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***** LETTER FROM THE EDITOR*****

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WHAT IS NEW AT SAFE COMMUNITIES?

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4th African Regional Conference on Safe Communities
“Communities for Injury and Violence Prevention”
3 – 5 July 2005. Port-Said, Egypt



The 4th African Regional Conference on Safe Communities held in Post Said, Egypt, from 3rd to 5th July. Participants from more than 10 African countries participated in the conference. The conference opened by the Governor of Port-said Dr. Mostafa Kamel Mohamed, the President of Suis Chanel University Dr. Farouk Abdull El Kader and Egyptian Red Crescent Society Representatives. Dr. Mohamad Seedat from UNISA represented the international Safe Community movement





Poster Session



Conference organisers

Welcome message from the organisers of the 8th Int. Conference on IP and SP in South Africa

Welcome message from the organisers of the 3rd Asian Regional Conference in Taiwan



Site visit to a Kapci company in Port Said

The Safe Community of Raanana, Israel

**would like to invite all
Safe Community colleagues
to the designation of
Raanana as a Safe Community**

**The ceremony will take place
September 27th, 2005**

**On September 28th, all guests are invited to attend a one-day conference
and visit the sites of Raanana**

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JOINT RESEARCH PROJECT UNDER THE SOUTH AFRICAN – SWEDISH RESEARCH PARTNERSHIP PROGRAMME

Injury Surveillance Data Utility and Impact: Developing the Injury Data, Prevention, Policy and Practice Nexus 2003 – 2005

Report Back

Inherent in the public health approach to injury reduction and prevention is the assumption that quality injury data may be systematically and fluidly translated into empirical platforms for the development of effective injury prevention practices and policies. This assumption, however, remains relatively unsubstantiated and therefore commands urgent attention for an investigation of the context, content and process factors that are required for the clarification of this research-policy-practice nexus. The *Injury Surveillance Data Utility and Impact: Developing the Injury Data,*



Ingela Hallgren, Borås passes over the Borås official standard to Brett Bowman, UNISA

Prevention, Policy and Practice Nexus Project was conceptualised as a response to the need for a better understanding of

the processes, contexts and actors that promote data utility and the translation of information into prevention action. The project, operationalised under a joint Swedish-South African research partnership has two primary objectives, each linked to a set of specific objectives. These are:

- To utilise the available injury surveillance findings generated in Pretoria (South Africa), Borås (Sweden) and Kaunas (Lithuania) to stimulate and inform violence and injury prevention initiatives; and
- To document and evaluate the outcomes and impacts of the resultant policy and intervention strategies adopted by city governments and related stakeholders in response to the injury surveillance presented to them.

As part of ongoing research between the three communities, a set of customised city-specific reports detailing the injury data and distribution of intervention agencies and resources at each site has been produced. These include:

- A Non – Natural Mortality Report for Tshwane Metro (Pretoria) detailing injury trends for the period 2000 –2002, prepared by the UNISA Institute for Social and Health Sciences.
- A service audit report of the current injury prevention initiatives that constitute the injury prevention infrastructure of the city of Tshwane/Pretoria, prepared by the UNISA Institute for Social and Health Sciences.
- A service audit of the local safety promotion infrastructure of Borås prepared by Karolinska Institutet, Department of Public Health Sciences, Division of Social Medicine, Stockholm, Borås City & Rescue Services and Swedish Rescue Services Agency, (NCO), Karlskoga
- A report detailing the injury mortality trends in selected local communities of Sweden and Lithuania that offers some implications for prevention, prepared by Kaunas University of Medicine, Faculty of Public Health, Department of Social Medicine, Kaunas, Lithuania, Karolinska Institutet and NCO.



All participants at the final session of the Johannesburg seminar

Each of these reports has been disseminated to their respective communities. The research team recently convened in Johannesburg, South Africa to discuss the process, actor, content and context factors that have defined the receptivity and action responses of each of these recipient contexts. The visit also formed part of the exchange of scientific and technological skills through visits, training seminars and regular electronic communications objective of the project. The Swedish and South-African partners have made regular visits to both the Swedish and South African sites, and this most recent Swedish visit to South Africa aimed to encourage exposure to the many opportunities and challenges inherent to the examination of the research, policy and injury reduction nexus across both contexts. The meeting allowed the researchers to share expertise and understand context-specific data utility processes as they relate to injury prevention outcomes in the respective cities of Tshwane/Pretoria and Borås. A number of anticipated outcomes are envisaged by the partnership. These include:



Kjell Wahlbeck, Mohamed Seedat, UNISA and Diana Hudson in front of the University of South Africa in Pretoria/Tshwane

- § The development of an injury data uptake model for the cities of Borås and Tshwane/Pretoria.
- § Formal evidence-based reports aimed at the development of an injury surveillance system at the emergency department level, and at the local health care center level in Borås.
- § Formal evidence-based reports aimed at better coordination or centralization of injury records in both cities.



