

“Art is I, Science is We.”

8th Annual Sloboda and Bukoski SPR Cup Competition

Thursday, May 30, 2013, 10:15 am – 11:45 am

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, each year, the Society for Prevention Research (SPR) sponsors a friendly competition amongst teams of researchers. The winning team earns the honor of bringing home the *Sloboda and Bukoski SPR Cup*.

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

Competition Process

SPR Cup teams receive a data set via email approximately 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. Both verbal and written feedback will be provided to teams about their work. The highest scoring team will be recognized and awarded the SPR Cup during the SPR Annual Awards Presentations.

Past team champions include the *Sun Devil Scholars* from the Prevention Research Center, Department of Psychology, Arizona State University in 2006, the *Prevention Geeks*, State of Oklahoma, Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services in 2007, the *Prevention Fellows*, Prevention Research Center, College of Health and Human Development, The Pennsylvania State University in 2008, the *Penn State Pride*, The Pennsylvania State University in 2009, the *SIRC du Soleil*, Southwest Interdisciplinary Research Center, Arizona State University in 2010, *The Maximum Likelihoods*, The Pennsylvania State University in 2011 and *The Cohort Effect*, The Pennsylvania State University in 2012.

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.