

AWARDS/HONOURS

Co-director of the CBTBR, Valerie Mizrahi, was elected into Fellowship of the American Academy of Microbiology in January 2009. She will be inaugurated into the Academy at a function that will take place in May in Philadelphia during the General Meeting of the American Society for Microbiology. Valerie was also appointed to a three-year term on the Scientific Advisory Committee of the Global Alliance for TB Drug Development, which is based in New York.

Team member, Bavesh Kana was awarded a Career Development Award from the MRC. He is the second member of the Wits node to receive this honour, with Bhavna Gordhan being a previous recipient of this prestigious award.

Masters students Avani Bharuthram and Krupa Naran were awarded scholarships from the National Research Foundation. They, and Anastasia Koch, another new Masters student in the Wits node, were also awarded SATBAT grants to support their research projects.

Dr Gail Louw (pictured with her supervisor Prof. Tommie Victor) of the Stellenbosch node was conferred the degree of Doctor of Philosophy in March 2009.

