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Dear Colleagues,

We are proud to introduce you another new Safe Community.

Safe Communities movement is now its full pace!

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

With warm regards

Leif Svanström, Responsible Editor

Koustuv Dalal, Editor

170th Safe Community – Sai Kung, Hong Kong SAR, China

The Designation Ceremony of Sai Kung as the 170th International Safe Community was held on 31 October 2009. We are delighted to have Professor Leif Svanstrom, Chair of the WHO Collaborating Centre on Community Safety promotion, and Mr. Henk Harberts, Director of the ISC Certifying Centre, Australia Safe Communities Foundation, and senior government officials as our officiating guests. Nearly 1000 guests and local residents gathered to celebrate this memorable occasion, including representatives from 12 Safe Communities in Mainland China and Hong Kong. We also took this opportunity to recognize partners' efforts and contributions in building our safe Community. During the ceremony, programs and performance were incorporated with safety messages, such as warm up exercise demonstration promoted sports safety, Tai Chi performance encouraged elderly exercise for fall prevention, and educational drama aroused awareness of home safety etc.

Covering some 12,680 hectares, Sai Kung is Hong Kong's second largest administrative district with a population of 414,300. The priority areas of Sai Kung are home safety, elderly fall prevention, occupational safety, road safety and prevention of sports injury. To improve residents' safety awareness on these targeted areas, over the past 10 years, Sai Kung has made efforts in incorporating safety promotion into individuals' daily lives through intersectoral collaborations, such as hospitals, estates, schools, restaurants, residential homes and commercial companies etc. Designated as the 170th ISC, Sai Kung and our collaboration partners are committed to continue our active pursuit in the sustainable development of 'Sai Kung Healthy and Safe City'.



Helping Dogs 'n' Kids get along

Swimming great Matt Welsh, his wife Lauren Newton and their 22-month-old son Sam launched The Royal Children's Hospital *dogs 'n' kids* resource kit, 3rd edition, today.

Recent research has found an average of 1,628 emergency presentations occur per year for dog bite injury in Victoria. Two-year-olds are at highest risk.

Dogs 'n' kids aims to address dog bite injury to children by teaching and promoting appropriate behaviour around dogs. The kit includes a comprehensive booklet, brochure and poster that is provided free of charge across Australia to health professionals and parents. Matt Welsh said both Sam and his six-month-old daughter Eva loved their dog. In fact, according to Matt, Sam's first word was 'gog' (dog).

Veterinarian and animal behaviour specialist Dr Kersti Seksel discussed the benefits of growing up with pets and offered advice on how parents can assist their children and dogs to interact safely.

She said it was important for children to understand that a wagging tail does not mean a dog is happy, rather that it is willing to interact. She also said that dogs, just like humans, don't like strangers patting them on the head.

Dogs 'n' kids is produced by the RCH Safety Centre and made possible with expert information and funding from the Petcare Information and Advisory Service. The project was introduced in 1997 and was one of the first initiatives in Australia to specifically address injuries from dogs in small children. Since then, thousands of booklets and hundreds of thousands of brochures have been provided free of charge across Australia to health professionals and parents.

"We understand that growing up with pets is a wonderful experience for children and their families, and many of us have enjoyed having pets ourselves. Our aim is to minimise the risk of dog bite injuries by giving health professionals and parents relevant information to help them do so," RCH CEO Professor Christine Kilpatrick said.

To increase the availability of the program to newer Australians, the brochure has been translated into Turkish, Arabic, Italian, Mandarin and Vietnamese. The resource has been presented at national and international conferences, and utilised by local governments to encourage safety and the enjoyment of dogs.

You can download a copy of the *dogs 'n' kids* brochure http://www.rch.org.au/emplibrary/safetycentre/Kids_and_dogsDL.pdf available in English, Italian, Turkish, Mandarin, Arabic and Vietnamese.

Or the *dogs 'n' kids* booklet by clicking [here](#).

Reporter: Barbara Munizzo, Australia

Chair, WHOCC on Community Safety Promotion visits to Dar-es-Salaam

We, at the PEERCORPS Trust Fund, had the honour and pleasure of welcoming Professor Leif Svanström and Associate Professor Stephen Lawoko from Karolinska Institute to Dar es Salaam for a three-day visit to our NGO.

PEERCOPRS strives to make a difference in the lives of vulnerable youth, children, and women in grassroots and at national level in Tanzania. We have recently established a Centre for Injury Prevention and Community Safety, after conducting a large-scale survey last summer to assess risk factors for child injuries as well as a Photovoice project to capture the views of youth on injuries in their environment.

Our next step is to establish the first ever safe community in Tanzania. The visit with the professors included meetings with our staff to discuss the idea of safe communities, a press conference, as well as a visit to one community outside of Dar es Salaam, Chanika, for a meeting with two street executive officers, who clearly vocalized the need to change their community to a safer one.

