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Dear Colleagues,

On behalf of the editorial team we wish you a Happy New Year.

In this issue we have included information of Safety related Conferences, Awards and Courses around the world.

Receiving of application for MPH Courses, specialization in Safety Promotion and in Health Economics and Health Promotion are now being started at the Karolinska Institutet.

Thanks for your continuous support for 'Safe Community News'. Please send your news and event information to the editor.

News and reports of this issue are appended below. Same issue is also available at our WHO CC on Community Safety Promotion website: [http://www.phs.ki.se/csp/who\\_newsletters\\_en.htm](http://www.phs.ki.se/csp/who_newsletters_en.htm)

With warm regards

Leif Svanström, Responsible Editor  
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## 1. New Certifying Centre for Safe Communities

In a short Ceremony at Karolinska Institutet 10th December 2007 Safe Communities Canada was appointed Certifying Centre for Safe Communities. The Canadian organisation is well established since more than a decade and has now undertaken this important task. That means that North America is covered as well as South America, Africa, Europe, Asia and the Pacific.

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Photo: Representatives from S America (Dr Jairo Osorno, Cali, Colombia), Asia (Dr Joon Pil Cho, South Korea), Europe (Dr Robert Ekman) and WHO Collaborating Centre on Community Safety Promotion, Karolinska Institutet, Stockholm (Dr Diana Stark-Ekman & Dr Leif Svanström) surrounding Mr Ron Waldie from the newly designated Centre.

## 2. Memorandum of understanding between University of North Carolina Injury Prevention Research Centre, USA and WHO CC at KI, Sweden

On a short ceremony in Stockholm on the 19th of December the memorandum was signed between Deputy Director Professor Andrés Villaveces and Dr Leif Svanström, KI. The process has started to develop the US unit into an affiliate Safe Community Support Centre focussing on research issues for evaluation of Safe Communities. The Cooperation has its nearest implication with the participation of Professor Shrikant Bangdiwala in the PhD course that starts in January 2008.

## 3. Standardized procedures for the Safe Community designation process



During three days in December 2007 a group representing Certifying Centres worked through a document which aims to standardize applications and certification processes for Safe Communities. Representatives from the Centres in Canada, Colombia, Korea and Sweden were present there. The remaining centres participated via e-mail.

The report will be available in the beginning of 2008

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## 4. Short Report: 4<sup>th</sup> Asian Regional Safe Community Conference

The 4<sup>th</sup> Asian Regional Conference on Safe Communities was held in Bangkok from November 21-24, 2007. The local organizing committee included members from the Department of Disaster Prevention and Mitigation, Ministry of Interior and Child Safety Promotion and Injury Prevention Research Center (CSIP).

The main theme was "Incorporating Global Thinking, Cultivating Local Strategy". It was felt that over twenty years of international knowledge on safe communities is needed to be brought to Thailand and the immediate region.

The conference started with a very good turn-out pre-conference seminar on injury surveillance where speakers and presenters from USA, Singapore, China, Korea, Columbia and Thailand shared over four hours of their experience with a full house audience.

Thailand and our neighbours had many authorities working in various communities. This conference allowed the multi-sectorial groups, nationally and overseas to meet and exchange ideas. This was one of the main objectives.

Over 200 overseas participants came. They were teachers, policy makers, grass root members, students and from various health sectors, coming from Taiwan, China, Hong-Kong, Korea, Japan, Iran, Singapore, Lao PDR, Myanmar, Vietnam, India, Bangladesh, Australia, New Zealand, Egypt, USA, Columbia, South Africa, Sweden, Norway and Germany. Representatives from WHO, WHO SEARO, UNICEF, and UNESCO were also present. While as many as 800 Thai from all parts of the country attended.

The main highlights of Conference included the Deputy Prime Minister being at and taking much interest at the Opening Ceremony. 23 Key-Note Speakers, 96 oral presentations, 50 posters, 20 exhibitions, New Zealand Safe School training session, Thailand youth group meetings and Thailand Safe Communities gathering were the core of our conference. The topics covered many including Safety of children, road, product, home, drowning and suicide prevention, safe communities, safe school and emergency medicine and disaster preparedness.

For the post-conference Tsunami site visit, 40 Thai and overseas visitors went to the Phuket and Phang Nga Provinces to meet the local, speak to and witness the work on rehabilitation phase. We were all made very welcome and both sides learned much as a result.

