

CONFERENCE PARTICIPATION

CBTBR well represented at conferences in the first half of 2009

Valerie Mizrahi presented a plenary lecture at the ESF Europe-Africa Frontier Research Conference on Infectious Diseases: From Basic to Translational Research, held in Stellenbosch from 4-9 April, 2009. At the same conference SU node researchers Eileen Hoal presented a talk and Novel Chegou and Suereta Fortuin presented posters.

Valerie Mizrahi was invited to serve as joint Guest Editor of a special issue of *FEMS Immunology & Medical Microbiology* on Neglected Tropical Diseases which will feature contributions from participants at this conference. Valerie also presented a plenary lecture at the 109th General Meeting of the American Society for Microbiology held in Philadelphia from 18-22 May.

Doctoral student Bintou Ahmadou Ahidjo from the Wits node was selected as an ASM trainee and awarded a Global Health Fellowship to attend this conference. From the SU node Nico Gey van Pittius presented an invited talk at the 109th General Meeting of the American Society for Microbiology (ASM) held in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, USA. Novel Chegou presented a talk at the 2nd Global Symposium on Interferon Gamma Release Assays in Dubrovnik, Croatia, that was held on 30 May-01 June 2009. Sven Parsons presented a poster at the International Meeting on Emerging Diseases, held in Vienna, Austria on 13-16 February 2009.

The CBTBR was well represented at the MRC TB Colloquium that was held in Cape Town on June 3-4, 2009. From the Wits node Bavesh Kana and Digby Warner presented talks, Valerie Mizrahi and Bhavna Gordhan chaired sessions and Atica Moosa, Krupa Naran and Duduzile Ndwandwe presented posters. From the SU node Paul van Helden introduced the opening speaker that delivered a keynote address and Rob Warren and Tommie Victor presented talks.