One thing that we learned from Prof. Svanström is to solve problems one by one, step by step, not everything at once. Leif and Stephen were very inspirational to us and have contributed immensely to our energy and drive to push this issue forward. We are now in the process of writing a large proposal for funds to translate materials and guidelines into Swahili and to conduct capacity building for the community leaders to support and strengthen them in their work to make their communities safe.

Step by step, we will make Tanzania a safer place for all to live and prosper.



Cooper Dalton, Alessandra Alessio, and Max Dalton with King Charles Cavaliers Tilly and Kadee



Reporter: Alia Ibragimova, Tanzania

Important Seminar and meetings in 19th SC Conference, Suwon, Korea, 23-26 March 2010

- **Community Suicide Prevention- a one day course (seminar) in how to develop suicide prevention at the very local level.**

To be delivered as a pre-conference event to the 19th International Safe Community Conference, Suwon, S Korea. March 23, 2010 from 08.00-16.00

Chaired by Dr Jairo Osorno, Colombia and Dr Yoshihide Sorimach, Japan.

- **Business Meeting for Safe Communities Certifying Centres**

Venue: Suwon Conference Centre; Room to be confirmed

Time: Wednesday March 25th 2010; 12.30-14.00 (Lunch served as well)

Chair: Leif Svanström

Agenda:

1. Introducing the work on Development of a joint computerized system for application process and certifying system for designations and redesignations of Safe Communities. Carol Eamer and Greg Hart, Calgary, Canada.
2. Discussion
3. Designation of New Safe Communities Certifying centre.

Closing

- **Joint Business Meeting in Chinese languages for representatives from International Safe Communities Network (incl. all present Chinese speaking delegates from Designated Safe Communities and Affiliate Safe Communities' Support Centres in Asian region)**

The meeting is organized between the WHO Collaborating Centre on Community Safety promotion in co-operation with Asia Safe Community Network (ASCN)

Venue: Suwon Conference Centre; Room to be confirmed

Time: Wednesday March 24th 2010; 17.30-18.30

Chair: Mr *W S Tang*

Agenda:

1. Introducing the work on Bylaws for International Safe Communities' Network. Dr Leif Svanström
2. Presentation of Relation between the Network and WHO [Violence and Injury Prevention and Disability \(VIP\)](#) Dr Alex Butchart, WHO.
3. Discussion about future relations
4. Closing

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Enclosed material:

1. Manifesto for Safe Communities (<http://www.phs.ki.se/csp/pdf/Manifesto.pdf>)
2. Proposal for Bylaws for International Safe Communities Network
3. Problematisation for future Safe Community Development by Mr Paul Kells, Canada

- **Business Meeting for International Safe Schools Certifiers**

Venue: Suwon Conference Centre; Room to be confirmed

Time: Wednesday March 24th 2010; 17.30-18.30

Chair: Prof Lu Pai

Agenda:

Welcome and introduction of participants
Presentation of official Safe Schools Certifying Centres
Current issues, like
future expansion of the Safe Schools Network
future designations of Certifying centres
Relations with International Safe Communities' Network
Any other matter
Closing

Business Meeting for Safe Communities Regional Networks

Venue: Suwon Conference Centre; Room to be confirmed

Time: Wednesday March 25th 2010; 16.00-17.30

Chair: Leader of respective Networks,

So far:

1. Asian Network: Mr WS Tang (Separate meeting agenda will be sent out!)
2. Escon: Dr Börge Ytterstad
3. East African Safe Community Network: Dr Stephen Lawoko
4. Latin-American Network: Dr Maria Gutierrez
5. North American Network:
6. Pan Pacific Safe Communities Network: Dr Carolyn Coggan
7. Any other regional network: ?

Agenda:

Introducing the participants of the meeting
Presenting the aim of the Network
Discussion

Forthcoming Safety and Injury Conferences

2010

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

23- 26 March, 2010 , Suwon, Korea

First Announcement www.2010safecom.com/pdf/1st_Announcement.pdf; http://www.2010safecom.org/web_mail/web_mail.html. www.2010safecom.org

Abstract deadline: **31 December 2009** . For information: 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 First Announcement ([short version](#); [long version](#)) www.publichealth.is/SC-2010Iceland

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Registration & call for abstracts are open now.

- **2nd South Eastern Europe Safe Community Conference**

15 -17 September, 2010. Sibenik, Croatia

Conference web page:

http://www.sigurnezajednice.hr/The_2nd_Southeastern_Europe_Safe_Communities_Conference_SibenikCroatia2010/Home.html Venue: Hotel Solaris <http://www.solarishotelsresort.com/>

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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: closing date will be Friday 15 January 2010, 17:00 hrs

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

Early bird rate before 30 April 2009 £450.00

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2011

- **20th International Safe Communities Conference**

Celebrating two decades of International Safe Community Development -
going back to where it all started

6-9 September 2011

Falun Municipality, Dalarna, Sweden

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