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Dear Dr Berdzuli,

**Subregional Training of Technicians/Engineers for
TB Laboratory Biosafety Cabinet (BSC) Maintenance
Tbilisi, Georgia, 29 August – 7 September 2017**

We are pleased to inform you that a subregional training for TB laboratory biosafety cabinet (BSC) maintenance will be organized by the WHO Regional Office for Europe in Tbilisi, Georgia, on 29 August – 7 September 2017. The participating countries will be Azerbaijan, Georgia and Ukraine with a maximum of two participants per country.

The objective of this training is to increase national and regional capacity in BSC maintenance. The regular maintenance and certification of BSCs is essential for ensuring the safety of laboratory workers and the accuracy of laboratory results.

The participants are expected to have the responsibility of assessing and maintaining BSCs currently or in the future. The training will provide an opportunity to better serve laboratory maintenance needs as well as improving sustainability and cost efficiency.

We have the pleasure of inviting you to nominate two participants who would best meet the following requirements:

- Laboratory equipment technician or engineer with work experience related to laboratory maintenance of BSCs and/or ventilation systems;
- Basic understanding of general physics as well as variables such as air speed, flow rate, current, voltage, resistance etc.;
- Ability and commitment to work on the maintenance of BSCs in their respective country and beyond in the future;
- Competency in English and/or Russian (simultaneous translation and interpretation will be provided);
- Availability to undertake the mentioned training during the proposed time period

Travel and training-related costs will be covered by the WHO Regional Office for Europe.

We would be grateful if you could kindly forward the full name, contact details (address and e-mail) of your proposed candidates to Dr Masoud Dara, Coordinator, Communicable Diseases and Programme Manager, Tuberculosis, HIV and viral Hepatitis (eurotb@who.int) **by 28 July 2017**.

Yours sincerely,



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