

# Molecular Biology and Human Genetics Animal TB Research Group Activity



During the week of May 20, 2018, eight members of the Animal TB group (Dr. Leanie Kleynhans, Dr. Tanya Kerr, Dr. Wynand Goosen, Eduard Roos, Josephine Chileshe, Candice de Waal, Tina Meiring) came to Kruger National Park to participate in field sample collection, processing, and to network with the staff of Veterinary Wildlife Services and State Veterinarians. All members were actively involved in performing blood collection and endoscopic BAL sampling from rhinoceros, elephants, hyenas and a wild dog. In addition, each member presented a short synopsis of their research to South African National Parks staff and provincial animal health professionals from the areas surrounding Kruger National Park during a workshop to discuss TB diagnostic test development and research priorities. The networking and “hands-on” experience facilitated the postgraduate students to contextualize their work and allowed them to receive feedback from field staff on the