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Dear Colleagues,

Thanks for your overwhelming support and response with the first issue of 'Safe Community Monthly News'. Also thanks to all of you for the flood of congratulations and thanks from around the world. We apologise our inability to individually reply against thousands of thank-giving emails.

In this issue we have included information of Safety related Conferences around the world.

We are encouraging all Safe Communities, affiliate centres and certifying centres around the continents to send more news and event information. At the same time we are also encouraging the individual safety experts to be united with fellows in your own country to plan, implant ideas and establish more safe communities. We are ever ready to provide supports in this regard.

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.

With warm regards
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1. North Shore City Safe Community

Janferie Bryce-Chapman, executive director Age Concern for North Shore and executive member of ShoreSafe welcomed Mayor George Wood, Teresa Stanley, chair of ShoreSafe and other representatives from the North Shore City Council (NSCC), Accident Compensation Corporation (ACC), Police, Fire Service Waitemata District Health Board (WDHB), Watersafe Auckland, Age Concern, Safe Communities Foundation New Zealand and members of the North Shore community involved in safety promotion and injury prevention, to North Shore City Designation ceremony held on Tuesday 24th July, 2007. Some of the community members had been involved in the North Harbour Injury Prevention Coalition before it became ShoreSafe and others had become involved since the formation of ShoreSafe and the drive towards International Safe Community accreditation.

Teresa Stanley presented a potted history of ShoreSafe, the people and organisations involved, and the achievements so far. She concluded by saying that *"what we have achieved so far is good, but by the time we are applying for re-designation I want us to be great"*.



Three presentations were then given: the first by North Shore Police Inspector Les Paterson on the approach adopted by North Shore Police to prevent crime and violence on the North Shore. He commented on the size and geography of North Shore and how it was unique in that it had the longest coastline in New Zealand. His address provided statistics showing how well North Shore was achieving in its policing of crime and violence and that it was the safest city in New Zealand. His address was followed by a presentation from Child Youth and Families (Ann Casey), Safer Families (Tracey Swanberg) and Senior Sgt Bruce Wood from the Police on their joint initiative and the Takapuna model they have developed. These two presentations ably demonstrated the collaboration and cooperation between these three organisations. The third presentation was by a representative from the NSCC, Warwick Robertson, on the Safe Summer Campaign. Again this presentation ably demonstrated the depth and breadth of safety initiatives occurring on the North Shore between a range of government and non-government organisations both on the sea and land.

All present were given a most impressive demonstration of Tai Chi by one of the local migrant Tai Chi groups. This covered two Tai Chi forms and a two sword demonstration by their master and leader.

The next part of the ceremony was an address by Dr Carolyn Coggan as the certifying delegate of the WHO Collaborating Centre on Community Safety Promotion. She praised ShoreSafe and the North Shore City Council on their collaborative efforts, as identified in their application and site visit, and presented them with a plaque and flag which acknowledged these efforts.

The agreement was signed by Professor Leif Svanstrom, Dr Carolyn Coggan, the Mayor George Wood, Katie Sadleir, General Manager Injury Prevention ACC, Dave Davies CEO WDHB, Inspector Les Paterson, Area Commander North Shore City Police, Terry Hoskins CEO Enterprise North Shore, and Teresa Stanley Chairperson ShoreSafe.



The afternoon concluded with a karakia and all were invited to refreshments and a toast to North Shore "A Safer City".

2. 'Safe Community' initiative from Vietnam

Last week a high level ministerial delegation from Vietnam visited WHO Collaborating Centre on Community Safety Promotion, Karolinska Institutet, Department of Public Health Sciences, Division of Social Medicine (27-30 August 2007). Moa Sundström was hosting the delegation during their visits in Stockholm. It was a major initiative from the government of Vietnam in the line of safe community movement and childhood injury prevention.

The delegation team included Ms. Le Thi Thu - Former Minister of Vietnam Committee for Population Family and Children (CPFC), Director of the Vietnam-UNICEF Project Management Unit, Mission leader; Ms. Truong Thi Mai - Chairman of National Assembly's Committee for Social Affairs; Mr. Phan Trong Lan - Secretary, Vice Minister of Ministry of Health, Mr. Nguyen Huy Nga - Director General of the Preventive Medicine Department (VAPM), Ministry of Health; Mr. Nguyen Trong An - Vice Director of Children Department, Vietnam Committee for Population Family and Children; Ms. Hoang Tuyet Mai - Project Officer, Childhood Injury Prevention Section, UNICEF Vietnam and Mr. Phan Trong Lan, Secretary of VAPM.

