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International Networking Forum Pre-Conference

SPR 17<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting

May 26, 2009

12:30-5:00 p.m.

Hyatt Regency Hotel, Washington, DC

**Background:** Prior to the 2008 SPR Annual Meeting, a small group of researchers who are actively engaged in international collaborations, gathered to exchange ideas about the challenges and rewards of working together on international studies. The initial gathering included researchers and policy makers who were concentrated in the areas of preventing alcohol and other drug use/problems and risky sexual behaviors. Understanding these relationships informs a wide range of HIV targeted and selective prevention interventions funded by NIAAA and NIDA HIV/AIDS grants. A general consensus among this group was that there would be value in establishing an International Network to support researchers who are engaged in prevention strategies/interventions focused on important health concerns in communities around the world. With the support of SPR, we are soliciting interest from the wider membership of SPR and attendees of the Annual Meeting, to join us in a forum to discuss relevant issues and to promote opportunities to meet colleagues who share similar interests.

**Goal:** Our goal is to establish a network of interested colleagues who are involved or who are planning involvement in research on health prevention strategies/interventions in the international community. We envision this network group as a supportive environment that is dedicated to sharing knowledge and information, thus promoting collaborations internationally.

**Forum at SPR:** The purpose of this half day session is to create an interactive forum for researchers, policy makers, and community representatives who are engaged in prevention strategies and interventions involving international collaborations or who are planning such activities. This is **not** intended to be a didactic, lecture-based forum. Very brief presentations on the constructs and ideas will be used to organize the topic for the participants and the majority of time will be reserved for interactive discussions. Moderators of the discussion will ensure that the forum encourages participation by different attendees, formulates strategies or promotes ideas for moving the field forward, and establishes framework for developing an international network that facilitates collegial and collaborative relationships.

**Who Should Attend:** We welcome all interested colleagues attending the SPR 2009 Annual Meeting to register for this forum. We especially want to encourage our colleagues who are engaged in international collaborations that involve conducting research studies on prevention strategies/interventions.

## AGENDA

- 12:30            Introductions and Framing the Forum
- 1:00- 2:00      Myths and Realities of Cross-Cultural Differences that Impact Prevention Interventions/Strategies
- 2:00-3:00      Utilizing National Differences in Policies as opportunities for learning from natural experiments
- 3:00-3:30      Break and encouraging of mingling among participants
- 3:30-4:15      Successfully Establishing International Collaborations—the Barriers and the Rewards
- 4:15-5:00      Designing an International Network for Supporting Research on Prevention Strategies and Interventions

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**To register:** All attendees must register. The fee is \$20.