

## Visitors to the NICD

### MICROBIOLOGY DIVISION

#### ENTERIC DISEASES REFERENCE UNIT

Dr John Crump was an invited guest to EDRU at the PI meeting on 5 and 6 November 2008. Dr Crump is a Medical Epidemiologist at Dukes University in America and is currently working in Tanzania.

#### EXTERNAL QUALITY ASSESSMENT UNIT

Dr Sébastien Cognat, WHO/EPR Lyon office.  
Dr J-B Ndiokubwayo, Dr Bekithemba Mhlanga, Dr Thomas Aisu, Dr Ali Yahaya, Dr Brehima Koumare, WHO-AFRO, Brazzaville, Congo.  
Dr Pierre Hance (France), Mrs M Rajerison (Madagascar) and Dr Leonard Meyer (CDC Atlanta).  
Dr Antoine Pierson, FIND, project leader laboratory support TB.

#### MYCOLOGY REFERENCE UNIT

Tom Chiller, MD, MPH, Deputy Branch Chief, Mycotic Diseases Branch, Division of Bacterial and Mycotic Diseases, Centers for Disease Control, Atlanta, USA  
Shawn Lockhart, PhD, Head Antifungal Drug Susceptibility Unit, Mycotic Diseases Branch, Division of Bacterial and Mycotic Diseases, Centers for Disease Control, Atlanta, USA

#### NATIONAL MICROBIOLOGY REFERENCE UNIT

Anne Schuchat, MD, Director: Center for Respiratory Diseases and Immunization, Centers for Disease Control, Atlanta, USA  
Stephanie Schrag, PhD, Team Lead: Epidemiology, Respiratory Diseases Branch, Centers for Disease Control, Atlanta, USA  
Elizabeth Zell, PhD, Statistician, Respiratory Diseases Branch, Centers for Disease Control, Atlanta, USA  
Cynthia Whitney, MD, Branch Chief, Respiratory Diseases Branch, Centers for Disease Control, Atlanta, USA  
John Crump, MD, Associate Professor of Medicine, Duke University Medical Center, USA; Senior Lecturer in Medicine, Kilimanjaro Christian Medical College, Tanzania; Medical Epidemiologist, Enteric Diseases Epidemiology Branch, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, USA

#### RESPIRATORY & MENINGEAL PATHOGENS REFERENCE UNIT

Dr Leonard Mayer, Chief Meningitis Laboratory, Respiratory Diseases Branch, Division of Bacterial Diseases, National Center for Immunization and

Respiratory Diseases, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, Atlanta, Georgia, USA, visited the unit for two days, 25 and 26 November.

Dr Catherine Satzke, Project Coordinator PneumoCarr Microbiology Project Centre for International Child Health, Department of Pediatrics, University of Melbourne and Murdoch Childrens Research Institute, Royal Children's Hospital, Flemington Road, Parkville, Melbourne, visited the unit at the NICD on 23 and 24 January 2008. She is coordinating the PneumoCarr Microbiology Project ([http://www.ktl.fi/roko/pneumocarr/microbiology\\_project.html](http://www.ktl.fi/roko/pneumocarr/microbiology_project.html)) which seeks to construct a reference bank of well characterised samples, which will be used to test new and emerging methods of detecting multiple pneumococcal serotypes.

MRC delegation with NICD and Wits University representatives visited the surveillance component of the research unit housed at the NICD. Delegates included: Prof Richard Adegbola, Prof Gay Elisha, Prof Coovadia, Prof Petro Terblanche (Chairperson), Prof John Pettifor, Ms Adri Labuschagne, Prof Barry Schoub, Prof John Frean, Dr Nelesh Govender. Tuesday, 19 August at NICD.

#### SPECIAL BACTERIAL PATHOGENS REFERENCE UNIT

Ms Minoarisoa Rajerison, Institut Pasteur, Antananarivo, Madagascar  
American Embassy medical section staff  
Dr W Beyers, University of Hohenheim, Stuttgart, Germany

#### SEXUALLY TRANSMITTED INFECTIONS REFERENCE CENTRE

Professor Bertran Auvert, Professor of Public Health, University of Versailles, Paris, France  
Dr. Mary Kamb, Capt. US Public Health Service, International Coordinator, Division of STD Prevention, Centers for Disease Control & Prevention (CDC), Atlanta, USA  
Dr. Jami Leichter, Centers for Disease Control & Prevention (CDC), Atlanta, USA  
Ms Alison Friedman, Centers for Disease Control & Prevention (CDC), Atlanta, USA  
Dr. Susan Hariri, Centers for Disease Control & Prevention (CDC), Atlanta, USA  
Dr. Jennifer Mark, Centers for Disease Control & Prevention (CDC), Atlanta, USA  
Dr. Stuart Berman, Centers for Disease Control & Prevention (CDC), Atlanta, USA  
Dr. Tom Peterman, Centers for Disease Control & Prevention (CDC), Atlanta, USA

