

International Visitors to the CBTBR (SU node): January to March 2007

The International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) awarded four candidates a two-month fellowship to be trained in theory and practical techniques in molecular diagnostic methods of communicable diseases. The emphasis was on the application of these techniques for the detection of mutations in genes associated with drug resistance in TB. In Photo: Andriansjah Rukmana from Indonesia (1st from left, front row), Concepcion Ang from Philippines (2nd from left, back row), Lien Pham Thi Kim from Vietnam (1st from left, back row), Chia Sui Ong from Malaysia (2nd from left, front row), and Tommie Victor, the CBTBR Host Supervisor for IAEA visitors (3rd from left, back row).

Three visitors from Mozambique were on a two-week visit to discuss potential joint research projects with the CBTBR and also attend a *M. tuberculosis* Genotyping training course. They are Adelina Machado (4th from left, back row), Claudio Laisse (5th from left, back row) and Sofia Viegas (2nd from right, back row). One visitor from Tanzania, Theckla Selwyn Kazimoto (2nd from right, front row) was also on two-week visit to attend the *M. tuberculosis* Genotyping training course, which focused on genotyping by IS6110 RFLP, and MTB complex and NTM speciation, and was sponsored by the Norwegian Refugee Council.

Three visitors from Sweden, Stevan Svenson (1st from right, front row), Gunilla Kallenius (3rd from right, back row) and Tuija Koivula (1st from right, back row) were visiting the SU node as part of a NRF Swedish-SA Initiative. Specifically, Prof. Svenson has developed some interesting new rapid TB diagnostics with funding from the Foundation for Innovative New Diagnostics (FIND), which researchers in the CBTBR wish to test locally. Prof. Kallenius and Dr. Koivula will be co-supervising some TB studies in Mozambique together with members of the CBTBR, with funding from the Swedish International Development Cooperation Agency.

