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Dear Colleagues,

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)

With warm regards

Leif Svanström, Responsible Editor

Koustuv Dalal, Editor

## Youth Park, China: Improvement of work quality within Safe Community

Safe Community designation is not only a staggered achievement but also a new starting. Youth Park Safe Community has been consistently pursuing the goal of constructing safe community with new contents, new activities and is committed to promote 'effectively in reducing and preventing injuries, equity in health and safety rights'. It needs 'constant intervention and continuous improvement'. Seasonal interventions: during the spring, 'food security guidance,' and 'medical examination activity'. During the summer: 'safe education of drowning prevention', 'investigation and repair of old housing', 'Thunder and Lightning prevention guidance', investigation and renovation of dangerous and old houses. In the fall, 'escape drills' and 'publicity of chronic disease prevention and control', 'Fire skills training'. During the winter: 'anti-gas poisoning', 'gas safety' and 'education of fall prevention'.

Improvement of the injury monitor system: The injury monitoring is not only very important for the construction of safe community but also a foundation for our development of effective interventions. At present, it has collected a total of 41 types of injury information. On the basis of analysis of the records, it has provided "assistance bell" for 2 elderly who live alone. Peoples fall as the community lighting district does not work well. Youth Park safe Community has constructed street lamp. It has carried out dredging of the sewerage system to eliminate spilling and prevent fall injuries during winter.

Service center for residents: Through the surveys and data analysis it has noticed that there is no self-contained complete estate service agency in most residential area of Youth Park Community. In their daily life,

when they met daily household problems like electrical short circuit, water supply problems, the residents employ a number of informal workers to solve the problems as they are cheap and easily accessible.



However the unskilled maintenances cause several problems in the later phase. To solve the electric, water and household problems, Youth Park safe Community has established the first community estate service agency in the city “Service centre for people in Youth Park”. The service centre is opened 24 hours 7 days a week with a staggering success rate of 100 percent.

Media Promotion: Youth park safe Community actively promote safe community activities in different media channels like national and local dailies.

Collaborations: Youth Park leads several national and international collaborations. Core members of Youth Park Safe Community team frequently attend different Safe Communities activities around the world. At the same time delegates from Africa, Asia, Europe, Australia visit Youth Park to share knowledge and enhance mutual experience (so far greeted 196 teams and 960 persons). With the Safe Community activities, Prof. Leif Svanström said: “My expectation is that the Youth Park Community Safe community program shall serve as catalyst for other communities in Mainland China even the whole Asia.”

Reporter: [Lars-Gunnar Horte, Sweden.](#)

### **“Let’s Agree” Project:**

The campaign DOMLUVME SE! (Let’s agree!) is a variation of the Designated Driver concept targeted at drinking and driving among young people. Teams of the project operated during concerts of the famous Czech rock groups CHINASKI, DIVOKEJ BILL, TŘI SESTRY and WANSTOVY VJECY. The frontmen of the bands send a clear message against drinking and driving to the visitors of their concerts and special promotional teams of hostesses offer the chance to be voluntary breathalyses. If a controlled person is clearly sober, he or she is given a small gift, e.g. t-shirt. The campaign is one of the main activities of the Czech Ministry of Transport, Road Safety Department (BESIP) and it is supported by FORUM PSR (Responsible Spirits Producers) and the Responsible Brewers Initiative. The technical support provides the agency Euronet.CZ.

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The campaign has been covered by the President of the Upper Chamber of the Czech Parliament (the Senate) Mr Premysl Sobotka. There were 10 concerts of each rock group with total number of 61 328 visitors of which 3 080 were voluntarily breathalysed in 2008. From this number of visitors 2 345 had no alcohol and 735 visitors were impaired by alcohol. For more information visit the website [Hwww.domluvme-se.cz](http://www.domluvme-se.cz)

Reporter: Jaroslav Horin, Czech Police Academy

## India: Celebration of National Safety Day

To commemorate the foundation day of the National Safety Council on 4<sup>th</sup> March, the National Safety Day is observed all-over the country.

The *National Safety Day(NSD) Campaign* spearheaded by the National Safety Council for commemorating its foundation day – 4th March, is entering the 38th year. This celebration started since 1972 with the objective to generate awareness and renew commitment of all the stakeholders including employers, employees, member of associations, institutions and general public for contributing towards the goal of integrating safety and health in the work activities and daily life.

The Campaign generally celebrated over a week, has grown into a major National Occupational, Safety & Health (OSH) campaign and is celebrated by industry, trade unions, Govt. departments, regulatory agencies, NGOs and institutions with the active support of the Central & State Governments and the media.

The Campaign is aimed at renewing the commitment of employees and general public to work safely throughout the year. The ultimate objective of the Campaign is to ensure integration of OSH in work culture and life style.

Reporter: Krishna Nirmalya Sen, India

## A new resource for preventing falls among elderly people in the EU

The first document, 'Feasibility of large scale interventions for preventing falls among older people in the European Union', is a technical report providing key information on the methods and results of four studies conducted during the APOLLO Work Package 4 project. In addition this report also includes a case study of two implementations of the same intervention in two EU countries. The second document, published in November 2008, presents the results of the four studies in the form of a 'A guide for implementers of interventions to prevent falls in community dwelling older people'. Finally, a third document, 'Prevention of falls in older people: Time to act', provides recommendations for promoting the prevention of falls in community-dwelling older people. It covers areas such as what works in preventing falls, facilitating and monitoring the success of the proposed intervention fall prevention and the promotion of health and mental well-being in older people.

