

## AWARDS

The **SPR Sloboda & Bukoski Cup** is presented to the team winning the annual SPR Cup Competition. The SPR Cup is an opportunity for a unique experience: several independent groups of scientists, each working with the same data set prior to the conference, conducted a literature review, generated hypotheses, conducted analyses, and prepared a presentation. Teams presented their results at a special symposium during the SPR Annual Meeting. A panel of judges and audience members rated the quality of the research and the presentation.

### Presidential Award



**Nicholas Ialongo, PhD**

*The **Presidential Award** is given to those who have made a major lifetime contribution to prevention science research.*

This year, we are pleased to present the **Presidential Award** to **Dr. Nicholas Ialongo**, Professor of Mental Health and Director of the Johns Hopkins Prevention Research Center (PRC) at the Johns Hopkins University Bloomberg School of Public Health. Dr. Ialongo has made several major contributions to prevention science research and led a significant body of research to develop and test multiple preventive interventions. He has been at Johns Hopkins since the late 1980s, first as a postdoc, then as faculty since the 1990s. He has collaborated with numerous colleagues to sustain federal funding for the PRC research trials and expand the work in important areas.

Dr. Ialongo is a world-class prevention science researcher who has maintained a federally-funded program of prevention research throughout his career. Over the past 15 years, Dr. Ialongo has launched a new line of PRC

research in the area of genetics. Much of his self-study in this area leveraged the PRC trial data and was launched through his receipt of a prestigious NIDA Merit Award.

The dynamic accomplishments of Dr. Ialongo's work include the effects of the Baltimore interventions during early school years (Good Behavior Game, Classroom Centered Intervention, Parenting Intervention) and its impact on later childhood, adolescence and early adulthood. Additionally, he has led a series of important studies over the past twenty years on how risk and protective factors influence both aggression and substance use across childhood and adolescence.

Dr. Ialongo has mentored countless early and mid-career researchers and provided them access to PRC data to help them not only develop their methodological skills but advance their own careers. He has also helped form and promote multi-site collaborations and data sharing related to the PRC datasets. Dr. Ialongo's high level of collaboration and willingness to share PRC data has resulted in inclusion in dozens of methodological papers as well as case illustrations in methods trainings and software user manuals.

Dr. Ialongo has made numerous contributions to SPR, serving as a member of the board and as regular reviewer and editorial board member for the journal, *Prevention Science*. He continues to impact how research is conducted, show new areas for study and provide practice-influencing science of the highest quality.