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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

Please register and submit your abstract in Cali & Serbia conferences (details in page).

With warm regards

Leif Svanström, Responsible Editor

Koustuv Dalal, Editor

Mount Isa, Queensland, Australia – International Safe Communities Designation #151

On the 21st February, 2009 Mount Isa became the third city in Queensland Australia to be accredited as an International Safe Community, the 151st Safe Community in the world and the 15th in Australia. This was an extremely important day for Mount Isa as the Mayor of Mount Isa Cr John Molony stated *“we have worked to reach this point for more than six years and although this is only the start of much work ahead, significant progress has been made as result of the excellent collaboration that has occurred”*.

Mount Isa has focused on issues such as road safety, family violence, substance misuse, senior safety and child injury prevention. As Lynette Drew, the Mount Isa spokesperson stated *“Over the past six years, groups in these areas have demonstrated a dedication to evidence-based practice, and the development of sustainable programmes to promote safety in response to the needs of the local community”*.

The Mount Isa Safe Community Family Fun Day and Designation Ceremony was held at the Mount Isa Civic Centre and included interactive and static displays, information booths, music and family fun for all ages. The designation ceremony began with a Welcome to Country speech by Karen West on behalf of the indigenous (Aboriginal) people of Australia. The Mayor then welcomed all and read out a letter from Professor Leif Svanström which, among other things, reminded representatives from Mount Isa that their on-going involvement in International Safe Community networks was expected. Next, Member of Parliament for Mount Isa and Chair of the Living with Lead Alliance, Berry Kiernan, spoke about the effective partnerships and sustainable programmes which had been established to make Mount Isa a safer place to live, work and play.

The designation ceremony, was led by Dr Carolyn Coggan in her capacity as Director of Safe Communities Foundation, a Certifying Centre of the WHO Collaborating Centre on Community Safety Promotion. Dr Coggan commented at the designation ceremony that *“it was wonderful to see community members of all ages and socio-cultural backgrounds sharing and having fun with key stakeholders while obtaining safety information”*. She also stated that *“having 16 signatories to the agreement demonstrated the support from a wide range of agencies that were committed to making Mount Isa a safer place for all”*. Further information can be found by visiting the Safe Communities Foundation NZ web site <http://www.safecommunities.org.nz/sc/mtisa>.

Reporter: Tania Peters, SCFNZ, New Zealand



Al Ain in United Arab Emirate the first Safe Community in the Arab World?

During a conference on emergency medicine prevention and Safe Communities, February 17-19, 2009, Professor Leif Svanstrom has introduced the Safe Communities concept to the members and stakeholders. Dr. Michal Grivna, Al Ain University, UAE has also organized the contact with a community in Al Ain with a separate Safe Comm Seminar. The interest in Al Ain is substantial and we are optimistic about another Safe Community designation in near future.

Reporter: Leif Svanström, Sweden.



Voluntary organizations in development of Safe Communities in Norway- Reporting from a Conference in Gardemoen March 11-12, 2009

Erik Brekke from the Insurance Company Vesta is a well-known supporter of the International Safe Community Movement. He was the most active sponsor of our International Conference in Bergen some years ago. He has been involved in developments of Night Raven organization in Norway and all over the world- he is also most active in the volunteer organization PKF gathering volunteers as well as police and others involved in preventing injuries due to violence. In a conference at Gardemoen more than 300 people from all over the country gathered and the Safe Community worldwide was presented by Leif Svanström. More communities will be involved from Norway in the future was the promise from Eva Vaagland- newly employed coordinator at "Skadeforebyggende Forum".

At this moment we also salute Erik Brekke for his enthusiasm for Safe Communities at the moment of his retirement



Announcement: 2009 Child Safety Report Cards to be launched

On May 6, 2009 the European Child Safety Alliance of EuroSafe will launch Child Safety Report Cards for more than 20 European countries at the European Parliament in Strasbourg with the support of MEP Arlene McCarthy Chair of the Internal Market and Consumer Protection Committee, European Commissioner for Consumers Meglena Kuneva and European Commissioner for Health Androulla Vassiliou.

Simultaneous launches are being prepared in participating countries. National Child Safety Report Cards and Country Profiles will be available for Austria, Belgium, Cyprus, Czech Republic, England, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Iceland, Ireland, Israel, Italy, Latvia, Lithuania, the Netherlands, Portugal, Scotland, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden and Wales.

The 2009 Report Cards and Profiles describe: 1) how well a country is doing to make it safe for children, 2) what priority issues need to be addressed, and 3) which good practices should be adopted to prevent accidental injuries and to save more children's lives.

The Report Cards assess the extent of safety measures provided to children and adolescents by examining and grading the adoption, implementation and enforcement of national level evidence-based policies. A 24-country summary report card provides a multi-country overview to facilitate European-level planning to support national level efforts.

The 12 policy topics within the report cards comprise nine areas of safety relevant to children and adolescents: Passenger safety, Motor scooter and moped safety, Pedestrian safety and Cycling safety, Water safety/drowning prevention, Fall prevention, Burn prevention, Poisoning prevention, Choking/strangulation prevention.

