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Dear Colleagues,

After a little break in its long journey 'Safe Community News' is back to your box again. From now and onwards 'Safe Community Weekly News' would be published as monthly issues and henceforth renamed as 'Safe Community Monthly News'.

With an upgrade version 'Safe Community Monthly News' will now cover more news and views from Safe Communities, affiliate centres and certifying centres around the continents.

Thanks for your continuous support for 'Safe Community News'. Please send your news and event information to the technical editor.

News and reports of this issue are appended below including the new editorial staff of 'Safe Community Monthly News'.

With warm regards
Leif Svanström, Responsible Editor
Koustuv Dalal, Technical Editor



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1. Conference News from Iran

The 16th International Conference on Safe Communities, Tehran 2007

The Ministry of Health, of the IR Iran hosted the 16th International Conference on Safe Communities, from 11-13 June 2007, Tehran, Iran under the auspicious of the World Health Organization Collaborating Centre on Community Safety Promotion, Karolinska Institutet, Stockholm, Sweden.

The conference opened on the 11th June'07 by His Excellency Dr. Davoudi, the Vice President of the IR Iran, Dr. Etienne Krug, Director of the Department of Injuries and Violence Prevention, WHO and DR. Lankarni, Minister of Health, Government of IR Iran. Iranian children performed several beautiful stage shows targeting different injury prevention programs. In total about 1200 delegates including about 100 international participants from 27 countries of all the continents had participated in this conference.

Honorable Mayor of Tehran Dr. Ghalibaf hosted the Safe Community designation ceremony, amid of nice picturesque at the hill station of Lavizan/Shian. He also felicitated Prof. Leif Svanstrom for his community safety promotion efforts for the last 30 years.



Dr. Coggan; Chief Consultant of Women affairs, Tehran municipality;
Hon'ble Mayor of Tehran (Dr. Ghalibaf) and Prof. Svanstrom (from photo left)

The Main Theme of the conference was "the Impact of Safe-communities on Road Safety". However all other topics in the field of safe communities were included under eight broad Theme headings.

Prof. Dinesh Mohan and Prof. Geetam Teewari of the Indian Institute of Technology, Delhi had organized two days pre-conference workshop on 'Traffic Safety'. A group of scientists from the Karolinska Institutes including Robert Ekman, Bo Henricsson and Koustuv Dalal and Carolyn Coggan from New Zealand and Dr. Maria Isabel Gutierrez from Columbia with active help of Dr. Zargar, Trauma Research Centre of Tehran University of Medical Sciences had hosted the 'Kid's Safety' workshop at the 2nd day of the Conference.



Dr. Coggan at a happier moment during the conference.

Dr. Alireza Moghishi, the conference organizer had presented the Safety Resolutions 2007 adopted in this conference.

Finally the Safe Community Conference flag handed over by the Mayor of Tehran to Dr. Karolyn Coggan, the representative from New Zealand, the next conference host. Dr. Coggan announced one scholarship for the 17th International conference on Safe Communities, 2008, New Zealand.

Safe Community designation ceremony:

During the conference the city of Khasmar has been designated as 'Safe Community' first time in the Iranian history with a new dimension of safety awareness.



The red-carpet was being waited for the guest of the 'Safe Community' designation ceremony at Lavizan.

§ More news of 'Safe Community' designation ceremony will be available in the next issue.

2. Award News from Australia

'International Distinguished Safe Community Award' presented to Richard Hicks

Richard Hicks, Director of Community Health Services at Southern Adelaide Health Service and Chairperson of Noarlunga Towards a Safe Community (since 1992), was presented with the International Distinguished Safe Community Award on Friday 29 June 2007.

Professor Leif Svanström, Chairman of the WHO Collaborating Centre on Community Safety Promotion, Karolinska Institutet, Stockholm, Sweden asked the Australian Safe Communities Foundation to present the award to Mr Hicks on his behalf.



Dr. Hicks and Dr. Meegan Brotherton (from photo left).

Meegan Brotherton, Secretary of the Australian Safe Communities Foundation, presented the award to Mr Hicks in recognition of outstanding dedication and leadership in safety promotion and injury prevention, with contributions and achievements that have had a significant and long-term impact on Safe Community development.

Previous recipients of the Award are Henk Harberts, Chair of the Australian Safe Communities Foundation (2004) and Martha Stowe, Director of the Injury Prevention Centre of Greater Dallas (2005).

'Noarlunga Towards a Safe Community' became the fourteenth member of the World Health Organisation 'Safe Communities Network' in 1996 and was re-designated as a member in 2003. Members of the 'Noarlunga Towards a Safe Community' Reference Committee celebrated Mr Hicks' role in working with and supporting the community within the City of Onkaparinga. After more than three decades of service in community, public and primary health care Mr Hicks will retire on 6 July 2007.

For more details visit: the www.safecommunities.org.au - NEWS

3. Safe Community News from Chile

Safe Community 112: **Peñaflor**

Inhabitants: 78.000

Area: 69 sq. km

Distance to Santiago (Capital city): 38 km

In 2006 Peñaflor, a "commune" in Chile showed a comprehensive program on injury prevention, which after some preparation and an application resulted in the designation of the first "Safe Community" in the Spanish speaking world. On the 12th of March '07 Peñaflor was designated as 'Safe Community' by Professor Leif Svanström, Karolinska Institute, Stockholm; Professor Maria Isabel Gutierrez, CISALVA, Cali, Colombia and Dr. Bo Henricson, Certifying Centre, Sweden. More than 600 people mostly from Chile had participated in the designation ceremony.

During many years citizens of Peñaflor have suffered from flooding and drowning in the 18 channels irrigating the area from the river, Rio Mapucho. Furthermore many bushfires have occurred destroying houses and killing people. One of the first tasks for the injury prevention program was to get the channels in good shape and teaching the inhabitants about fires and flooding. Since then an impressive program has evolved with injury prevention in homes, schools, traffic and leisure. A good public relation has spread the information around the region where we hope to see more Safe Communities.

Due to this designation and a lot of public relation from Peñaflor several other communities are working with injury prevention in a more comprehensive way, following the 6 Indicators for designation. The World Health Organisation Collaborating Centre on Community Safety Promotion at Karolinska Institute in Stockholm is now involved in helping more "Communes" to become Safe Communities in South America.

4. Activity Report from WHO Safe Community Certifying centre, Suwon, South Korea

a) Site visit to China

Community: Four communities in Beijing
Two communities of Kailuan Group in Hebei Province
One Community of Lu'an Group in Shanxi Province
Duration: 22nd June – 2nd July
Experts: Joon Pil Cho
Henk Harberts
Nam Soo Park
Shumei Wang (Fudan University, Shanghai, China)

§ The full report will arrive in the next issue.

b) Jeju Safe Community Designation Ceremony

Date: 30th July, 2007
Signing person from Certifying Center:
Prof. Leif Svanstrom (KI)
Prof. Joon Pil Cho (Suwon)
Dr. Carolyn Coggan (New Zealand)
Invited guests from overseas:
Naoya Hatta from Kyoto prefecture
Wang Zhiling with 9 persons from Chaoyang District, Beijing

c) Suwon Safe Community Re-designation

Suwon city of South Korea has been preparing an application report for re-designation within this year. The signing ceremony may take place during November 2007.

5. New Editorial Board: Safe Community Monthly News

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