During their visit they discussed with Prof. Svanström about possible ways of increasing cooperation between WHO CC and Vietnamese administrations in the field of safety promotion and injury prevention. They visited Nacka safe Community, Stockholm. From Associate Professor Robert Ekman, the delegations also received ideas on helmet initiatives and achievements within the safe community concept in Sweden.



The Vietnamese delegation team in Karolinska: (from photo right) Nguyen Huy Nga, Hoang Tuyet Mai, Truong Thi Mai, Reza Mohammadi, Moa Sundström, Le Thi Thu, Nguyen Trong An, Phan Trong Lan.

The group visited a safety shop and met an expert from consumer safety institute. During the meeting they discussed different aspects of safety standards in the ordinary products and daily life. Finally they have an important knowledge sharing meeting with Dr. Reza Mohammadi, Karolinska Institutet and Dr. Jairo Osorno (from Colombia) who has been visiting WHO CC at Karolinska Institutet. Dr. Anders Norman who is working in Vietnam as chief technical advisor in the Vietnam-Belgium Development Cooperation also joined in the meeting.

3. Peñaflores 'Safe Community' Designation Ceremony

With 78,000 inhabitants Peñaflores, Chile is the 112th 'safe Community' in its series. On 12th of March '07 Peñaflores was designated as 'Safe Community'.



Peñaflores: Safe Community designation ceremony: Eduardo Jorquera Cabello, the Mayor of Peñaflores, Prof. Maria Isabella Gutierrez from University of Cali, Columbia and representative from the Certifying Centre in the Americas, Prof. Leif Svanström and Dr. Bo Henricsson.

More news on Peñaflores: <http://www.phs.ki.se/csp/safecom/penafloreschile.htm>

3. Khasmar 'Safe Community' Designation Ceremony

With 89,577 inhabitants Khasmar, Iran is the 115th 'Safe Community' in its series. On 12th of June '07 Khasmar was designated as 'Safe Community'.



Khasmar: 'Safe Community designation ceremony': Governor, Head of city council Mayor and Health network of Khasmar, Iran; Prof. Leif Svanström and Dr. Alireza Moghishi.

More news on Khasmar: <http://www.phs.ki.se/csp/safecom/kashmar.htm>

4. Safety movement from Macedonia

The Government of Republic of Macedonia has considered Road Safety as a priority action. They have set up the National board for road safety. Dr. Tozija Fimka is the coordinator of the Board. During 23-29 April 2007 the board performed several activities towards road safety awareness and strict implementation of regulations. They have observed the UN Road Safety Week in Macedonia. First time it's a great safety movement in Macedonian history.



School children are performing road safety awareness in Skopje

5. Forth coming Safety and Injury Conferences

2007

- **Pre-Conference Seminar on Injury Surveillance Of the 4 th Asian Regional Conference on Safe Communities Bangkok, 21 November**
- **4th Asian Regional Conference on Safe Communities 22-24 November 2007 Bangkok, Thailand**
Incorporating Global Thinking, Cultivating Local Strategy
Abstracts Submission: Dead Line: 31 May 2007
- **25-26 November Post-ConferenceTsunami visit**
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2008

- **The 9th World Conference on Injury Prevention and Safety Promotion 15-18 March 2008, Mérida, Yucatan Mexico**
<http://www.safety2008mx.info/>
Abstracts: Submission deadline was until July 13, 2007
Early Bird Registration: will be extended until July 30, 2007
Online Registration and Payment is available at <http://www.safety2008mx.info>
Conference Secretariat at: safety2008@insp.mx

- **7th Nordic Safe Community Conference 27-28May 2008, Oslo, Norway**
For information: peter.koren@chello.no
- **17th International Safe Communities Conference**
20th – 23 October 2008
Christchurch, New Zealand
For further information visit: <http://www.safecom2008.org.nz/>
email: contact@scfnz.org.nz or robyn.steel@ccc.govt.nz

6. Course

- **4th International Course - A Ph.D. Level Course**
Research in Injury Prevention and Safety Promotion: Designs, Methods & Analysis
21 January - 22 February 2008, Stockholm, Sweden.
Karolinska Catalogue Code: 1888
Application deadline: **15 October 2007**

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- **'International Course on Transportation Planning and Safety'; 10-16 December 2007**
The course will be held in Indian Institute of Technology, New Delhi, India.
For more information visit: <http://web.iitd.ac.in/~tripp/course/courseRframe.htm>

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