Plus three areas of strategy to support child safety efforts: Leadership, Infrastructure and Capacity. The launch of the 2009 report card results on May 6 will communicate the country performance grades, evidenced safety measures in place, good practice gaps to be explored for improvement, and progress made by the 14 countries where the 2009 report card is their second report card (their first being released in November 2007). Participating countries are using their report card assessments as part of developing and/or implementing child safety action plans within the Child Safety Action Plan (CSAP) initiative of the European Child Safety Alliance. CSAP is being conducted through funding and partnership with the European Commission, Health & Environment Alliance (HEAL), UNICEF, World Health Organization (WHO) and the national partner organisations. For more information and results on May 6, 2009 go to: www.childsafetyeurope.org

Report: Lan-Yang Safe Community Promotion Program

According to the statistic data provided by Department of Health, the standardized mortality rate per 100,000 population in Yilan County was 52.72 higher than 37.33 the standardized mortality rate in average in Taiwan in 2004. For promoting the Public Health Development and decreasing the mortality rate, the Yilan County government has taken Lan-Yang Safe Community Promotion Program as one of crucial administrative key tasks. The program is lead by Public Health Bureau Yilan County since 2004 and it aims at integrating resources from 12 township public health centers in Yilan County to develop a County-level Safe Community Program adhered to the Safe Community model.

Yilan County is located at the northeast corner of Taiwan, surrounded on 3 sides by lofty mountains. The County is one of 25 Counties in Taiwan and consists of 12 townships which include two aboriginal townships. The total area is 2,143 square kilometres with a total population of approximately 460,000 in 2007. 17.38% are in 0-14 year old age group, while 12.61% are senior aged 65 and over, a proportion that is increasing year by year.

Along with the main theme, "Health Safety", Yilan County government is also planned to build a healthier and safer Lan-Yang plain and a big LOHAS community for everyone.

Two pilot programs started in 2004. Dongshan Township and Toucheng Township were selected as the two demonstration communities to implement Safe Community program and promote safety programs for Children, Elderly, Traffic and Drowning. Dongshan Safe Community is about to applying for designation as an International Safe Community in 2009 and it is also an important indicator for Yilan County to foster a County-level Safe Community Program.

In 2006, Yilan County has taken Lan-Yang Community Safety Promotion Program as one of mid-long administrative plans. First of all, 12 township health centers are responsible for establishing and leading Safe Community Promotion Committee in their township and integrate local resources from township office, Farmers' bank, Police Office, civil groups, medical institutes. Each Safe Community program is based on the International Six Indicators to promote various injury prevention and safety promotion programs in order to raise the safety awareness of people in Yilan County. Secondly, the Public Health Bureau of Yilan County plays a coordinator's role to integrate Police Department, Agricultural Bureau, Social Affairs Bureau, Education Bureau, Fire Department, Bureau of Environmental Protection of Yilan County to be the join forces for all the townships.

In 2009, a 1055 plan has started to implement. The 1055 n aims at 5% reduction in mortality rate and develops 5 International Safe Communities from 2009 to 2018. This year, six townships have established a cross-sectional Safe Community Promotion Committee and aim at carrying out following goals: Yilan County (also called Lan-Yang Safe Community) becomes the Benchmark County for other 24 Counties/Cities in Taiwan to Emulate.

Successfully reducing the injury and the mortality rate effectively in Yilan County.

Taking Safety as the core value to integrate resources and build up safer hardware for Yilan citizens. Taking "Lan-Yang Safe Community Networking" as a learning organization strategy to develop operation talents and shape up a Safety Culture to sustain the Safe Community Program in Yilan.

Reporter: Liu, Yi-Lian, Yilan County, Taiwan.

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: 1 May 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



Forthcoming Safety and Injury Conferences

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 an registration form

Before April 15, 2009 Submit an abstract

Before May 15, 2009 Submit the full paper

For more information www.bezbedna.zajednica.org, Contact: Miroslav Bakich bezbedna.zajednica@gmail.com

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, www.icch2009.com

9th National Conference on Injury Prevention and Safety Promotion, 26-28 July, 2009 Melbourne, Australia

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: **New date 30 April!**

<http://www.phs.ki.se/csp/pdf/Conferences/cali10april.bmp>

Call for abstract. <http://safecom2009.univalle.edu.co/>, www.cisalva.univalle.edu.co

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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>

Abstract deadline: **30 March 2009**, <http://www.cosha.org.cn/upload/1235111029165436.doc>

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

Abstract deadline: 15 May 2009, For information: Dr Tommy Rosenberg, Head of Knowledge Centre for Senior Safety, Karlstad, Sweden Tommy.Rosenberg@Karlstad.se

2010

19th International Safe Communities Conference *Sustainability of Safe Community Programs*

23- 26 March, 2010 Suwon, Korea

For information: jpcho@ajou.ac.kr

The Second European Regional Safe Community Conference Incorporating the 7th Nordic Conference on Safe Communities 19-20 May, 2010 Reykjavik, Iceland

How to develop Safe Communities in Europe using the Nordic experiences.

- Re-establishing a European Network of Safe Communities.

www.publichealth.is/SC-Iceland2010/

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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. <http://www.safety2010.org.uk>

Early bird rate before 30 April 2009 £450.00

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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 Muhlrud. 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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