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CBTBR boasts a whopping 9 PhD graduates in 2009

The CBTBR has successfully produced 9 PhD graduates in the past year. These students with their “thesis titles” are as follows: Mohube Betty Mowa (Function and expression of class I ribonucleotide reductase small subunit-encoding genes in *Mycobacterium tuberculosis* and *Mycobacterium smegmatis*), Suzanna Savvi (Identification and characterisation of the vitamin B₁₂-dependent methylmalonyl coenzyme A pathway in *Mycobacterium tuberculosis*), Erika de Wit (Analysis of host determining factors in susceptibility to tuberculosis in the South African coloured population), Andre Loxton (The role of the regulatory T-cells during HIV/TB co-infection), Novel Chegou (An Evaluation of Novel Diagnostic Techniques in the Diagnosis of Latent and Active Tuberculosis), Nonhlanhla Nene (The effect of exposure to environmental mycobacteria on human immune responses against *Mycobacterium tuberculosis*), Gail Louw (Resistance to first-line anti-TB drugs by gene mutation and gene modulation), Colleen Wright (The contribution of fine needle aspiration biopsy in the diagnosis of mycobacterial lymphadenopathy with particular reference to children) and Madeleine Hanekom (The Molecular Epidemiology of *Mycobacterium tuberculosis*: Host and Bacterial factors perpetuating the epidemic).

In Photo: Some of the CBTBR PhD graduates and their supervisors at the Awards Ceremony.

