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Dear Colleagues,

Wish you a Safer New Year, 2011.

We are proud to introduce you Safe Communities in Taiwan.

We have reports from Canada, Chile, Finland, Sweden & Taiwan.

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

Europe opens a new and strong Certifying Centre!

In the beginning of this year the two previous Certifying Centres in Norway and Sweden is replaced by a joint and new Centre.

Leif Svanström is chairing, Moa Sundström is the coordinator and the senior certifiers are Professor Börge Ytterstad, Harstad, Norway; Dr Bo Henricsson, Arjeplog, Sweden and Mr Guldbrand Skjönberg, Linköping, Sweden. More certifiers are about to be recruited. Correspondence with Ms Moa Sundstrom, moa.sundstrom@ki.se.

Reporter: Leif Svanstrom, Sweden.

Photo: Sitting (L to R) Guldbrand Skjönberg, Leif Svanström, Moa Sundström, & Koustuv Dalal. Standing: Börge Ytterstad, & Bo Henricsson.



Visit by a group of Directors from Beijing at Safe Community Head Quarter



A group of high profile directors lead by Mr Yao Meng visited WHO CC Community Safety Promotion, Karolinska Institutet, Sweden in two days trip. They had exchanged knowledge and attended a 2-days seminar on Safe Community. Leading experts from the field delivered the speeches. Professor Leif Svanström, Professor Borge Ytterstad, Dr Bo Henricson, Dr. Guldbrand Skjönberg, Associate Professor Koustuv Dalal delivered their lectures. Broadly the topics covered were: Safe Communities- a Worldwide perspective; Safe environments as it was implemented in Safe Public places, Evaluation of Safe Communities; International Safe Hospital Program; Economic evaluation of Safe Communities etc.

Reporter: Moa Sundstrom, Sweden

Nine Safe Communities Designations, Taiwan

2010 can be said as a prosperous year for communities in Taiwan. Nine communities were designated as International Safe Communities, including 2 for re-designation, by the Certifying Centre of Center for Injury Prevention and Community Safety Promotion, Korea. To save time and money but keep the quality of being solemn, the designation ceremonies were combined in conjunction with two occasions: 1. "2010 Conference on Safe Community Development in Taiwan" held on Nov. 8, at which Jinhwa, Suao, and Toucheng, were designated as the 215th -217th International Safe Communities, and Fengbin, the 91st, got the re-designation. 2. "2010 Taipei International Symposium on Community Safety and Health" held on Nov. 10, at which Wenshan, Nangang, Datong, and Xinyi, were designated as the 218th and 221st International Safe Communities, and Neihu, the 94th, got the re-designation. Honorable guests from Korea, Hongkong, Japan, and Sweden, and community representatives from Japan and Korea attended both conferences and ceremonies in Taipei. All together, more than 500 people participated. It was a good opportunity for the community people to exchange information and experiences nationally as well as internationally. And some delegates had a chance to visit Flora Expo which is held from Nov. 6, 2010 to April 25, 2011 in Taipei. More information about 9 communities can be found on the web site: http://www.phs.ki.se/csp/who_safe_communities_network_en.htm

Reporter: Jayce Lee, Taiwan

Safe Community Kouvola

Number of inhabitants (31.12.2009): 88 174.
The town hall of Kouvola is dedicated with staff toward Safe Community movement.
Info address for the community internet pages:
www.kouvola.fi

Reporter: Ritva Kiiski, Finland.



Five ISCs of Taipei City presented the agreements in the designation ceremony



Prof. Joon Pil Cho announced the designation of four communities from Tainan City, Yilan County and Hualien County



Photo of community delegates with honored guests at "2010 Conference on SC Development in Taiwan"



Safe Community movement in Latin America

Visit by the Attorney General and municipal president of the state of Chiapas, Mexico at Peñaflor Chile.

Reporter: Eduardo Jorquera Cabello, Chile.

Wood Buffalo's Re-Designation

The Regional Municipality of Wood Buffalo received its 2nd re-designation as a Safe Community by the World Health Organization Collaboration Centre on Community Safety Promotion, on November 17, 2010. The designation not only endorses past and current achievements but also positions our region for the long term pursuit of community safety.

Wood Buffalo was first designated as an International Safe Community in 1995. At that time, it was the first International Safe community in North America and the 12th in the world. Since then, Wood Buffalo has been re-designated twice, once in 2005 and again at this ceremony. Each time, the re-designation ceremony reminded the community of its commitment to the safety and well-being of each of its citizens and of the wonderful work being done by the dedicated citizens of Wood Buffalo to engage members of their community in the issues of their safety.

