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Consortium to Respond Effectively to the AIDS TB Epidemic

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CREATE Annual Meeting

Rio de Janeiro, Brazil

The 4th CREATE Annual Meeting was held September 24-26, 2007 in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, hosted by the THRio project and the Rio de Janeiro Municipal Health Secretariat. Seventy participants attended, representing the CREATE study projects and cores, the World Health Organization, the Gates Foundation and other collaborators.



Dr. Jerrold Ellner



speaks at the 2007 CREATE Annual Meeting in Rio de Janeiro

The meeting opened with a presentation on the Brazil program of universal access for antiretroviral therapy by Professor Mauro Schechter. Drs. Jerrold Ellner, Marcus Conde and Eric Nuermberger updated the group on developments in TB diagnostics and new and evolving tuberculosis therapy.

Dr. Elizabeth Corbett presented the recently funded TB/HIV modeling project. There was also a session to plan advocacy initiatives for INH preventive therapy, enhanced case finding, and uptake of new diagnostics.

Updates on implementation of the main objectives of the CREATE studies were presented in detail, and substantial progress was demonstrated for each trial. Substudies examining the effectiveness and cost-effectiveness of new diagnostic tools, use of geographic information systems, and qualitative research on TB, HIV and poverty were also presented.

A highlight of the meeting included poster presentations of original research conducted by CREATE investigators and study staff in the field. Many of these studies will be presented at the upcoming World Lung Health Conference in Cape Town in November.

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Aurum Institute, SA A CREATE Partner



Excellence in the Clinical
Trials Industry Award

For more information about CREATE and the participating studies, go to: www.tbhiv-create.org.

Aurum Institute South Africa wins top research award

At a gala event held at London's Gibson Hall on September 7, 2007, the Aurum Institute for Health Research (Aurum), a CREATE partner, won a prestigious international award for good clinical practice in clinical research. The 2007 inaugural GCPj Awards were developed by The Good Clinical Practice Journal to recognise excellence in the clinical trials industry.



The award was made for the Thibela TB study being conducted by Aurum on new strategies for the prevention of tuberculosis in gold miners. The organisation received the award in the category: Most Innovative Patient Recruitment Strategy. Aurum was also a runner up in the category of Clinical Research Programme which Best Promoted Access to Medicine.

Full press release: <http://www.auruminstitute.org/news.php>

IUATLD 2007

Capetown, South Africa

Look for CREATE at the IUATLD Meeting

CREATE will be an active presence at the International Union Meeting in Capetown, South Africa, beginning November 8, 2007. Look for CREATE in the Exhibition Hall, Booth #49.

Kaiser Network is broad-casting portions of the conference at [Kaiser IAS Broadcast](#).

CREATE Welcomes

Razia Essack-Kauaria

Razia Essack-Kauaria joins CREATE as Regional Director of Policy and Advocacy, Southern Africa. Razia has been actively engaged in health and development issues in the United States; Namibia, Africa; and at a global level. An activist in the fight for a better world and for the achievement of the Millenium Development Goals, she has experience in community based programs, national management and international policy development, governance and advocacy.

Razia has worked for the Namibia Red Cross Society as Secretary General and also served one term on the Governing Boards of the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies and of the Global Fund for Aids, TB and Malaria.

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TB & HIV

FIND TB

**Undiagnosed TB is common in PLHIV
TB prevalence is 3-8% in PMTCT and VCT settings**

TREAT TB

**Early treatment saves lives
Treatment reduces transmission**

PREVENT TB

**Isoniazid preventive therapy (IPT) works
IPT can reduce TB rates in patients on ART**



“Transforming global policies for HIV-related TB through evidence-based advocacy”

New TB Articles

Journal of Infectious Diseases

In the August Journal of Infectious Diseases Supplement, there were a number of articles written by CREATE collaborators on the latest information on TB/HIV.

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