

I have the pleasure to share with you the monthly progress for December 2012:

- The EvalPartners' Forum was successfully held in Thailand. The Forum facilitated the sharing of good practice and lessons learned by Voluntary Organizations for Cooperation in Evaluation (VOPEs) and other key stakeholders engaged in Evaluation Capacity Development (ECD), while identifying EvalPartners priorities to be implemented in 2013. For additional information on the forum, please visit <http://www.mymande.org/evalpartners/forum>. Rodney Hopson (AEA President) and Maria Bustelo (EES President) already reported to their members the forum's outcomes, writing in their respective monthly newsletters.
- At the Forum, the first IAG Meeting was held, mainly to discuss 2013 priorities, and EvalPartners strategy to 2015 to be declared as International Year of Evaluation. Task forces were established. If you wish to join any of them, please visit <http://www.mymande.org/evalpartners/taskforces>
- IDEAS, the Government of Spain, USAID and AUSAID joined EvalPartners. Therefore, we would like to welcome the following colleagues as new members:
 - José Manuel Argilés Marín, Head of the Evaluation and Knowledge Management Division, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Government of Spain
 - Cynthia ("Cindy") Clapp-Wincek, Director of Office of Learning, Evaluation and Research (LER), USAID
 - Scott Bayley, Principal Specialist, Performance Management & Results, AusAID
 - Ray Rist, President, IDEAS
- The following experts have been invited and accepted to join the IAG:
 - Robert Picciotto, former Vice President and Director General, Independent Evaluation Group, World Bank
 - Jean Quesnel, former Director, Evaluation, at InterAmerican Development Bank, CIDA and UNICEF
- The EvalPartners governance and decision making mechanisms has been updated. It's now available at http://www.mymande.org/sites/default/files/Evalpartners%20Governance_v15.pdf

Best regards

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