Brett Bowman, UNISA and colleagues from Borås. Study visit in January 2004 at the Borås traffic safety programme.

The South African team plan to publish their preliminary findings in a number of formal publications. These articles will focus on the politics of injury prevention in cities, deciphering the contexts of data uptake in South African cities and promoting methodologies that produce utile information for injury prevention action.

The Swedish team have identified the testing of a new model for measuring the efficacy of Safe Communities (voluntary) approach as it is linked with new compulsory policy requirements for Action Programming, under new Civil Protection Act (2004), understanding the role of accident investigations in community safety programmes and providing an overview of the 15 years of local safety promotion infrastructure in Borås as priorities for the next cycle of the project.

Both teams agreed that the existing contacts between the cities should be strengthened in the coming years and that collaboration should be extended to finding platforms for partnership in the form of direct city level authority exchanges.

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Making Beijing Maizidian a Safe Community.



1. Aiming at getting more safe community experience, members of Maizidian Community Safety Promotion Committee and the nine Safe Work groups visited Tuen Mun, one of the designated WHO Safe Communities in Asia, plus Singapore in April 2005. Research and view exchange were carried out as soon as the delegation returned Beijing, they proposed some 70 reports on how to construct safe community in line with WHO safe community indicators.
2. Experts invited by Safe Homes group gave a special lecture on women's health for inhabitants in Maizidian on May 17. The lecture focused on gynaecological diseases and relevant precautions.
3. A safe Maizidian was stressed by local officials at the launch ceremony of initiating internationalized security system on May 26, 2005. More than 1300 inhabitants, volunteers and employees attended the ceremony, Altogether 10 people were awarded for their contribution to Maizidian's public security. Specially designed Bilingual armbands and hats were popular among the native and foreign community security volunteers.
4. Including *Maizidian Weekly*, a newspaper run by Maizidian Sub-district Office of Chaoyang District Government, Major media in Beijing offered overall reports about Maizidian's community security system launching ceremony. (Foreign volunteers were highlighted also.)
5. Altogether 160 children from the five communities of Maizidian took part in the Safety Knowledge Contest held on May 28. The organizers, Safe Children and Safe Road group, hoped to enhance children's awareness of road safety by various interactive activities.
6. Safe Schools group successfully held an international painting contest to promote children's participation of issues such as environment protection, pollution reduction.
7. Taking "Hand in Hand we are good friends" as the theme, Safe Children and Safe Road groups prepared a joint celebration for International Children's day on May 30. Children from different countries added unique features to Maizidian, the undergoing internationalized community.
8. Hot weather is, probably, a may factor causing injuries, so the Safe Workplaces group carried out safety promotion at the construction sites in Maizidian to enhance workers' awareness of risky situations and operations on June 7.



Seminar on Traffic Calming – Using International Experience Czech Republic

On 17th May 2005 the Institute of Eco-Policy in co-operation with the Ministry of Transport and the Transport Centre (CDV) organised a seminar on best practises in traffic calming in urban areas. This project, partly financed from the PHARE funds is targeted especially to decision makers on local level traffic engineers of the Police Force, officers of the Local Authorities etc., and it is a part of the wider project called “Safe Traffic in Cities” prepared by the Road Safety Unit of the Ministry of Transport.



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Prevention Connection: Violence Against Women Prevention Partnership

What would the world be like without violence against women?

Prevention Institute-developed web conferences, Toward a Community

Solution: Advancing Primary Prevention of Violence Against Women and Toward a Community

Solution: Fostering Strategic Partnerships to Prevent Violence Against Women, seek to explore this vision by providing a comprehensive primary prevention approach to violence against women. You or your organization can become part of these web-based trainings as you watch the slides and listen to audio recordings from your own computer, all currently available for download at http://www.preventioninstitute.org/violence_women.html. These web conferences are made possible through Prevention Connection, a national project to build the capacity of local, state, national, and tribal agencies and organizations to develop, implement, and evaluate effective violence against women prevention initiatives.

Prevention Institute is a non-profit national center dedicated to improving community health and well-being by building momentum for effective primary prevention. We provide training, technical assistance, research, and evaluation for coalitions, community-based organizations, government agencies and private foundations to establish effective prevention programs and policies. In addition to working directly with communities and institutions, Prevention Institute develops tools and other materials to support the crafting, implementation, and evaluation of comprehensive prevention initiatives and effective coalitions. All of our tools, which include The Spectrum of Prevention, Developing Effective Coalitions: An Eight Step Guide, and Evolution to Effective Prevention, can be accessed free of charge at: <http://www.preventioninstitute.org/tools.html>.

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