

Applications Will Soon Be Accepted for the Third Annual Society for Prevention Research Sloboda and Bukoski SPR Cup

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) will sponsor a friendly competition amongst teams of researchers for the honor of bringing home the traveling Sloboda and Bukoski SPR Cup for the 2008-2009 academic year.

The Cup is named for two of the founders and long time active members of SPR, Dr. Zili Sloboda and Dr. William Bukoski. The Cup competition is an opportunity for an 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 ideas to each other and a larger group of experienced prevention scientists.

Competition

SPR Cup teams will receive a data set via email two months prior to the annual meeting. Each team then will conduct a literature review, generate hypotheses, conduct analyses, and prepare a presentation for a 10-minute symposium talk on their results.

Teams will present their results during an invited symposium at the SPR annual meeting. A panel of senior prevention scientist judges and the audience at the symposium will rate the quality of the research work and of the presentation.

The highest scoring team will be recognized and awarded the SPR Cup during the SPR Awards Ceremony. Past team champions are the Sun Devil Scholars from the Prevention Research Center at Arizona State University, and the PreventionGeeks from the State of Oklahoma Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services.

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.

Eligible Participants

Eligible participants for teams 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.

Data Set

A public data set relevant to prevention science will be used. In past two years, the data sets were from the Monitoring the Future Project and from the National Health and Nutrition Examination Survey.

Mentors

An experienced SPR Cup prevention science mentor will be assigned to advise each team and will be available for consultation via phone or email on an as needed basis. Teams may access other mentors as desired. All mentors must be acknowledged during the presentation.

Publication

All participating teams will be encouraged to refine their analyses after the meeting and to generate publishable products. The highest scoring team may be invited to submit a manuscript to be considered for publication in SPR's flagship journal *Prevention Science*.

Application Process

To apply, send an email to marke@oslc.org with the subject line "2008 SPR Cup Submission". Within the email, for each team member, please include the name, highest academic degree, current position, primary institutional affiliation, a brief summary of research skills and expertise, and contact information. Please list a team name and designate a team captain. A receipt of submission will be sent to the team captain.

Up to four teams will be accepted for the competition this year. Teams will be accepted in the order of when applications are received.

Applications will not be accepted before January 11, 2008, and will not be accepted after January 31, 2008. Accepted teams will be informed via email by February 8, 2008.

Further Information

Questions are welcome. Please contact:

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