

SPR News – July 26, 2005

Dear SPR Member:

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SPR HOLDS 13TH ANNUAL MEETING

This year’s annual meeting “Prevention Science to Public Health: Promoting Well-Being in the Population” held May 25 – 27, 2005 in Washington, D.C. drew 700 attendees. The three-day program included 67 sessions with 200 paper presentations, 11 poster forums and two evening poster sessions with over 200 poster presentations. The pre-conference workshops offered training focused on randomizing groups to evaluate place-based programs, benefit-cost analysis of prevention and early intervention programs and real time data capture in prevention science.

This year the SPR Early Career Preventionist Network (ECPN) annual meeting activities included: the “Meet the Scientist Dinner” that provides an opportunity for informal discussions between senior scientists and ECPNers and the ECPN Symposia and Luncheon both of which focused on integrating theory in prevention intervention research. The symposia featured senior scientists’ research while the luncheon featured ECPNer’s research.

Many thanks to our NIH partners, the William T. Grant Foundation and to our annual meeting sponsors for their wonderful financial support of meeting events and activities. With their generous support SPR awarded \$20,000 in meeting travel grants to 43 young investigators presenting at the annual meeting. Thanks are also extended to contributors to the SPR Minority Scholarship Fund, which awarded \$3,000 in travel grants to 7 minority investigators presenting at the meeting. Special thanks to Mary Jane Rotheram Chair of the 2005 Program Planning Committee and the members of the committee for their work for an excellent conference.

We encourage attendees to follow up with presenters for copies of handouts or slides, as available. Author and presenter e-mails are included in the printed program now available on line at <http://www.preventionresearch.org/meeting.php#schedule>.

SPR’s STRATEGIC PLAN UPDATE

Three important new documents produced this year and designed to help advance SPR's strategic goals were released at the SPR Annual Meeting. The first, "Advocacy for Prevention Science" describes scientific advances and principles which form a foundation for advocacy for prevention science. The document provides a list of specific actions and principles which SPR's board agrees are worthy of public policy advocacy.

The second is the journal article explicating SPR's Standards of Evidence and the reasoning behind those standards which is now available online at <http://www.preventionresearch.org/commlmon.php>. The full article will be published in the September 2005 issue of Prevention Science.

The third is "A Case for Braided Prevention Research and Service Funding" (<http://www.preventionresearch.org/BraidedFunding.pdf>) which makes a strong case for the need for effectiveness trials and dissemination research to further the advances of prevention science. It explains why and how collaborative funding across institutes that fund research and agencies that provide funding for preventive sciences could advance both knowledge regarding effective preventive interventions and the provision of evidence based preventive services at a broader scale.

SPR ELECTION RESULTS – NEW SPR OFFICERS AND BOARD MEMBERS

J. David Hawkins announced the election results at the awards banquet on May 26 in Washington, D.C. The president-elect for the 2005 – 2007 term is Zili Sloboda. The newly elected board members for the 2005 – 2008 term are Deborah Capaldi, Linda Collins, Thomas Dishion, and Celene Domitrovich. Steve Giles, ECPN chair will also join the board for a two-year term. At the June 11, 2005 SPR Board of Directors meeting the board approved the re-appointments of Deborah Gorman-Smith as treasurer and Richard Spoth as secretary each for a one-year term. Congratulations to the new board officers and members.

2005 SPR AWARD RECIPIENTS

The SPR Award Recipients announced at the annual awards banquet are:

- * International Collaborative Prevention Research Award – Mary Jane Rotheram,
- * Science to Practice Award – Steve Aos,
- * Public Service Award – Nora D. Volkow,
- * Presidential Award – Richard Clayton,
- * Prevention Science Award – Denise Gottfredson,
- * Community, Culture, and Prevention Science Award – Felipe Gonzales Castro,
- * Service to SPR Award – Gilbert J. Botvin,
- * Friend of ECPN Award – Christopher Ringwalt,
- * ECPN Early Career Award – Melissa Stigler.

Please visit http://www.preventionresearch.org/sprnews_awards2005.php for the text of the awards presentation.

SPR'S APPRECIATION AWARDS

The Annual Meeting marked the end of terms for several SPR Board Members. J. David Hawkins thanked the following out-going board officers and members for their commitment and dedication to SPR over the past three years: Gilbert Botvin, Felipe Gonzales Castro, Celene Domitrovich, ECPN Chair, Kathy Etz, Mark Greenberg and Irwin Sandler. Hawkins also presented a certificate of appreciation to Mary Jane Rotheram, Chair of the 2005 Program Planning Committee.

Tony Biglan, president-elect presented J. David Hawkins outgoing president with a plaque acknowledging Hawkins's commitment to the field of prevention science and leadership and service to SPR during his two-year term as president.

MOTHERS OF PREVENTION AT ANNUAL DANCE

The highlight of the annual meeting for the third year in a row was the performance of the Mothers of Prevention band at the annual dance. The MOP featured everyone's favorite prevention researchers and musicians: Brian Bumbarger, drums and vocals; Gil Botvin, trumpet and vocals; Celene Domitrovich, vocals; Jim Emshoff, electric piano and vocals; John Graham, guitars and vocals; David Hawkins, guitar, harmonica and vocals; John Jimenez, lead guitar; and Randy Swaim, bass guitar. The band delighted the high-energy dancers until 1:00 am with a mix of popular dance tunes, jazz and blues songs. The annual dance is a funding-raising event for the Minority Scholarship Fund.

SPR 2006 ANNUAL MEETING CALL FOR PAPERS

The 14th Annual Meeting "Applying Prevention Science to Reduce Health Disparities" will be held May 31 to June 2, 2006 in San Antonio, TX. The abbreviated call for papers is available at <http://www.preventionresearch.org/SPRCallforPapers2006.pdf>. The full call for papers with descriptions of each sub-theme will be available in August 2005.

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Tony Biglan, President

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