

## **RESEARCH AND AWARDS**

### ***Drug resistant TB Under the microscope***

A Wellcome Trust grant, amounting to R4 million over a period of three years, was awarded to Prof Tommie Victor (see photo below) of the CBTBR - to study drug resistant TB.

The CBTBR aim to develop a battery of tests to identify and compare resistant strains in order to identify markers for the design of new TB drugs.

Prof Victor stated their application for funding was strongly supported by a huge collection of TB samples that forms part of a unique sample bank in the division. This bank comprises one of the largest collections of TB samples in the world, including some 8000 drug-sensitive and 3000 drug resistant cultures. He indicated that good progress has been made and that one of the CBTBR students is currently working on a project entitled "*New hope for the treatment of drug resistant TB*".