The re-designation celebration took place at the Suncor Community Leisure Centre. It included a keynote address from Paul Kells, founder of Safe Communities Canada, who, on behalf of the World Health Organization Collaborat-



Holding the Safe Community plaque is Deputy Mayor Mike Allen. Displaying the Safe community flag are, from the left, Shannon Moseng, Chair, Safe Community Wood Buffalo, Judy Corcoran, Alberta Health Services and Paul Kells, Safe Communities Canada.

ing Centre on Community Safety Promotion, formally re-designated Wood Buffalo as an International Safe Community. The Safe Communities agreement was signed by Paul Kells, Shannon Moseng, the Chair, Safe Community Wood Buffalo, Inspector Stephen Grant of the RCMP, Gregory F. MacMillan, Acting Regional Fire Chief, Judy Corcoran of Alberta Health Services, and Regional Municipality of Wood Buffalo Deputy Mayor Mike Allen.

November 17th was also the National Day of Remembrance for Road Crash Victims and part of the event was dedicated to raising awareness around the severity and impact of road collisions in our region. This included the unveiling of "IMPACT" a photo exposé of local people impacted by collisions, mocktails served by S.A.D.D., and the announcement of a Road Victims Legacy. A free evening event at the Suncor Community Leisure Centre from 5:00-9:00 showcased injury prevention & wellness specialists who provided information and interactive displays to the public including ice sport helmet fitting, fire safety, car seat info, winter driving techniques, and road safety.

Reporter: Ron Waldie, Canada

Internet course on Health Economics (10 weeks)

Course code: MIU-97071

Injury prevention and Safety promotion practitioners and Safe Community advocates have a unique opportunity to pursue a 10 weeks (50% or half time) internet course on Health Economics.

This course offers a comprehensive program of health economics and health care. Both theoretical and analytical framework will be provided as an integrated set-up to understand issues relating to the health economics and health care. The course is designed to help public health researchers, injury prevention practitioners, nurses, policy makers, and pharmacy professionals.

The course will provide 7.5 credits (HP) certificate by the Mid Sweden University.

Criteria: Degree of Bachelor (at least 180 credits including a Bachelor Thesis) or equivalent, with a major in Health Sciences or Social Sciences.

Course start: 3rd October 2011

Method: Internet based distance learning.

Application through website with more information will be available soon.

Application: www.studera.nu

Contact: koustuv.dalal@liu.se ; expihv.svl@miun.se

Visit: <http://www.miun.se/sv/Utbildning/Hitta-din-utbildning/ATLAS-Visa-Kurs/?KatalogKursplanId=10492>

Call for International Safe Hospitals Network

Hospitals can play a vital role for injury prevention and safety promotion. Hospitals should be actively involved in the Safe Community program. Therefore, WHO CC CSP has developed a new 'Safe Community Hospital Network' and calling for memberships. For membership and technical supports please contact : Prof. Leif Svanstrom (leif.svanstrom@ki.se) or Dr. Koustuv Dalal (koustuv.dalal@liu.se).

Visit: http://www.phs.ki.se/csp/pdf/indicator/safe_hospitals_criteria.pdf

Forthcoming Safety and Injury Conferences

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

Conference web page: www.falun.se/safecom2011. Contact: safecom2011@falun.se

** The 1st Latin American Regional Safe Community Conference

"What can Safe communities do for Disaster Prevention and Risk Management"

6-8 April 2011 , Peñaflor, Chile

Contact: Karen Galvis karengalvis@gmail.com.

Invitation: http://www.phs.ki.se/csp/pdf/Conferences/invitation_6-8_april_2011_penaflor_chile.pdf

** 2011 Travelling Seminar & Conference in Taiwan

Date: April 9-12, 2011

Theme: Safe Community Programs Suiting Local Conditions

Venue: Fengbin, Shoufeng, Wenshan, and Jinhwa Safe Communities

Contact: Ms Jayce Lee, email: safetaiwan@gmail.com

For further information visit: <http://www.safecommunities.org.tw/safecommunity/default.asp?todowhat=showpage&no=75>

** World Conference on Drowning Prevention, 10-13 May 2011, Vietnam.

For further information visit <http://www.worldconferenceondrowningprevention.org/>

2012

Regional Safe Community Conferences

- **6th Asian Regional Conference on Safe Communities in 2012**

Friday, 11 - Sunday, 13, May, 2012, Tokyo, Japan.

- **The 3rd European Safe Community Conference**

The future role of the Fire and Rescue Service in the sustainability of Safe Communities in Europe

4-5 June 2012, Falköping, Sweden

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