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Dear Colleagues,

For those who attended the International Networking Forum (INF) at the 2014 SPR Annual Meeting, the members of the International Task Force and Advisory group appreciate your participation. For those who were unable to attend this year, we hope this brief report on the activities and information will keep you informed.

We were pleased that the President of SPR, Dr. Felipe Castro welcomed the group and participated in this year's INF. His strong support of international research, collaborations, and participation in SPR is greatly appreciated and important for our efforts to build international collaborations.

During the INF, we provided a summary of our activities from the previous year, introduced members of the Task Force and the Advisory Group and met each of the attendees. The major focus of this year's activities was spent on our plans to develop a guide for international collaborations. Participants broke into working groups to outline the initial ideas for this guide for the following three areas:

- Developing research questions—creating the focus, identifying stakeholders
- Cultural influences and how they impact the working relationships
- Collaborative strategies for analyses, writing and dissemination

Resources for collaborations were discussed as well as reports from collaborating agencies and organizations with the International Task Force.

- United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime
- European Union Society for Prevention Research
- Mentor International
- Applied Prevention Science Inc.
- Canadian Centre for Substance Abuse
- European Prevention Standards Partnership Drug Prevention Quality Standards
- National Institute on Drug Abuse

A summary of some presentations are located at <http://www.preventionresearch.org/2014-annual-meeting/international-focused-events/>.

We will be sending a more detailed report of our activities as our intent is to provide you with more regular updates throughout the year. We welcome your suggestion and participation throughout the year!

On behalf of the entire ITF and advisory group, thank you for your continued commitment to promoting global health and prevention science.

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