

Cape Town Acid Fast Club

You are cordially invited to the inaugural meeting of the Cape Town Acid Fast Club

When: 2.00 pm Tuesday 10th May 2016

Where: Groote Schuur Hospital, Observatory

Enter the New GSH complex through the Main Entrance off Palm Court (the parking area immediately in front of the Old GSH Building). Lecture Theatre 1 and Klein Schuur function room are straight ahead, on the far side of the entrance foyer. Take a right down the stairs to the lecture theatre.

What: Selected short (15 min) talks on **current research on mycobacteria** to be followed by a **soiree** (networking opportunity) in the Klein Schuur function room when refreshments will be served.

The **Acid Fast Club** is a scientific research forum focusing on the **mycobacteria**. It shall be for communication and discussions on original work relating to acid-fast bacilli, excluding purely clinical observations. The intention is to provide opportunities for people doing research on pathology, immunology bacteriology, and molecular studies to meet and discuss their work. Early career scientists, including junior postdocs and PhD students will particularly be encouraged to present. Material presented at meeting shall be considered to be confidential and no publication of, or reference to, such material shall be permitted without the consent of the speaker.

Registration: There is no charge for attending this meeting but **please register in advance** by emailing your name and affiliation. acidfastclubuct@gmail.com

Offered papers: To present at this meeting please send an abstract which should include the title, affiliation of each author and email of presenting author with a short summary of no more than **100 words**. Send to acidfastclubuct@gmail.com

Deadline: submission of abstracts is now closed

Submitted abstracts will be reviewed by a small committee (Dr Ruth McNerney, Prof Valarie Mizrahi and Prof Rob Warren). Selection will be based on originality and scientific interest, with a bias towards early career scientists. Talks that do not involve studies on acid fast bacteria will be rejected.

We plan to hold two AFC meetings each year, alternating venues between Universities in the South and North of the Cape Town metropolitan area.

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