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Infectious News

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CID, Faculty of Health Sciences, Tygerberg, Stellenbosch University

**Infectious Diseases Lunch Time Seminar : Haemoflagellates**  
**Infectious Diseases Expert : Prof Frank Berkowitz, Emory University School of Medicine Atlanta**

**12h00-13h00 Monday 8 November 2010**  
**Tygerberg Teaching Block, Lecture Hall 3**  
**Finger Lunch Sponsored by the CID**

**The CID received a \$10,000,000 grant over 5 years from the USA for Medical Education**

MEPI is a collaborative venture involving the US Office of the Global AIDS Coordinator, Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA), and the National Institutes of Health (NIH)'s Fogarty International Centre. The Medical Education Partnership Initiative (MEPI) programme was designed to support PEPFAR's goal to train and retain 140 000 new health care workers and improve the capacity of partner countries to deliver primary health care. The United States President's Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief (PEPFAR) will invest \$130 million over five years to transform African medical education and dramatically increase the number of professional health care workers in Africa.

**SURMEPI = Stellenbosch University Rural Medical Education Partnership Initiative**

The funding will be applied to build capacity in medical education and research training initially at Rural Clinical School located in Worcester and then expanding to other rural sites. Stellenbosch University will be collaborating with a number of external health institutions, including the Johns Hopkins University in USA; Makerere University in Uganda; the University of Cape Town's Lung Institute's Knowledge Translation Unit; and the Karolinska Institute in Sweden. The specific proposed projects (Fig.1) and their leaders are:

- Clinical Competency on Antiretroviral and Tuberculosis Treatment for health professionals e.g. nurses, doctors, pharmacists - Nursing Dept, Prof Lara Fairall (UCT), Dr. Jantjie Taljaard.
- Evidence-Based Medicine -Dr. Taryn Young and Prof Jimmy Volmink
- Health System Science Research - Prof Lilian Dudley and Prof Merrick Zwarenstein
- Pharmacology - Prof Bernd Rosenkranz
- Epidemiology, Biostatistics and Public Health - Dr. Neil Cameron and Prof Jean Nachega
- Infection Prevention and Control - Prof Shaheen Mehtar
- Infectious Diseases Training - Dr. Jantjie Taljaard and Prof Jean Nachega
- Family-Based Model of HIV Care - Prof Mark Cotton and Dr Liesl Smit
- Rural Clinical School - Prof Marietjie De Villiers and Dr Therese Fish.



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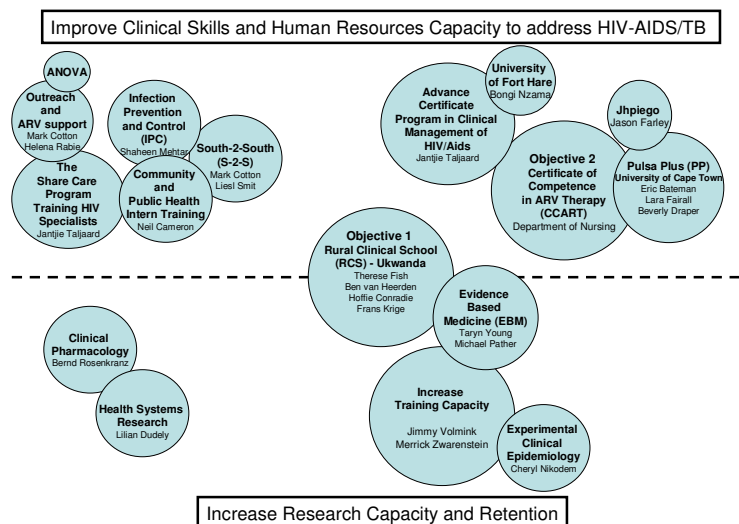


Fig.1 The relationship of the various projects within the SURMEPI program