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

Welcome to the forty-second issue of Safe Community Weekly News, the electronic Safe Community Weekly News is edited by the Norwegian Safety Promotion Centre—a WHO CC Affiliated Safe Community Support Centre on behalf of Safe Communities Network.

WHAT IS NEW AT SAFE COMMUNITIES?

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- **CONFERENCE: 2004, Accident and Injury Prevention in Denmark**

Nordic Safe Community Conference 2005



The participants from 4 Nordic Countries participated in the planning group meeting: from L to R:

Mona Pütsep (Swedish Safety Promotion Program, Sweden)
Søren Kølster (Healthy City Network, Denmark)
Yousif Rahim (Norwegian Safety Promotion Centre, Norway)
Tommy Rosenberg, Chairman (Swedish Rescue Services)
Annett Holmberg (Swedish safety Promotion Program)
Hannu Olamo (Department for Rescue Services, MoI, Finland)
Merja Söderholm (Ministry of Social Affairs and Health, Finland)

The Nordic planning group for the Nordic Safe Community Conference in 2005 in Karlstad Sweden, met on 9th December 2003 in Rescue Services Office in Stockholm, Sweden

In the meeting the group evaluated the last conference that held in Finland in August 2003. The planning group outlined the conference program based on the experiences from previous conferences, and defined the **EMPOWERMENT** as a theme of the conference.

The Conference will be held in November 2005 in Karlstad, Sweden. The first invitation will be sent out within May 2004. Further information and updates on the conference will be published on the Safe Community Network Homepages: www.safecommunity.net

LAUNCH OF WHO WORLD REPORT ON VIOLENCE AND HEALTH IN REPUBLIC OF MACEDONIA



The Macedonian Ministry of Health started the Campaign Against Violence in Macedonia in collaboration with WHO Headquarters, WHO Regional Office for Europe, WHO Office in Macedonia, UNICEF office in Skopje, Foundation Open Society Institute Macedonia (FOSIM), NGO ESE and Republic Institute for Health Protection, launching the WHO World Report on Violence and Health and 2 series of posters against violence, on 25nd of November 2003.

The launch is another step towards Macedonia's international commitment to draw further attention to the dimension of violence and to support appropriate measures to decrease this public health problem. As networking and cooperation at national and international levels are key to success in this field, the event was characterized by the representation and presence of various Macedonian institutions, Governmental institutions, NGOs as well as international organizations.

National launch was an important occasion to present the World Report on Violence and Health in Macedonia and to bring together different sectors involved in violence, providing a platform to discuss the impact of violence and discussing violence prevention activities at national and community levels.



Goals:

- to obtain visibility for the World Report on Violence and Health
- to build up a network of parties who will be supporting and contributing to the national implementation of the WRVH
- to lay the ground for national implementation of the recommendations
- to plan follow-up activities (develop national report; networks for the prevention of violence; national; plans of action for violence prevention, etc.)

National launch of the World Report Violence and Health was organized as one day workshop, press conference, poster exhibition and panel discussion, held on 25nd November 2003 at the Hotel Continental in Skopje.

More than 200 individuals from different organizations and institutions have been invited: Government officials (all Ministries, Ministries of Health, Justice, Education, Labor and Social protection, Interior, Health Insurance Fund etc), Representatives from Health Organizations, Representatives from academic institutions, Public health associations and foundations - Open Society Institute, UN Organizations (UNDP, UNICEF, WB, ILO, UNFPA, UNHCR, UNODC, OCHA), NGO's, experts, potential funding agencies (EU, CIDA, DfID, USAID, Nordic countries), and media. More than 150 have attended the national launch.



"Practical Approaches to Community Safety - Focus for First VSCN Conference"

In a fitting finale to Community Safety Month the Victorian Safe Communities Network (VSCN) staged its first annual conference on the 31st of October, 2003. Titled *Practical Approaches to Community Safety*, the conference focused on providing practitioners with insights into an array of evidence-based community safety applications covering topics including traffic safety, alcohol and drugs, crime and violence prevention, workplace and children's safety.

"Intentional and unintentional harm is a major cause of death and injury and disability in our community, causing more than 1600 deaths, over 90,000 hospital admissions and nearly 190,000 emergency department injury presentations across Victoria each year - mainly as a result of falls and transport incidents," said Michael Bourne, Co-Chair of the VSCN, in opening the Conference.

"We will be working with all our partners towards the Australian Institute of Health and Welfare national injury prevention priorities for 2004 and beyond" said Michael "and we will be working with all Victorian Departments to develop and implement local injury reduction, farm safety, crime and violence prevention, workplace safety and road safety plans."

Keynote speakers for the Conference included Mr Bill McKendry, Director Crime Prevention Victoria, Mr Peter Akers CEO Metropolitan Fire & Emergency Services Board and Ms Lynne Galanti, Childrens Safety Promotion Officer with the City of Hume. The conference also showcased an impressive array of exhibitors, headed by Aquamax, a local Victorian manufacturer of safety designed conventional and solar hot water systems, our lead Conference Partner.

The day also provided an entertaining hypothetical discussion with delegate participation and, most importantly, encouraged genuine networking amongst participants. Over 100 delegates attended the event to hear speakers from local government, police and fire services, Department of Education and Training, CSIRO, the Universities of Ballarat and Latrobe, NSW Safe Communities, Royal Children's Hospital, Safety Centre, the Community Alcohol Action Network, ANEX, Health Services and private consultants.

Following a very positive response from the delegates the VSCN is looking forward to next year's conference. In addition to the annual conference the VSCN also conducts quarterly forums at various locations across the metropolitan area and, in recognising accessibility for rural areas, is planning to conduct two regional forums next year.

The VSCN is a non-profit organisation committed to promoting community safety in Victoria and the nation, through building networks and developing knowledge and skills between community safety practitioners. Community Safety Month, initiated by the VSCN, is coordinated by the Department of Justice.

For your opportunity to build networks and form partnerships to support your role in community safety please contact Ms Barbara Minuzzo on 9345 5193 or check out our website at www.vscn.org.au.

2004 Annual Conference

Accident and injury prevention in Denmark

Wednesday 4th February 2004
Hilton, Copenhagen Airport



<http://nhgfinal.dynamicweb.dk/Default.asp?ID=62>

Organisers:

National Institute of Public Health and Health City Network

Theme:

- Home and Leisure injuries
- Traffic injuries
- Work injuries
- Violence
- Suicide
- Injury registration
- Strategies, programs and international collaboration

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Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year

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