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News update from IDRI, the Infectious Disease Research Institute

## Phase 2a Trial for IDRI's TB Vaccine Under Way



**Rhea Coler visits trial sites in South Africa.**

***With tuberculosis continuing to cause death and economic hardship, the time for new solutions is now. IDRI is leading the way with its promising TB vaccine candidate, now in Phase 2a clinical trials in South Africa.***

The Wellcome Trust awarded IDRI a \$5.8 million grant to clinically assess the ability of IDRI's vaccine candidate to reduce TB recurrence after treatment. "The Phase 2a trial

will be the first dose-escalating TB vaccine trial conducted in people who have previously had active TB and been successfully treated with a full course of antibiotic therapy," said Rhea Coler, Ph.D., Vice President of Preclinical Development for IDRI. [Read more.](#)

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**Thursday, Oct. 15**

**5:30–8:30 p.m.**

*remarks at 7 p.m., with a special announcement*

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*You'll visit India, Brazil and South Africa to learn about our work in those countries, while enjoying food, drink and music from around the world.*

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## Fox is WGHA Rising Leader



IDRI's success in training the next generation of global health leaders is evident in Christopher Fox, Ph.D., Director of Formulations.

In recognition of his efforts, Fox was selected as the 2015 "Rising Leader" by the Washington Global Health Alliance. The award honors a creative and inspirational young leader dedicated to solving global health inequity while partnering with other individuals and organizations.

He'll be honored at the WGHA Pioneers of Global Health Awards Dinner on Oct. 8. [Read more.](#)

## IDRI Hosts Merck Fellows

As part of the prestigious Merck Fellowship for Global Health, IDRI is hosting two Merck Fellows, **HIVCure INITIATIVE**

Todd Kennedy and Susan Galea, for three months to work on the HIV Cure Initiative, which brings together organizations from around the world to amplify existing efforts to cure HIV.

IDRI, which provides adjuvants to collaborators for HIV vaccine candidates, serves as the fiscal sponsor for HIV Cure. [Read more.](#)

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