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## Bellagio Group Calls for Greater Collaboration to Ensure Countries Can Respond to Disease Outbreaks

Greater collaboration is required among stakeholders to ensure all countries have the capacity to respond effectively to disease outbreaks. [More](#)



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### Eliminating Trachoma – A Pictorial Journey

When The Task Force’s International Trachoma Initiative (ITI) began in 1998, there were large knowledge gaps in the transmission and control of the disease.

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The International Trachoma Initiative, a Task Force program, recently celebrated its 20th anniversary, and also held its 10th Trachoma Expert

celebrated its 20th anniversary, and also held its 18th Trachoma Expert Committee meeting during the same time. ITI Director Paul Emerson, PhD, recently spoke to [The New York Times](#) about the strides made over the years toward eliminating trachoma.



The [Health and Human Rights Journal](#) is publishing a special section that will examine ethical challenges in global health fieldwork and explore their connections to global health ethics, research ethics, and human rights. The section has its origins in a Task-Force co-sponsored [workshop](#) on the same topic earlier this year. Papers must be submitted by October 31, 2018. [More](#)



The Task Force's TEPHINET convened its biennial meeting of member program directors to discuss items of strategic importance for the network. TEPHINET strengthens public health systems in more than a 100 countries.



The Task Force's MedSurplus Alliance (MSA) Director Lori Warrens contributed to a National Academy of Medicine Perspectives Paper that identified barriers to using donated medical devices in low-income countries and strategies to address these problems. MSA is a cross-sector alliance focused on developing access to quality donated medical products and supplies. [More](#)

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