

# Safe Community Monthly News

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Dear Colleagues,

We are proud to introduce another Safe Community from New Zealand.

In this issue we have report from Christchurch conference.

News and reports of this issue are appended below. Same issue is also available at our WHO Collaborating Centre on Community Safety Promotion website: [http://www.phs.ki.se/csp/who\\_newsletters\\_en.htm](http://www.phs.ki.se/csp/who_newsletters_en.htm)

Have a nice festive season!!

With warm regards

Leif Svanström, Responsible Editor

Koustuv Dalal, Editor

## 17th International Safe Community Conference



Some of the delegates at the closing ceremony

What an exciting time we all had at the 17<sup>th</sup> International Safe Communities Conference. For many, especially those attending their first conference, it was a unique experience to be able to network with so many members of the International Safe Community network. Over 500 delegates from 38 countries attended the conference and all left with a greater understanding of the benefits of International Safe Communities.

The Safe Communities Foundation of New Zealand and the Christchurch City Council were proud to be co-hosts for this world-class conference and consider that the objectives of the conference were well met. Delegates agreed that the conference provided an opportune moment for enhancing expertise, exchanging and transferring knowledge, and facilitating partnerships at regional and global levels. The standard of the presentations, both the keynote speakers and those presenting in the various streams was excellent. Both during and after the conference, many positive comments have been received including: *“the best ISC conference ever”*; *“very professional and inclusive”*; *“great networking, everyone was so friendly and welcoming”*; *“great to see a Mayor so passionate and informed about Safe Communities”*; *“intelligent and relevant presentations and I have lots of ideas to take back to my community”*; *“appreciated all the little extras such as the Safer Times Newsletters, Cyber Café and professional and timely responses to queries from the organisers”*. We hope that the contacts and

networking will continue now that you are back in your communities. Remember being at the conference, listening to speakers, and viewing the posters and exhibition stands provided a wonderful opportunity to share ideas, experiences and specialised knowledge, but the real action and outcomes will come when you share all these ideas and strategies with your colleagues in your community. It is only in this way that the conference theme of **“working together to make a difference”** will be put into practice.

On behalf of the other members of the organising committee – Lincoln Papali’i, Tania Peters, Robyn Steel and Philipa Hay, we extend our best wishes to you all and hope to see you again at future International Safe Community events.



*Reporter: Tania Peters, New Zealand*

## Christchurch City New Zealand International Safe Communities Designation

Following a successful site visit on 10<sup>th</sup> June 2008 attended by 11 participating experts and observers, on 21<sup>st</sup> October 2008 Christchurch City became the 9<sup>th</sup> community in New Zealand and 144<sup>th</sup> International Safe Community to achieve designation.

Christchurch City’s designation was an especially significant occasion as the designation ceremony was held as part of the 17<sup>th</sup> International Safe Communities Conference. The designation ceremony provided good opportunities for networking with other designated and pending Safe Communities. Over 500 delegates attended the conference and representatives from 70 different Safe Communities were there to congratulate Christchurch on reaching the criteria to become designated. As part of the Safe Communities tradition, to celebrate Christchurch’s designation, delegates from the designated Safe Communities network presented Mayor Parker with gifts from their communities.



Signatories for the Christchurch ceremony were Prof. Leif Svanstrom, the chair of the World Health Organisation’s Collaborating Centre on Community Safety Promotion, Dr Carolyn Coggan Director of the Safe Communities Foundation New Zealand, Bob Parker Mayor of Christchurch and Dave Cliff Canterbury District Commander of New Zealand Police. It is envisaged that at a later date other key stakeholders in the Christchurch Strategy will become signatories.

Making Christchurch the safest city in New Zealand is the aim of the Safer Christchurch Strategy, adopted in September 2005 by the Christchurch City Council, to make the city a safer place to live, work and play. The Strategy, overseen by the Safer Christchurch Interagency Group representing 21 agencies and sector representatives, focuses on injury prevention, road safety and crime prevention.

As Mayor Bob Parker, the chair of the Safer Christchurch Interagency Group which oversees the Strategy said *“Christchurch City has always played a key role in community safety. The accreditation is for everyone who has ever played a role in helping to make our community safer; it is thanks to their commitment, leadership and innovation that Christchurch is joining an elite group of world-wide communities focussed on making their place safer for residents and visitors alike. This does not mean Christchurch is ‘perfectly safe’ but rather that the community has systems and processes in place to address safety, and all sectors of the community are working together to increase the overall safety of its residents and visitors”*.



