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2nd  
**PAN-AMERICAN**  
Conference for Alternative Methods  
August 23-24, 2018  
Rio de Janeiro



Dear Friend and Colleague,

As you may already be aware, we are very excited to be hosting the 2nd Pan-American Conference for Alternative Methods in beautiful Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, on August 23-24th, 2018. As a friend and colleague of in the field of alternative methods, we would like to cordially extend an invitation for you to be a member of our scientific steering committee for the event.

The first Pan-American Conference, held in Baltimore in 2016, was an enormous success, and we expect this year's to be a sellout, with a number of major scientific, corporate, government, and academic organizations taking part. The conference brings South, Central, and North America together to further alternatives to animal testing and build collaboration for the exchange of scientific ideas.

The expected work from your side will not require any travel. We will consult with you on the selection of abstracts and for input into the program.

To the extent possible—and where required from your side—we will seek to support travel if you are interested in participating in Rio (which is not a requirement for helping us on this committee).

Please let us know as soon as possible if you would honor us with your participation.

Sincerely,

*The Pan-American Steering Committee*