Dr. Thurma Goldman, Global AIDS Programme, Pretoria, South Africa  
Dr. Philippe Mayaud, London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine, London, UK  
Dr. Odd Odinsen, PlasmAcute AS (Norway)

### VECTOR CONTROL REFERENCE UNIT

Dr. P. Billingsley, Entomology and Quality systems Sanaria, USA.  
Dr. P Rueda, Walter Reed Biosystematic Unit, USA  
Dr. L. Kamau, Kenya Medical Research Institute, Kenya  
Ms M.Farenhorst, University of Wageningen, The Netherlands  
Mr M. Balkew, Addis Ababa University, Ethiopia  
Mr. B. Ntomwa, Ministry of Health and Social Services, Namibia  
Ms J. Obansa, Nigerian Institute of Medical Research, Nigeria

## VIROLOGY DIVISION

### AIDS VIRUS RESEARCH UNIT

Dr Sarah Palmer, Senior Researcher, Virology Department, Swedish Institute for Infectious Disease Control, Karolinska Institute  
Dr Alan Bernstein, Executive Director, Global HIV Vaccine Enterprise, New York, USA  
Dr Luis Montaner, The Wistar Institute, Philadelphia, USA  
Dr David Katzenstein, Professor of Medicine, Stanford University, USA  
Professor Siamon Gordon, Professor of Cellular Pathology, University of Oxford, UK  
Dr Guido Ferrari, Duke University, USA

### SPECIAL PATHOGENS UNIT

Toru Kubo, Nagasaki University Japan  
Rudovick Kazwala, University of Agriculture, Morogoro, Tanzania  
Mark Rweyemamu, Royal Veterinary College, London, UK  
Myrna Miller, USDA, Arthropod-Borne Animal Diseases Research Laboratory, Laramie, Wyoming, USA  
William Wilson, USDA, Arthropod-Borne Animal Diseases Research Laboratory, Laramie, Wyoming, USA  
Christian Drosten, University of Bonn Medical Centre, Germany  
Uana Weingartl, National Centre for Foreign Animal Disease, Canadian Food Inspection Agency, Winnipeg, Canada  
Frank Kraljic, Deep Sky Productions, Arizona, USA  
Rob Moormann, Central Veterinary Institute, Lelystad, The Netherlands  
Joeroen Kontekaas, Central Veterinary Institute, Wageningen UR, Lelystad, Netherlands  
Rianka Vloet, Central Veterinary Institute, Wageningen UR, Lelystad, Netherlands

### VIRAL DIAGNOSTICS UNIT

Dr Francis Kasolo, WHO AFRO  
Dr Charles Byabamazima, WHO AFRO  
Dr Annick Dosseh, WHO AFRO  
Dr Fem Paladin, WHO, Geneva  
Dr Esther de Gourville, WHO, Geneva  
Dr Cara Burns, CDC Atlanta  
Participants in the cell culture workshop from WHO AFRO Reference laboratories

## EPIDEMIOLOGY DIVISION

### SOUTH AFRICAN FIELD EPIDEMIOLOGY & LABORATORY TRAINING PROGRAMME

US Government:  
A delegation of US Congressional staffers from the human resources portfolio looking at projects involving US government funding that build human resources capacity  
Communications Specialist, Division of Global Public Health Capacity Development  
CDC Atlanta:  
Ms Elliot Churchill who served for 18 years as the director of CDC's publishing office, which publishes the Morbidity and Mortality Weekly Report (MMWR)  
Prof Jim Vaughan assisted in teaching the 2 1-week short courses in applied epidemiology  
Mr Eric Gogstad, the Public Health Advisor to the SAFELTP from CDC Atlanta

## SPECIAL PROGRAMMES

### NATIONAL TUBERCULOSIS REFERENCE LABORATORY

Prof EC Böttger, National Centre for Mycobacteria, University of Zurich  
Dorothy Fallows and Professor Gilla Kaplan from the International Center for Public Health, New Jersey, USA  
Dr Linda Parsons, Team Leader, Clinical and Opportunistic Infections Monitoring Team, International laboratory Branch, national centre for HIV/AIDS, Viral Hepatitis, STD and TB Prevention, Global AIDS Program, Centres for Disease Control and Prevention, Atlanta, Georgia, USA  
Bill Donovan, Richard Borrelli, John Paganini; Fleming Lure from Guardian Technologies, USA  
Giorgio Roscigno, Dr. Catharina Boehme, Dr. Richard O'Brien; Dr. Ákos L. Somoskövi from the Foundation for Innovative New Diagnostics  
Dr Chris Gilpin, International Organisation for Migration