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Historic Saranac Lake Continues “History Matters” Series with Lecture by Dr. Ian Orme

Saranac Lake, NY — Historic Saranac Lake invites the public to “Tuberculosis – now the world’s number one killer,” a lecture presented by Dr. Ian Orme on Thursday, July 28 at 7:00PM in the John Black Room of the Saranac Laboratory Museum. This presentation is a continuation of HSL’s ongoing “History Matters” lecture series.

Dr. Orme is professor of Microbiology, Immunology, and Pathology at Colorado State University and one of just seventeen CSU faculty members to currently hold the title of University Distinguished Professor. An internationally known tuberculosis researcher with more than 300 publications on the topic, Dr. Orme became involved in the field while training as a postdoctoral fellow at the Trudeau Institute from 1981 to 1986.

Tuberculosis has long shaped Saranac Lake’s identity, beginning with the pioneering medical and scientific work of Dr. Edward Livingston Trudeau. Although the advent of effective antibiotic treatments in the 1950s spelled the end of the “TB era” in Saranac Lake, the disease is far from eradicated. Tuberculosis remains an epidemic in much of the world, causing the deaths of several million people each year, mostly in developing countries.

According to the Stop TB Partnership, 9.6 million people become ill with tuberculosis and more than 1.5 million people die from the disease every year. The lives lost to tuberculosis in a single day are equivalent to 15 jetliner crashes in a single day.

The Saranac Laboratory Museum is located at 89 Church Street in Saranac Lake. Dr. Orme’s presentation is free of charge and open to the public. Light refreshments will be served.

To learn more about upcoming events in the “History Matters” series, contact Historic Saranac Lake at 518-891-4606, email mail@historicsaranaclake.org, or visit www.historicsaranaclake.org.

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About Historic Saranac Lake

Founded in 1980, Historic Saranac Lake is a not-for-profit architectural preservation organization that captures and presents local history from their center at the Saranac Laboratory Museum. The Saranac Laboratory was the first lab built in the U.S. for researching tuberculosis. Historic Saranac Lake painstakingly restored the building and opened it as a museum in 2009 with exhibits on scientific research and patient care. The Saranac Laboratory Museum is open Tuesday-Saturday from 10-4.

Photo: Dr. Ian Orme

