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Dear Colleagues,

Many new subscribers are added to the list. Warm welcome in the world of Safe Community.

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

Safe Community: New Guidelines (20120124)

http://www.ki.se/csp/pdf/guidelines/20120124guidelines_safe_community_applications.pdf

How to write an application to become a member of the "International Safe Community Network" (pdf)

Including Form A for Application

Including Form B for web text

Ethical rules

From January 2012 use this form, after 1 March 2012 they are compulsory. All applying (and re-applying) communities must follow these guidelines and fill in these forms.

Please observe there is a new indicator for Safe Communities and that the old extensive application report is replaced by forms A-B!

**Safety 2012
World Conference**

11th World Conference on Injury
Prevention and Safety Promotion
1-4 October 2012
Wellington - New Zealand

www.safety2012.org.nz
info@safety2012.org.nz

Visit: www.safety2012.org.nz (Call for ABSTRACT and Scholarship Application are now open)

Fire Evacuation Drill : at the Office Building of Huamu Sub-district, China

An office fire evacuation drill was held on Huamu Sub-district in the morning of November 9th, 2011. The activity was organized by the Zhang Rongqing, the deputy director of the district office.

As the drill began, the staff set off smoke bombs in the designated area of the corridor, sounded the fire alarm and ordered the staff evacuation by office broadcast and electric horn. The drill was implemented successfully because of everybody's active participation and efforts. The activity got a hug success with the record of evacuating 156 in 3minutes and 47 seconds.

The deputy secretary of the Party Working Committee Kangzhong emphasized, the aim of this fire evacuation held in the office building was not only to avoid causing damage to property and casualty as soon as possible, but also to teach everyone how to save oneself and how to deal with the fire calmly, which was the core to protect the order of working and the safety of every staff.

Then, Li Denghua, the head of the deputy secretary and office director of Huamu community, took part in the package delivery task with other officer who are responsible for the drill. The gift package includes a smoke mask, a small towel, a flashlight and whistle.

After the drill, all the staff in the office went to the amphitheater and received the safety knowledge and training from Tang Dong squadron fire officers.

Reporter: Chen Fang, China.



6TH AFRICAN REGIONAL SAFE COMMUNITIES CONFERENCE: Safety Promotion in Africa: Mobilising Communities to Address Injury Vulnerabilities and Enhance Prevention Capacities Livingstone, Zambia

The 6th Regional African Injury Prevention and Safe Communities Conference was hosted by the University of South Africa's (UNISA) Institute for Social and Health Sciences (ISHS), the Medical Research Council-University of South Africa Safety and Peace Promotion Research Unit (SAPPRU), the Zambia Road Traffic and Safety Agency, and several other African partners in Livingstone, Zambia from 05 to 08 July 2011. The conference was preceded by two two-day training courses, one on traffic safety and the other on child safety. Conference delegates included researchers, clinicians, community workers, activists, safety and health advocacy agents, and policy-makers.

The Institute and SAPPRU have been principal hosts to these regional meetings over the last number of years. In recognition of the growing prioritisation of safety, peace and health across the African continent, as well as the requisite to stimulate and promote regional safe communities networks, this conference series draws attention to the burden of intentional and unintentional injury in Africa; its health, social, economic and human rights impact; and the exigency to develop and sustain contextually and culturally appropriate solutions. Against this backdrop, the theme of the conference, *Safety promotion in Africa: Mobilising communities to address injury vulnerabilities and enhance prevention capacities*, placed the accent on African knowledge and knowledge systems; the interface between research and academic engagements and community-driven partnerships; citizen- focused approaches to injury prevention; regional safety promotion and injury prevention assets; and the safe communities philosophy. UNISA Pro-Vice Chancellor, Professor Narend Bajjnath, was among the eminent speakers who addressed the conference in the opening session on 5 July. Keynote messages were delivered by Dr Martin Ekeke Monono, the Regional Advisor for Violence and Injury Prevention and Disability in the World Health Organization Regional Office for Africa; the Deputy Permanent Secretary of the Zambian Department of Health; Ms Scholastica Mulenga-Barwuah, representing the Zambia Road Traffic and Safety Agency; and Dr Robert Mtonga, the conference convenor. In his keynote address, Professor Bajjnath asserted that the conference theme is of critical importance in the current African milieu, especially in the context of the growing citizen demand for safety, peace and human rights across the African continent.

