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On behalf of the program committee, I would like to express our appreciation to all of you who submitted papers, posters, discussions and panels for the international SPR conference to be held in Toronto, June 21-24, 2017. We were impressed by your responsiveness to our call & believe that we will be able to design a program that reflects the intellectual richness of our organization. We received more than 600 proposals and over 1200 people have submitted proposals.

The theme of our meeting in Toronto, Canada is "Building Bridges". The Program Committee encouraged proposals that reflect constructive dialogues and open interchange of ideas and research results that have long been of interest to the SPR community: evidence-based psychotherapies in clinical practice, psychotherapy integration, therapist effects, alliance & interpersonal process, practice-training-research networks, translational research, quantitative & qualitative method. The aim of the conference is two-fold: To refine our understanding of the unique contribution of each methodological and theoretical approach and to introduce a constructive dialogue that will help shape the future of psychotherapy research.

The task facing the program Committee reflects the vibrant community of SPR. We received proposals for 95 panels, 17 pre-conference workshops, 19 structured discussions, 113 brief papers and 125 posters. Although we will make every effort to accommodate all submissions it might not be possible to keep all of them on the format that was submitted. We will try to be creative in finding solutions, but also try keep the intimate nature of SPR conferences with enough room for discussion and open exchange of ideas.

We will be working hard the next 2 month and will bring update on the program to the next March newsletter