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

Welcome to the fifteenth issue of Safe Community Weekly News in 2004, 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?

In this issue:

CALL: Organising the World Conference Injury Prevention and Safety Promotion in 2008

CAMPAIGN: Road Safety, Neihu Community, Taipei, Taiwan

CONFERENCE: 5th Measuring the Burden of Injury Conference, Austria

The Role of Public Health in the Prevention of War-related Injury, Austria

Call for expression of interest

World Conference Injury Prevention and Safety Promotion to be organised in the year 2008

The International Organising Committee (IOC) of the series of bi-annual World Conferences on Injury Prevention and Safety Promotion is looking forward to receiving expressions of interest to host the 2008- World Conference. The 7th World Conference will be held on June 6-9, 2004 in Vienna (see www.safety2004.info) and the 8th conference will be organised in Johannesburg (South Africa) on March 19 – 22, 2006. The ninth conference should be held in March/April 2008 and the IOC encourages in particular expressions of interest from the Latin American region or the Asian region.

Expressions of interest should provide brief information on:

- 1 The lead organisation that offers to take the main responsibility (one page summary on mission, structure of organisation, budget means);
- 2 The national network on injury and violence prevention (one page summary of relevant institutions);
- 3 International networks in which the lead organisation is active; and
- 4 Rational describing why the lead organisation wants to host the conference in 2008.

After receipt of the responses to this call (deadline: September 30, 2004), the IOC will invite three candidates to prepare a full bid-report, to be submitted before February 2005. Final selection and designation of the host country will be in October 2005.

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Neihu Community—Road Safety Campaign Part I: Reflective Armband Initiative

Motor vehicles often cause serious accidents at dawn, dusk or night, because motorists fail to see in time pedestrians in front of them, especially the elderly people and small children. The elderly people in Taiwan prefer to wear darker clothes and they like to go exercising in the park in the early morning. When they cross the road in the dim lights, the motorists can hardly see them and they are in danger of being hit by motor vehicles. Increasing the elderly people and small children's visibility on the road is one of the strategies for road safety.



Volunteer group from Neihu Senior Citizen Center danced for showing the effectiveness of reflective strips.



Participants signed their commitment for making a safer Neihu Community.

Collaborating with 3M manufacture in Taiwan, Neihu community has planned a series of activities in terms of road safety. The 3M Company donated one thousand reflective stripes and hundreds of reflective key-rings for promoting the idea of wearing reflective materials on the road. On April 2nd 2004, the activity for pedestrian safety was held in a park and invited people from the vicinity to join in. The activity aimed at encouraging people to wear brighter clothes or reflective strips when they go out in the dim lights so as to reduce the accidents. During the activity, the organizer educated people how to wear the reflective stripes and raised the awareness of road safety as well. Volunteer groups from Neihu District Office, Buddhist Tsu Chi Merit Society in Neihu and Senior Citizen Center helped arrange the activity and distribute free flexible reflective armbands to people.

5th Measuring the Burden of Injury Conference

Date: June 3 to 4, 2004

Time: 10.00 to 17.00

Location: Hotel Schloss Weikdrsdorf in Baden, Austria

Objectives:

1. Promote the understanding, use and development of interdisciplinary health status and injury outcome measures
2. Provide a forum for injury scientists from around the world to discuss emerging issues in the measurement of injury outcomes
3. Encourage a harmonized approach to injury outcome measures

Organiser: Applied Injury Science, National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, Transport Canada, and the National Institute for Occupational Health and Safety

Contact: Cathy Gotschall cgotschall@nhtsa.dot.gov

Conference Registration Form: http://www.safety2004.info/pdf/5th_mbic_registration.doc

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The Role of Public Health in the Prevention of War-related Injury

Date: Thursday, June 3 to Saturday, June 5, 2004

Time: 8.30 to 17.30

Location: Marriott Hotel, Vienna, Austria

Objectives:

1. To provide a forum for public health professionals and other interested stakeholders to exchange information on the public health aspects of war-related injuries.
2. To begin to identify the public health priorities in assessing the impact of war-related injuries on civilian or non-combatant populations.
3. To encourage the development of partnerships between governmental, non-governmental and other private entities interested in the topic.
4. To heighten public awareness of the public health impact of war-related injury on vulnerable populations.

Organiser: Centres for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), UNICEF, International Physicians for the Prevention of Nuclear War (IPPNW), World Health Organization (WHO), and Physicians for Human Rights (PHR)

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