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International/local Visits and Exchanges

Members of the Wits node were treated to a two-day visit in August by collaborator, Dr. Sarah Fortune, from the Harvard School of Public Health, and two members of her laboratory, Rupal Shah and Chris Ford. Accompanying them was Prof. Barry Bloom, Harvard University Distinguished Service Professor and Joan L. and Julius H. Jacobson Professor of Public Health. Prof. Bloom is a former Dean of the Harvard School of Public Health and a pioneer in the field of tuberculosis research.



From left to right: Bavesh Kana, Barry Bloom, Rupal Shah, Digby Warner, Valerie Mizrahi, Edith Machowski, Sarah Fortune, Duduzile Ndwande, Anastasia Koch

In July, Digby Warner visited the laboratory of Prof. John McKinney at the Ecole Polytechnique Fédérale de Lausanne (EPFL) in Switzerland to discuss the collaborative study on mechanisms of propionate metabolism in *M. tuberculosis* that is underway in both laboratories and funded the Swiss/South Africa Joint Research Programme.

Ms Yolandy Lemmer (in photo below) from the CSIR Material Science and Manufacturing department, visited the SU node in September to study their nano-particles in an intracellular macrophage assay.

