

HONOURS AND AWARDS

Bavesh Kana wins MRC Career Development Award and Wits Friedel Sellschop Award

Team member Dr. Bavesh Kana was granted an MRC Career Development Award for 2009-2010 which includes salary support and research funding for his work on resuscitation factors in *Mycobacterium tuberculosis*. This was one of four such awards made by the MRC nationally. Dr. Kana presented a talk on his work at the MRC in Cape Town, where his research was chosen by the organizers for profiling on the MRC website. Dr. Kana also recently received the Friedel Sellschop Award– the premier award for young researchers at Wits – which will allow him to access further funds through the University Research Council.



Bavesh Kana (right) presenting his work at a gathering of MRC Career Development Awardees at the MRC headquarters in Parow

Awards to Wits node students

Doctoral student Atica Moosa was awarded second prize in the Science Faculty Oral Presentation category at the 2nd Postgraduate Cross-Faculty Symposium, held at Wits University on 20-21 October 2009.

Dr. Cliff Magwira has been awarded a Global Infectious Diseases Research Training Program fellowship that will allow him to undertake short-term training in the laboratory of Dr. Petros Karakousis at Johns Hopkins University. He plans to take up this fellowship in early 2010.

Drug discovery research grant

Valerie Mizrahi and postdoctoral fellow, Garth Abrahams, were awarded a supplementary grant from the Seattle Biomedical Research Institute. This grant will further support their ongoing work on the development of new tools for drug discovery carried out under the auspices of the *Integrated Methods for Tuberculosis Drug Discovery* program, which is funded by a grant from the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation.