# Awards Ceremony and Closing Comments

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## **Greatest Numbers of Accepted Abstracts for M2010**

## **Durban MRC Team**



## Most Abstracts M2010: Runner-Up

## Lusaka Zambia team



#### **MTN Achievement Award 2010**

- MTN-002 Team
- Richard Beigi, Protocol Chair
- Ingrid Macio, Study Coordinator
- Lisa Noguchi, CORE
- Sharon Riddler, CRS leader



## **Home Away From Home Awards**

- Karen Patterson, SCHARP
- Kaila Gomez, FHI
- Katie Bunge, CORE
- Jeanna Piper, NIAID



## **Meeting Closing**

- Please complete your meeting evaluations
- Mark your calenders for the M2010 meeting in Pittsburgh, PA May 22-25, 2010.
- Africa based investigators, mark your calendars for the MTN regional meeting October 4-7, 2010, Cape Town, South Africa



- The differences between MDP-301 and HPTN-035
- That VOICE is now open at 11 sites, and enrollment is going well
- The future will require us to think about combining multiple interventions into a "prevention package"- but how we implement those prevention packages will require that we know our local epidemics
- The standard of care in prevention trials will change in response to emerging data and the availability of new interventions

- That once we have established that a microbicide or PrEP is effective in a clinical trial, there is much to be done to ensure that the product has a public health impact- is it time for the MTN to develop a fous on access?
- Communication about HIV prevention is as difficult as doing the studies- we must continue our work so that MTN investigators and community members can communicate clinical trial results in their communities
- Once we have a microbicide or new prevention technology it will have to be marketed- we need to begin thinking of this now

- HIV is a wily foe- there are reasons why it is has been difficult to find an HIV prevention product
- It is possible to use pieces of tissue in the lab to evaluate product safety, drug penetration and activity against HIV. This helps us select the most promising products to move forward
- We are learning more about how to measure levels of drug in the female genital tract, and are beginning to better understand how vaginal gels deliver drugs in a way that could block HIV
- Innovative research is helping us understand the impact of products on the gut mucosa

- The NIH continues to fund developmental research which contributes new products and science into the MTN
- We will be partnering with the IPM and CONRAD on new ways to deliver ARV microbicides including rings, films and other altrenative formulations

## Final Words Annual Meeting 2010

- Thanks for coming.
- Remember that as we climb the mountain of HIV prevention

We can *lean* on each other
We can *learn* from each other
As long as we remember to *love* each other
And remember to *laugh* together at least once every day

HIV prevention is in our hands