part of a movement that has had a vital impact on public health for nearly a century.

**Individual member**: Print/online (ID)
Receive print version of *International Journal of TB and Lung Disease* and the online IJTLD and *Public Health Action* (PHA).

**Individual member**: Online (MO)
Receive the online IJTLD and PHA.

**Student member (ST)**
First-time Union members who are in training and under the age of 35.

**15-year member (FY)**
Members who make a long-term commitment by joining for 15 years.

**Benefactor member (BM)**
Members who make a donation beyond their membership fee (tax-deductible in some countries).

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Please note:
Union memberships are valid for a calendar year from 1 January through 31 December.

...at www.theunion.org
Join The Union in its work around the world

I am always inspired by knowing that each day, as I do my research, care for my patients and teach my students, other Union members committed to the same mission are at work around the world.

Dr E Jane Carter
Brown University, USA