Further information [www.safecommunities.org.nz/sc/chch](http://www.safecommunities.org.nz/sc/chch)

*Reporter: Tania Peters, New Zealand*

## JungJa Elementary School: Designated International Safe Schools

On 28 October 2008, JungJa Elementary School in Suwon Korea joined the International community of International Safe Schools during a thrilling designation ceremony. Hosted on the campus of 1701 students aged 6 to 13 years of ages (1st through 6th grades), press, politicians, faculty, parents and international guests were treated to safety plays by students, music and dance; inspiring speeches; and the an elegant signing ceremony with the Student Council President Moon Jong Cheon, Dr. Nam Soo Park (Coordinator International Safe Schools- Korea), Principal Jong-Saing Lim, Professor Joon-Pil Cho (Chair Certifying Centre for Safe Communities-Korea), Superintendent Sung-Jun Cho (Suwon Office of Education, Korea), Mayor Young-Seo Kim (Suwon, Korea),



Max Vosskuhler (Peaceful Resources Centre- Affiliate Center for Safe Communities and International Safe Schools Arizona, USA), and, Professor Leif Svanström (Chair, WHO CC Community Safety Promotion-Stockholm, Sweden).

More about the school, its activities, etc. can be found on its website: <http://www.jungja.es.kr/> Principal Lim is looking forward to hosting fellow Principals during the 2010 International Safe Communities & Schools Meeting March 23-26, for a Principals for forum for International Safe Schools at JungJa.

*Reporter & photographers: Max Vosskuhler & JuHee Huong*

## International Safe Community Traveling Seminar – New Zealand, 15 – 18 October 2008

The Waimakariri District was very proud to host 15 delegates from 10 countries on the recent International Safe Community Travelling Seminar.

The first day of the seminar was a chance for Waimakariri to showcase some of its best initiatives and delegates were welcomed to Woodend International Safe School with a traditional powhiri. Here we heard from the staff and pupils about how they have developed a safe physical and emotional learning environment. From there we visited two wonderfully inspiring Youth Projects that aim to give young people a help-up. YDOT (Youth Development Opportunities Trust) aims to give young men with no formal qualifications, a series of life skills and work experiences that will prepare them to move into employment or further training. Karanga Mai Young Parents College is an educational institutional working with young parents (mostly mothers aged from 14 years) to gain basic qualifications that will lead to further training or employment. One wonderfully inspiring young mother told of her plans to embark on 9 years University study to become a Psychiatrist. The final visit of the day was to Coastguard – a voluntary NZ organization that works to keep our coastlines and rivers safe.

From Waimakariri delegates flew to iconic Queenstown – one of New Zealand's best known spots and well known for adventure tourism. Delegates took part in some of these pursuits but first heard about how we keep our tourists safe so that they can enjoy the experience by managing the risk, and come back time and time again to enjoy the thrill!

From here we travelled to Dunedin to visit the well regarded Injury Prevention Research Unit at the University of Otago. Researchers presented three projects of interest. They were The New Zealand Drivers Study: A follow-up study of newly licensed drivers, an internet-based cognitive behaviour therapy self-help for



depression (RID), and an evaluation of Campus Watch. This was an excellent opportunity to hear about some unique New Zealand research. Following a morning of sitting and listening, delegates had the opportunity to climb the Worlds Steepest Street, Baldwin Street in North Dunedin before a very long bus trip, along the beautiful east coast to Moeraki and inland through to glimpse New Zealand's tallest mountain, Aoraki, Mount Cook and on to Lake Tekapo. Presentations by ALAC – Alcohol Advisory Council of New Zealand painted a very dark picture of the harm alcohol causes in New Zealand, and from shared discussions, around the world.

The final day concluded with a visit to a High Country sheep station where we saw Health and Safety in practice and delegates had the opportunity to enjoy a traditional Kiwi BBQ and some great hospitality.

Hosted by Sandra James, Linsey Burgess and Graeme Barber from

Waimakariri International Safe Community, this seminar was a great opportunity for delegates to see and hear about best practice New Zealand community safety projects, to get to know each other, to hear about each others projects and work, and share ideas for future projects - in the true Safe Community spirit. A huge thank-you from Waimakariri to our wonderful delegates – we really enjoyed your company and the opportunity to get to know you all.

*Reporter: Sandra James, Photographer: Koustuv Dalal*



Mount Cook

## **Congratulations Billie Weiss, 2008 California Peace Prize Honoree**

We congratulate our friend, colleague and UNITY (Urban Networks to Increase Thriving Youth) Co-Chair Billie Weiss on being honored with a 2008 California Peace Prize by The California Wellness Foundation. Billie was acknowledged for her pioneering public-health research that helps community-based organizations become more effective in preventing violence.



L to R: Deborah Prothrow Stith, Billie Weiss and Larry Cohen

## **Linfen community, China promoted the anti-theft work of Bicycle and Battery car**

Since early 2008, after the acquisition of 90 anti-theft pile for the residents by the Working Group on public security in the community, the theft of Bicycle and Battery car was on a downward trend by comparing the figures. In order to further the effectiveness of the anti-theft work of Bicycle and Battery car, and to improve the living sense of security, the Working Group on public security in the community has set up 90 anti-theft pile for Bicycle and Battery car in September. The initiatives for the people which were done by the Working Group on public security have been praised by the Community residents.