The conference has allowed many participants to understand and make headway on the concept of Safe Communities. Youth groups and community grass-root members rubbed shoulder and aired their view with policy makers. The two potential Safe Communities in Thailand exhibited their current work professionally. In all, both national and international participants bid farewell feeling satisfied with the time spent and were more confident with the direction of future work required.

The next regional conference, 5th Asian Conference on Safe Community, will be held in Beijing, China in 2009. The exact date is to be announced in due course. Contact person is Annie [anne@cosha.org.cn](mailto:anne@cosha.org.cn)

*Report: Johnny M.Chinnapha, Bangkok.*

## **5. Safe School initiatives in Bangkok, Thailand**

The 4<sup>th</sup> Asian Regional Conference on Safe Communities at the Royal Thai Navy Convention Hall Bangkok, Thailand provided an occasion for the official launch of the Safe School Community International Accreditation Programme (SSCIAP). The SSCIAP has been developed to ensure that effective processes are available to support schools to improve and coordinate their safety promotion/injury prevention activities. It has been developed following requests from schools and communities to provide a responsive mechanism to support their school safety efforts and has been endorsed by Certifying Centres of the WHO Collaborating Centre on Community Safety Promotion. The vision of the SSCIAP is to develop, support and guide Safe Schools Communities worldwide. The Safe Communities Foundation New Zealand (SCFNZ), in conjunction with Graeme Barber (Principal Woodend School), are the initial drivers of SSCIAP and have developed a charter for SSCIAP. Further information can be obtained from the newly launched web site [www.safeschoolciap.org](http://www.safeschoolciap.org) or by emailing [school@scfnz.org](mailto:school@scfnz.org)

Five important ceremonies were conducted by the SCFNZ in their role of Certifying and Affiliate Support Centre to the WHO Collaborating Centre on Community Safety Promotion Karolinska Institutet, Sweden at the recent conference on Safe Communities held in Bangkok during November 2007.

## **6.Training: Safe School Community Workshop, Bangkok Thailand:**

Ninety international delegates attended a training session conducted by Dr Carolyn Coggan, Tania Peters and Graeme Barber from the SSCIAP in New Zealand. The training was based on the seven criteria (1: Partnerships & collaborations; 2: Policies and procedures; 3: Awareness of injuries; 4: Sustainable programmes; 5: High risk groups and 6: Evaluation measures; and 7: Involvement in networks) that have been developed for schools to work towards. Evaluations conducted afterwards indicated that most participants rated the presentations as extremely useful and informative.



## 7. Designation of Saint John's International School in November 2007 in Bangkok Thailand

Dr Coggan, Tania Peters and Graeme Barber conducted an official site visit at this British style international school. After determining that the school had reached the seven criteria for designation, later in the day a seminar was held to confer accreditation to St John's International School for meeting safety standards and to evaluate reports, as well as exchange views on safety issues raised by the other schools within St Johns. The official site visitors considered that the application by St John's International School, Bangkok Thailand for designation as a member of SSCIAP was "of an extremely high standard and very well presented demonstrating an outstanding ongoing commitment to developing and maintaining the safety culture and a safe environment at St John's International School". St Johns both strives for, and achieves, academic excellent within a culture that is supportive for students and staff. The review plan considered that the school had provided an excellent model for other schools to adopt.



St John's International School is the first Thailand school to be designated under SSCIAP, and this is the result of several years of work of all those involved to improve safety for students and staff. The session, facilitated by Dr Mahipathorn (Johnny) Chinnapha, which took place in the auditorium room of St John's Chin Sophonpanich Building was well attended by representatives, including teachers and students, from the various departments of St John's. Visit the SSCIAP website [www.safeschoolciap.org](http://www.safeschoolciap.org) to view this application.

## 8. Designation of Suan Bua School Bangkok Thailand

Dr Coggan, Tania Peters and Graeme Barber conducted a site visit at this school and, after determining that the school community had reached the seven criteria for designation, later in the day a designation ceremony was held. They considered that the application and site visit by Suan Bua School Bangkok demonstrated "an outstanding ongoing commitment to developing and maintaining the safety culture and a safe environment at Suan Bua School". Suan Bua has supportive parents, teachers and community that actively participate, not only fostering academic excellence, but also providing a safe and healthy environment as a basis for raising mentally and physically capable individuals. Visit the SSCIAP website [www.safeschoolciap.org](http://www.safeschoolciap.org) to view this application.