The conference included a range of contributions, which clustered around 5 primary thematic types. One group of presentations examined the magnitude and distribution of injuries in various African countries, and offered nuanced explanations for the perpetuation of violence in particular. The latter included thought-provoking papers on such topics as the social recognition on fear and the implication of hegemonic masculinity in violence. The second selection of papers called for a closer scrutiny of definitions of war and instruments to rank countries according to their levels of peacefulness. These presentations drew on illustrations of collective violence in Africa, as well as demonstrations of civil resistance and insurgent citizenship associated with the Arab Spring. This thematic group of papers also included a focus on the threat of nuclear weapons to Africa's security, development and health status, representing a novel and altogether relevant issue, but one that is generally overlooked in the regional safety promotion sector. The third category of papers tendered a more analytic study of intentional and unintentional injuries in Africa, including a focus on homicide and traffic injury. Another collection of contributions focused on innovative methodologies to encourage community participation in injury prevention and safety promotion efforts. An example hereof was a presentation on the use of photovoice as both a methodological tool and an intervention for youth empowerment and civic participation in contexts of community violence. A series of presentations also described intervention work and community engagement initiatives in countries such as Zambia, South Africa and Nigeria. Within this group of presentations, Zambia was shown to be among the few countries that has enjoyed particular success in demobilising landmines. Such success stories clearly need to be evaluated and documented so as to build the African safety and peace promotion science base.

At the closing of the conference, it was observed that the existence of diverse groups, paradigms, approaches and initiatives on the African continent need to be harnessed to grow the regional safety promotion sector, and promote meaningful intersectorial and multidisciplinary work. In his concluding remarks, Professor Kopano Ratele of the ISHS noted that the representation of and voices from the human rights, social science, gender, conflict resolution and peacebuilding, and development spheres need to be more actively engaged and included in the sector so as to strengthen the science base on the continent and support regional safety promotion efforts.



Left to right: Prof Ashley Van Niekerk (SAPPRU); Prof Mohamed Seedat (ISHS & SAPPRU); Dr Martin Ekeke Monono (WHO Regional Office for Africa); Prof Narend Baijnath (UNISA Pro-Vice Chancellor); Prof Hesham El-Sayed (Suez Canal University, Egypt); Dr Robert Mtonga (International Physicians for the Prevention of Nuclear War)

Reporter: Mohamed Seedat & Shahnaaz Suffla , South Africa.

THREE important Regional Safe Community Conferences

Falköping, Sweden is calling you in June 4 –5: www.falkoping.se/eurosafe2012

San Borja, Peru is calling you in October 17 –19: conf2012comsegura@msb.gob.pe

Tokyo, Japan is calling you in November 28 –30: <http://www.arcsc2012.com/>

Forthcoming Safety and Injury Conferences

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Regional Safe Community Conferences

- **The 3rd European Regional Conference on Safe Communities**, 4-5 June 2012, Falköping, Sweden.

Safety- Looking back, Contemporary Analysis and Future Challenges

Invitation Swedish http://www.ki.se/csp/pdf/Conferences/falkoping_2012sv.pdf

Invitation English http://www.ki.se/csp/pdf/Conferences/falkoping_2012eng.pdf

Call for Abstract deadline 11 March www.falkoping.se/eurosafe2012

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- **2 nd Regional Safe Communities Conference for the Americas**

Safe Communities and Climate Risk: Challenges and Proposals

2da. Conferencia Regional de Comunidades Seguras para las Américas

Comunidades Seguras y Riesgo Climático: Retos y Propuestas

17 – 19 October 2012

San Borja – Perú

Contact: conf2012comsegura@msb.gob.pe , conf2012comsegura@gmail.com

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

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

28- 30 November 2012

Toshima in Metropolitan Tokyo, Japan

- **30 November -2 December - Travelling Seminar**

Travelling Seminar: Minowa and Komoro in Nagano Prefecture, Japan

Announcement http://www.ki.se/csp/pdf/Conferences/brochure_japan2012.pdf

<http://www.arcsc2012.com/>

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World Conferences for Injury Prevention and Safety Promotion

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

Connecting pathways for a vibrant and safer future

1-5 October 2012

Wellington, New Zealand

September 2011: Call for abstracts & scholarship application submissions open

February 2012: Online registrations open

March 2012: Call for abstracts & scholarship application submissions close

August 2012: Early bird registration closes

Flyer: www.phs.ki.se/csp/pdf/flyer/safety2012_wellington.pdf

For further information visit www.safety2012.org.nz

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Regional Safe Community Conferences

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

May 2014

Harstad, Norway

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