## **New web site highlights what works to prevent violence**

On 25 November, WHO and Liverpool John Moores University's Centre for Public Health launched a Violence Prevention evidence base on the web. Violence is responsible for 1.6 million deaths a year, as many as tuberculosis and more than malaria. Violence, however, can be prevented and its impact reduced by adopting an evidence-based public health approach. Such an approach seeks to prevent violence before it occurs by reducing the factors that place people at risk and reinforcing those which protect them. This website provides an evidence-based violence prevention resource for policy makers, practitioners, and others working to prevent violence. It includes a searchable data base of abstracts from published studies that measure the effectiveness of interventions to prevent child abuse, elder abuse, intimate partner violence, sexual violence, youth violence, and sexual violence; key publications and resources on violence and its prevention; information and links to the global Violence Prevention Alliance (VPA), a WHO-led network of organizations dedicated to preventing violence using the public health approach; news and updates on violence prevention; and links to relevant organizations and resources for violence prevention information."New Violence Prevention Evidence Base: <http://www.nwph.net/preventviolence/default.aspx>

*Reporter: Christopher Mikton, WHO, Geneva.*

## Forthcoming Safety and Injury Conferences

### 2009

- **1st Eastern Mediterranean Regional Conference  
Injury Prevention and Safety Promotion  
*Development and Safety - Together*  
10-12 February 2009  
Cairo, Egypt**  
15 August 2008 Close of abstract submissions  
For information: <http://www.emro.who.int/vip/ipsp>
  
- **9th National Conference on Injury Prevention and Safety Promotion  
26-28 July, 2009  
Melbourne, Australia**  
[www.injuryprevention2009.com](http://www.injuryprevention2009.com)  
Abstract submission closes on 10 November 2008.
  
- **18th International Conference on Safe Communities  
*Community Safety Policies as an axis for development***  
  
**August 13 – 15, 2009  
Cali, Colombia**  
**First Announcement: [English](#) [Spanish](#)**  
For information: [www.cisalva.univalle.edu.co](http://www.cisalva.univalle.edu.co)
  
- **5th Asian Regional Conference on Safe Communities (ARCSC)  
*Safety, Health, Harmony*  
18-20 October 2009 **NEW DATE!**  
Beijing, China**  
China Occupational Safety & Health Association (COSHA)  
<http://www.cosha.org.cn>  
First Announcement: <http://www.cosha.org.cn/upload/1224465633423324.pdf>  
Date not changed in the Announcement yet!  
**Abstract deadline: 30 March 2009**  
Contact persons: Ms Wu Yanhua and Mr Liu Yan. E-mail: [2009ascc@cosha.org.cn](mailto:2009ascc@cosha.org.cn)
  
- **Senior Safety- future challenges  
Nordic Conference  
21 -22 October 2009  
Karlstad, Sweden**  
First Announcement and Call for Abstracts  
Abstract deadline: 27 February, 2009  
  
For information: Dr Tommy Rosenberg, Head of Knowledge Centre for Senior Safety, Karlstad , Sweden  
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### 2010

- **19th International Safe Communities Conference  
*Sustainability of Safe Community Programs* 23- 26 March, 2010  
Suwon, Korea**  
For information: [jpcho@ajou.ac.kr](mailto:jpcho@ajou.ac.kr)

## Course

- **RESEARCH EDUCATION Course 2009**

Courses 2009

6th International Course - A Ph.D. Course: Research in Injury Prevention and Safety Promotion: Designs, Methods & Analysis, October - November 2009 (5 weeks)

Stockholm, Sweden, 7.5 Credits

Application deadline: 15 April 2009

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- Courses 2009/ 2010

4th International Ph.D. Course on Internet

INJURY SURVEILLANCE AND CODING

1 October 2009 - 31 March 2010 (25% rate)

7,5 Credits

Course information:

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- **"Risk management" and "Hospitals safety" courses, which will take place on January, 2009 in Santiago, Chile, during the XI International Summer School on Public Health.**

For further information about the courses (schedules, fares, etc.), please visit [www.saludpublica.uchile.cl](http://www.saludpublica.uchile.cl) .

## Books and websites of interest

- 'The Way Forward' Transportation Planning and Road Safety. Authors: Geetam Tiwari, Dinesh Mohan and Nicol Muhlrud. ISBN 1403 92502 X, Macmillan India Ltd. New Delhi.
- Abuse of Elderly in Europe. <http://www.abuel.org/>
- "Violence, Dangerousness in the day by day living ". Edited by Rosgal. Montevideo. 2002. Free version at SitioMedico: <http://www.sitiomedico.com.uy/artnac/maltzman.pdf> and in Amadeo Guestbook, The Medical Literature Guide ( Code 1234 ? 2/20/02). New 2005-2006 Edition.

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