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WRI 2006 - Breaking the Constraints to Progress

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**WOMEN'S
RESEARCH
INITIATIVE
ON HIV/AIDS**

Each year, a summary report is generated to document the Annual WRI Meeting in order to best provide direction for WRI's ongoing work to advance the research for HIV+ women. Building on the growing momentum of recent WRI accomplishments, the 2006 meeting focused on two key concepts: first, identifying the most critical constraints to accelerating progress in research and second, focusing our efforts only on those specific constraints within our direct sphere of influence. This approach helped the WRI to zero in on a few key initiatives for the coming year. These initiatives can be broadly described as addressing two basic questions:

What things do we not know that, if known, could significantly impact the course of the epidemic?
What things do we know which, if broadly disseminated, could significantly impact the course of the epidemic?

To accomplish this, the WRI identified initiatives in three areas:

- Research "policies, practices, and priorities"
- Clinical Trial Network Accountability
- Community engagement and leadership development

Attending the meeting were members of the WRI (including representatives from clinical care, HIV research, academia, community-based organizations, government, the pharmaceutical industry and HIV-positive women), guest speakers and invited experts. A list of the 2006 WRI Meeting members, speakers and participants can be found below.

- [2006 WRI Summary Report](#)

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