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Dear Colleagues,

We are proud to introduce you the abstract book of 20th International Safe Community Conference.

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

Next issue: many surprise waiting for you.

News from Falun conference and many more from around the Safe Community world.

Don't miss it.

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 Associate Professor Koustuv Dalal (koustuv.dalal@liu.se).

Many hospitals are joining the movement, many hospitals are initiating the movement. Why are your hospitals not?

For Guidelines, Checklists and other documents visit: http://www.phs.ki.se/csp/pdf/indicator/safe_hospitals_criteria.pdf
Or email: safehospitalnet@gmail.com

A wonderful learning trip in five safe communities in Skaraborg, Sweden

From 2nd to 5th of September we, fifteen delegates from Japan, Korea, China, Sweden and Czechoslovakia, participated the travelling seminar which was in conjunction with the 20th International Safe Community Conference. Five designated safe communities in Skaraborg, Sweden jointly hosted this event. The five communities are Mariestad, Töreboda, Skövde, Falköping and Lidköping and among them Lidköping was the ever first designated safe community in the world.

With the presentation of *A Short Description Of Working With Safe Community In Skaraborg For 20 Years* presented by Professor Robert Ekman the travelling seminar started. This presentation described the impact of a community-based programme in Western Sweden that used multiple prevention strategies. From over 30 years recorded injury data from national and regional sources strong evidence was shown that safe community is a very effective strategy and platform in terms of injury prevention and safety promotion. More presentations were given in the following days. In Mariestad' they introduced their safe community work especially the Marine and Ice safety. Different sports clubs has their own way and strategy to promote safety sports. In Töreboda they presented their work on child safety. They created many opportunities and chances to involve kids and their parents into safety activities. In Skövde the local work with youth safety was paid a lot attention. They used the internet to establish a close relationship with youngsters and interact with youngster through their webpage. In Lidköping they presented many cases about traffic injury and they demonstrated how they have influenced the decision maker to adjust the related law or regulation. In Falköping they presented their suicide prevention project and youth fire brigade project. They worked together with school to identify those so called problem-making students to teach them safety knowledge and skills and encourage them to live a safety life and to serve the society.

During the travelling seminar we visited many programme sites as well including the locking operation in Mariestad, the family center and the child safety day in Töreboda, the safety and health festival in Skövde, the elderly house in Falköping, and traffic safety in Lidköping.

A special event was held in the last day of travelling seminar. Källby Gård School, the first designated (November 24, 2003) international safe school in the world got re-designated in 6th of September 2011. The mayor of the city, Professor Nam-soo Park from Korea and Professor Shu-mei Wang from China signed on the agreement. Through the presentation and on-site visit we can see their great achievements since the launching of safe school programme in 1994.

Finally we would like to express our sincere thanks to those five communities again. We learned a lot from their rich experiences in injury prevention and safety promotion! We enjoyed a lot with the beautiful landscape! We communicated a lot with so nice local people! Many thanks go to Mariestad, Töreboda, Skövde, Falköping and Lidköping once more.

Reported by *Shumei Wang and Moa Sundström*



Safe Children Communities

Safe Kids Worldwide has entered into an agreement with the WHO Collaboration Centre on Community Safety Promotion on the development and support of the Safe Children Communities initiative.



Signing ceremony: Leif Svanström, Gudula Brandmayr, Sabine Distl & Peter Spitzer

Grosse schützen Kleine/Safe Kids Austria was designated at the 20th International Safe Communities Conference as an Affiliate Support Centre with a focus on Children and the first Safe Children Community will be designated in Austria during November 2011. These are based on indicators developed for Safe Children Communities about five years ago. During the Falun Conference, Safe Kids Worldwide set out its plans for the development of a strong collaboration with Safe Communities to help in the creation of safer communities for children, especially in the low income countries of the world. This can occur within existing or new Safe Communities and the existing designation structures, and also through the designation of communities as Safe Children Communities.



L to R: Moa Sundström, Leif Svanström, Gudula Brandmayr, Sabine Distl, Peter Spitzer & Eric Chalmers

Safe Kids Worldwide is a network of 20 member country organisations dedicated to reducing the level and severity of unintentional injury to children. These members span the continents and both low and high income countries. The network is strongly focused on bringing concrete, evidence-based injury prevention initiatives to communities across the world.

Safe Kids Worldwide will bring its extensive capacity, experience and networks to directly support communities as they strive to improve the safety of their children.

Safe Kids Worldwide set out its plans at a workshop at the start of the Conference and encouraged Communities and the Safe Communities network to provide input and support as the initiative continues to develop over the next two years.

Reporter: Gudula Brandmayr

Course Curriculum

Canadian Falls Prevention Curriculum (CFPC) E-Learning session, scheduled for October 14 – November 12, 2011.
Registration: <http://www.uvcs.uvic.ca/aspnet/Course/Detail/?code=HPCF215>

Forthcoming Safety and Injury Conferences

2012

Regional Safe Community Conferences

**** The 3rd European Regional Conference on Safe Communities**

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

4-5 June 2012

Falköping, Sweden

Contact: titti.walterum@falkoping.se

**** 6th Asian Regional Conference on Safe Communities**

Let's Build Community's Capacity for Safety in every day and disasters

28 November- 2 December 2012

Toshima City, Japan

December 1-2 - Travelling Seminar

Minowa Komoro, Japan

Contact: Yoko Shiraishi yokomature@gmail.com

World Conferences for Injury Prevention and Safety Promotion

**** 11th World Conference on Injury Prevention and Safety Promotion**

1-5 October 2012

Wellington, New Zealand

For further information visit www.safety2012.org.nz

2014

Regional Safe Community Conferences

**** 4th European Regional Conference on Safe Communities**

May 2014

Harstad, Norway

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Information Booklets

On behalf of the Outer Hebrides Community (Scotland) Safety Partnership we are introducing the booklet for your attention and comments: "Have a safe and happy holiday everyone".

This is for all visitors and mountain climbers.

Available at 'Stornoway Gazette' ; Northern Constabulary Council, Scotland.

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