These documents have been produced by APOLLO Work Package 4, 'Development and assessment of strategic materials for implementation of recommendations for preventing falls among elderly people in the EU'. The main aim of this project was to fill gaps in knowledge on specific aspects that hinder the implementation of large scale interventions for the prevention of falls in older people. These documents provide information which can be used by public health researches, implementers of interventions for the prevention of falls and parties involved in the design of national or local action plans in the EU in the evaluation of the feasibility of large scale interventions in the EU. All three documents are available at <http://www.eurosafe.eu.com/csi/eurosafe2006.nsf/wwwVwContent/l3results.htm?OpenDocument>

**Reporter:** Lidia Tatò, The Nedarland

## Invitation

**The Sexual Violence Research Initiative (SVRI)** is pleased to invite you to its first conference, SVRI Forum 2009: Coordinated evidence-based responses to end sexual violence, to be held in Johannesburg, South Africa from 6 - 9 July 2009. The conference is aimed at promoting research on sexual violence, highlighting innovation and encouraging sharing and networking in the area of sexual violence.

This global event will bring together over 200 participants working on sexual violence as researchers, gender activists, funders, policy makers, service providers, survivors and others.

The conference is being organised by the Sexual Violence Research Initiative (SVRI). The SVRI is a global initiative that promotes and disseminates policy relevant, action-orientated research to reduce and respond to sexual violence through: identifying gaps; building capacity; supporting research; raising awareness; and building partnerships. We are building an experienced and committed network of researchers, policy makers, activists and donors to ensure that the many aspects of sexual violence are addressed from different disciplinary and cultural perspectives.

For more details on SVRI visit [www.svri.org](http://www.svri.org)

## Forthcoming Safety and Injury Conferences

- Next World Conference on Injury Prevention and Safety Promotion will be in London, UK, 21-24 September, 2010 (details provided below)
- Postponement of the first regional conference on injury prevention and safety promotion, Cairo, Egypt, 22-25 February 2009 (due to unavoidable reasons).

### 2009

- **1st Regional Southeastern Europe Conference on Safe Community**  
**"Safe Children in Safe Communities" 22-25 June 2009 Novi Sad, Serbia**

Before March 31, 2009: Submit a registration form

Before April 15, 2009: Submit an abstract

Before May 15, 2009: Submit the full paper

Welcome message!

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- **The 14th International Conference on Circumpolar Health**  
**July 11-16, 2009 Yellowknife, Canada**  
Abstract deadline: 20 February  
Injury Prevention has always been a concern for the IUCH (International Union for Circumpolar Health) and injuries are a very heavy burden on the health of indigenous people living in the circumpolar regions.  
Contact Jody Butler Walker [butlerwalker@gmail.com](mailto:butlerwalker@gmail.com) [www.icch2009.com](http://www.icch2009.com)
- **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**  
*Safe Policies as an axis for development* August 13 – 15, 2009 Cali, Colombia  
Date for Abstract submission deadline: 15 March  
Call for abstract. English  
<http://www.phs.ki.se/csp/pdf/Conferences/cali.jpg>  
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- **5th Asian Regional Conference on Safe Communities (ARCSC)**  
*Safety, Health, Harmony* 18-20 October 2009 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  
Abstract form <http://www.cosha.org.cn/upload/1235111029165436.doc>  
**Topics** [http://www.phs.ki.se/csp/pdf/Conferences/conf\\_news.pdf](http://www.phs.ki.se/csp/pdf/Conferences/conf_news.pdf)  
Before June 30, 2009 Submit the full paper  
Before June 30, 2009 Early bird registration  
After June 30, 2009 Full registration  
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- **Senior Safety- future challenges**  
**Nordic Conference**  
21 -22 October 2009  
Karlstad, Sweden  
First Announcement and Call for Abstracts  
[www.phs.ki.se/csp/pdf/Conferences/2009\\_senior\\_safety\\_call\\_for\\_abstract.pdf](http://www.phs.ki.se/csp/pdf/Conferences/2009_senior_safety_call_for_abstract.pdf)  
Abstract deadline: 27 February, 2009  
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- **1st Eastern Mediterranean Regional Conference  
Injury Prevention and Safety Promotion**  
*Development and Safety - Together*  
22-25 February 2009 **POSTPONEMENT** a new date will be announced!  
Cairo, Egypt  
15 August 2008 Close of abstract submissions  
For information: <http://www.emro.who.int/vip/ipsp>

## 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)
- **The Second European Regional Safe Community Conference  
Incorporating the 7th Nordic Conference on Safe Communities**  
*How to develop Safe Communities in Europe using the Nordic experiences.  
- Re-establishing a European Network of Safe Communities.*  
19-20 May, 2010  
Reykjavik, Iceland  
[www.publichealth.is/SC-Iceland2010/](http://www.publichealth.is/SC-Iceland2010/)  
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Public Health Institute of Iceland, Laugavegur 116, 105 Reykjavík, Iceland
- **10th World Conference on Injury Prevention and Safety Promotion  
21-24 September, 2010 London, UK**

The first formal announcement for Safety 2010 will be issued in January 2009

Call for abstracts will open in April 2009.

[www.safety2010.org.uk](http://www.safety2010.org.uk)

Early bird rate before 30 April 2009 £450.00

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## Course

- **RESEARCH EDUCATION Course 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  
Course Organizer: Reza Mohammadi, MD, MPH, PhD  
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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 Organizer: Professor Lars-Gunnar Hörte , [lars-gunnar.horte@ki.se](mailto:lars-gunnar.horte@ki.se)

## New Journal

Journal of Injury and Violence Research, <http://jivresearch.org/>

## Books and websites of interest

- 'The Way Forward' Transportation Planning and Road Safety. Authors: Geetam Tiwari, Dinesh Mohan and Nicol Muhlad. ISBN 1403 92502 X, Macmillan India Ltd. New Delhi.
- Abuse of Elderly in Europe. <http://www.abuel.org/>
- "Violence, Dangerousnes 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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