

SVRI Forums – Taking Stock

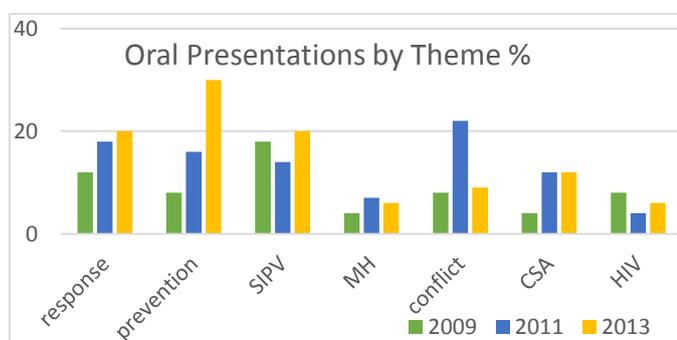


The SVRI undertook a review of all the presentations made at the past three Forums to gain an understanding of who is presenting on what at our conferences.

A summary of each of the [SVRI Forums](#) in terms of participants, and other aspects is summarised in the table to follow:

	2009	2011	2013
No. participants	194	200	180+/-
No. presentations	62	93	105
No. partners	4	7	7
Pre-conference workshops	5	7	8
Side events	2	2	4
Posters	38	51	49
Abstract reviewers	34	62	66
Location	JHB Sth Africa	Cape Town Sth Africa	Bangkok Thailand

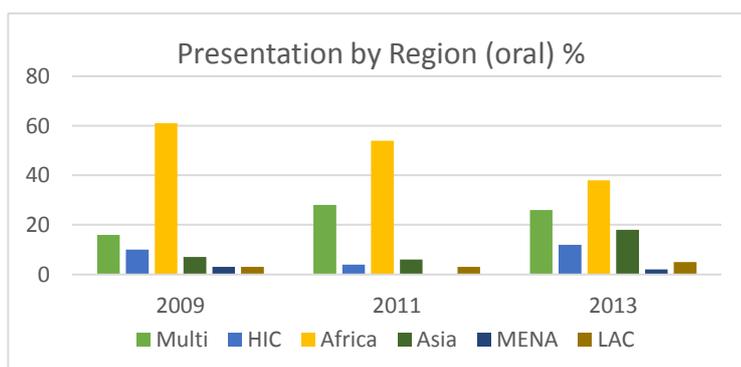
Presentations and Participation: [SVRI Forum 2013](#) had the highest number of presentations of any Forum, but had the lowest number of participants. This low participation was probably a result of a number of factors, including: USA furlough, recession faced by many countries, limited research budgets for conference attendance, co-host having limited funds and time to encourage/support local participation.



Themes: The conference themes are well reflected in the oral and poster presentations for each of the three Forums. There has been a shift in focus over the years in the number of oral presentations focusing on responses to those presenting intervention studies. A similar trend was noted in the poster presentations. Across both posters and orals, HIV and child abuse and neglect were the

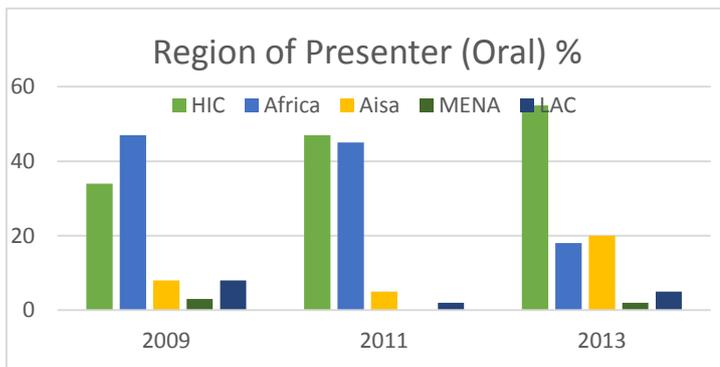
least well-represented, but the number of presentations focusing on child abuse and neglect are increasing. Attention must be given to ensuring we retain the HIV in future Forums, although we are dependent on what research is submitted for presentation.

Region of presentation: Across all three Forums, most presentations were on research undertaken in the Africa region. There was however a notable decline in Africa based research in 2013 with a slight increase in presentations from the LAC, MENA and Asia regions. This broader spread across regions in 2013 indicates the importance of moving



the Forum out of Africa every so often. There were more presentations from high income countries in 2013 than seen in previous Forums - this may also be a reflection of funding availability for participants from low and middle income countries.

Region of presenter: The analysis highlighted a enormous inequity in the region of presenter. Whilst most research being presented was on Africa, most presenters were from HICs. This is extremely problematic, and although this may be an indication of the youthfulness of the field, it needs to be openly addressed in the call for abstracts for future Forums. It is also interesting to note that abstracts from researchers based in Africa and Asia were more frequently awarded a poster presentation rather than an oral.

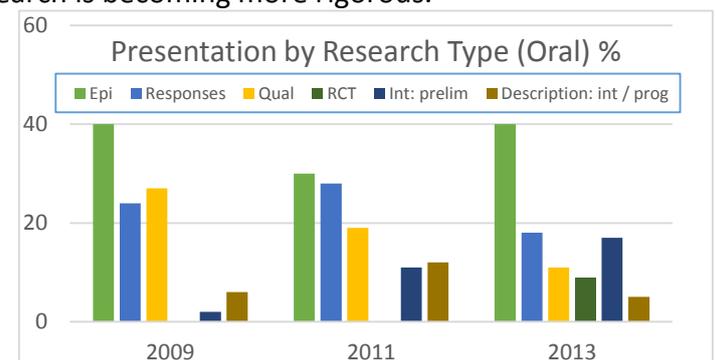


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Research type by presentation: A move away from presentations on smaller qualitative studies to more rigorous intervention type studies is clearly reflected in the conference oral presentations overtime. Although, the field is young, it is definitely growing and the research is becoming more rigorous.

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Conclusions: Regional representation on the programme of SVRI Forums remains an issue. This imbalance may be reflection of where research on sexual violence and intimate partner violence is being undertaken. This over-representation of one region in the Forum programme needs to be addressed, and we need to develop strategies to encourage a broader geographical spread across presentations.



Further we must also address the large number of presentations on sexual and intimate partner violence in low and middle income countries being made by people from high income countries. Although this may be a reflection of the field and youthfulness of the field we must address this issue up-front in the call for abstracts for future Forums.