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**Start Talking Science: A model for STEM communication events** CHRISTINA LOVE, Drexel University, START TALKING SCIENCE COLLABORATION<sup>1</sup> — Start Talking Science is an annual public event where STEM researchers present posters aimed at a non-technical audience. It was founded in 2013 by a coalition of science communication advocates with varying technical backgrounds from almost every major university in the Philadelphia area. Our mission is to increase public awareness of – and interest in – local cutting-edge STEM research while also strengthening the science communication skills of STEM researchers. All STEM researchers, including students and seasoned professionals, are invited to present their research; however they must participate in our review process which focuses on how to communicate their science to a general audience. Start Talking Science will be presented as a model for science communication events in other cities with details about the first three annual events and our review process.

<sup>1</sup>[www.starttalkingscience.com](http://www.starttalkingscience.com)

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