

The Evaluation Task Force met in San Francisco on Thursday, April 27 after a very long day. There were sixteen participants and lively discussion. We were delighted that Dr. Lindsay Lane, Chair of the COMSEP evaluation task force was able to attend. COMSEP and the APPD are increasing collaboration in all of the task forces since our objectives are similar and on a continuum.

The task force is trying to populate the Evaluation Tool Shed. We request that anyone willing to share useful evaluation tools which they have developed, send them for inclusion to achurch55@aol.com. In the long term, we hope to validate tools. However, we must agree on the desired outcome before we can determine if the tools are sensitive and specific enough to validly predict outcomes. We may need to await the R³P project before evaluation tools can be validated.

In the interim, we hope to develop a project in collaboration with COMSEP which will develop a tool to evaluate a student's/resident's progress toward a very specific outcome. The task force will continue to discuss potential projects via e-mail and conference calls. Any APPD member interested in participating, please contact me at achurch55@aol.com.