

“Art is I, Science is We.”

7th Annual Sloboda and Bukoski SPR Cup Competition
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Significant advances in prevention science are often due to a team of individuals working closely together across many years. In recognition of the importance of the collaborative process to the field, the Society for Prevention Research (SPR) sponsors an annual friendly competition amongst teams of researchers for the honor of bringing home the traveling Sloboda and Bukoski SPR Cup for the 2011-2012 academic year. The Cup is named for two of the founders and longtime active members of SPR, Dr. Zili Sloboda and Dr. William Bukoski. The Cup competition is an opportunity for a unique experience: several independent teams of scientists, each working with the same data set, problem solve together for a brief period of time and then jointly present their findings to each other and a larger group of experienced prevention scientists.

Competition Process

SPR Cup teams receive a data set via email two months prior to the annual meeting. During the months preceding the meeting, each team will conduct a literature review, generate hypotheses, conduct analyses, and prepare a professional quality presentation for a 10-minute symposium talk on their results. Teams present their results during an invited symposium at the SPR annual meeting. Both a panel of senior prevention scientist judges symposium audience rate the quality of the research work and of the presentation. Back by popular demand, this year's Master of Ceremonies will again be SPR Board Member Dr. Guillermo “Willy” Prado. The highest scoring team will be recognized and awarded the 2012 SPR Cup during the SPR Awards Ceremony.

Past team champions include the *Sun Devil Scholars* from the Prevention Research Center from the Department of Psychology at Arizona State University in 2006, the *Prevention Geeks* from the State of Oklahoma Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services in 2007, the *Prevention Fellows* from the Prevention Research Center of the College of Health and Human Development at The Pennsylvania State University in 2008, the *Penn State Pride* in 2009, the *SIRC du Soleil*, Southwest Interdisciplinary Research Center, Arizona State University in 2010, and *The Maximum Likelihoods*, The Pennsylvania State University in 2011.

Applications for the 2013 SPR Cup Competition

Applications to participate in the competition will be accepted starting in the late fall of 2012. Individuals interested in being placed on a team and full teams may apply. Application requirements are available from the SPR Cup Committee via email at marke@oslc.org or jenniferlewis@preventionresearch.org.

Eligible Participants

Eligible participants are individuals who are either (1) currently enrolled in a masters or doctoral training program, or (2) have received their terminal graduate degree within the last 5 years and have not yet been a principal investigator on a research grant from a federal agency or private foundation.

Teams

Teams are limited to five members. Each team should include participants with knowledge and practical experience in research methodology, data analysis, and conference presentation.