## 9. Site Visit of Prachaniwet School

Dr Coggan, Tania Peters and Graeme Barber also conducted a site visit at this school and after determining that, while the school community demonstrated a commitment to SSCIAP, they had not completed the necessary processes to be designated on this occasion. However they were very impressed with the high standard of work and it appears likely that Prachaniwet will be designated in the near future.



## 10. Child Safety Promotion and Injury Prevention Research Center appointed as SSCIAP Accrediting Centre.

This was an exciting time for the Child Safety Promotion and Injury Prevention Research Center (CSIP) to be recognised for the outstanding work conducted at the Department of Paediatrics, Ramathibodi Hospital and in particular the work of the director Associate Professor Adisak Pliponkarnpim and CSIP International coordinator Dr Mahipathorn Chinnapha (Johnny). The center works with child safety networks to develop relevant research, identify new research, build public policy and disseminate safety information. It works on the assumption that all childhood injuries are preventable by building community awareness of problems and community ability toward hazardous factor analysis, interventions and performance assessment. The center is currently supporting 20 schools in Thailand and provides effective support to improve child safety efforts throughout Thailand. SCFNZ are proud to be associated with CSIP.



*For articles 4 – 9: Reporter: Tania Peters, New Zealand*

## 11. Announcement: 2nd International Safety Media Awards

The Second International Seguridad/Safety Media Awards (ISMA) will be held in Merida, Yucatan, Mexico March 16-18, 2008.

Guidelines and entry information is available at [www.teachingstory.com](http://www.teachingstory.com). There is no fee to submit media, and no limit to the number of print, audio or video pieces you can enter. The organizers are accepting entries in two divisions: Adult and Youth (18 and under) and three categories: print, video and audio.

## 12. Forthcoming Safety and Injury Conferences

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- **Young People, Crime and Community Safety: engagement and early intervention**, Melbourne, 25-26 February 2008.  
<http://www.aic.gov.au/conferences/2008-YoungPeople/>
- **Royal Society for the Prevention of Accidents (RoSPA) 73rd Road Safety Congress - Securing Wider Engagement in Road Safety**. Crowne Plaza Hotel, Glasgow, Scotland, February 25-27, 2008.  
Visit: <http://www.rospa.com/road/index.htm#call> or contact [events@rospa.com](mailto:events@rospa.com) .
- **The 9th World Conference on Injury Prevention and Safety Promotion 15-18 March 2008, Mérida, Yucatan Mexico**  
<http://www.safety2008mx.info/>  
**Abstracts:** Submission deadline was until July 13, 2007  
**Early Bird Registration:** will be extended until July 30, 2007  
Online Registration and Payment is available at <http://www.safety2008mx.info>  
Conference Secretariat at: [safety2008@insp.mx](mailto:safety2008@insp.mx)
- **7th Nordic Safe Community Conference 27-28 May 2008, Oslo, Norway**  
For information: [peter.koren@chello.no](mailto:peter.koren@chello.no)
- **17th International Safe Communities Conference 20th – 23 October 2008 Christchurch, New Zealand**  
For further information visit: <http://www.safecom2008.org.nz/>  
email: [contact@scfnz.org.nz](mailto:contact@scfnz.org.nz) or [robyn.steel@ccc.govt.nz](mailto:robyn.steel@ccc.govt.nz)

## 13. Courses

- **MASTER PROGRAMME PUBLIC HEALTH SCIENCE, (MPH)** specialization in
  - i) Health economics and health promotion and
  - ii) Safety Promotion.

For more information visit:

<https://www.studera.nu/aw/courseGuideResult.do?subject=30.500&period=HT%202008&publisher=ki&origin=3&destination=3&intOnly=true>

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- i) [koustuv.dalal@ki.se](mailto:koustuv.dalal@ki.se) (for specialization in Health economics and health promotion)
- ii) [Lars-Gunnar.Horte@ki.se](mailto:Lars-Gunnar.Horte@ki.se) (for specialization in Safety Promotion).

- Online service will open: **December 1**
- Last date for applying: **February 1**
- Last date for submitting documents: **February 15**
- Last date for submitting English test results: **February 15**
- Notification of admission (www.studera.nu/Your pages): **April 17**

For application visit: <https://www.studera.nu/english>

