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

Welcome to the first 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:

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CHANGE OF LEADERSHIP AT EUROPEAN SAFE COMMUNITY NETWORK



As ESCON prepares to mark 7 years of successful network, campaigning and development activity, Dr. Katharina Purtscher Chairman since ESCON establishment in 1995, is stepping down from December 2003. Mr. Yousif Rahim takes over from 1st January 2004 chairman of ESCON Board of Directors. As the Safe community concept is expanded to cover more communities in Europe, the ESCON will be a the sole focus on providing expert advice on community safety promotion to policymakers, administrators, researchers and others working for community safety promotion in European Countries. ESCON has played a key role in supporting the development of Safe Communities in many communities in Europe over the last decade. In particular, ESCON will encourage safety researchers to focus on the safety promotion as an issue for the whole setting of Europe.

ESCON will be a network for communities working with the Safe Community concept, and those whom are studying the safety promotion issues in Europe.

With ESCON from the start, Dr. Katharina Purtscher has played a fundamental role in the establishment of ESCON and its successful activity. With his professional experience in the field of injury prevention/Safety Promotion with Harstad/Norwegian Safe Communities and present carrier as a Coordinator for the Norwegian Safety Promotion Centre, Yousif Rahim is well placed to continue and further develop Dr. Purtscher's excellent work.

Professor Leif Svanström

The first designated WHO Safe Community – Lidköping is now re-designated.

The ceremony group. Also with Mrs. Elisabeth Svensson, local public Health officer and Mr. Sten Tollmar, chief planner in Lidköping.



Lidköping municipality in south west of Sweden in Skaraborg district was 1989 designated as the first WHO Safe Community in the world. The local safety promotion and injury prevention programme is still in action and is a continuously part of a comprehensive public health promotion programme. The intervention covers children, the elderly, traffic safety and leisure and sport activities.

The municipality was during a impressive ceremony in the city hall re-designated as a WHO Safe Community during the 26 of November 2003. Three speaker were invited to the event namely Dr. Tommy Rosenberg, Swedish National Safety Promotion Programme, Mrs. Maj Ader, Region Västra Götaland and Dr. Robert Ekman, WHO Collaborating Centre on Community Safety Promotion. Tommy R. said that he was very proud to be present as a representative from the Swedish Rescue Services Agency and as one of the signers of the agreement document he declared that “through this event today it is a new start for the second decade of the Safe Community movement and development in Sweden”.

Maj Ader gave a historical perspective of the injury prevention work in Lidköping and Skaraborg County. She told that “the reference group for injury prevention in Lidköping was set up in 1984 and that the development of safety work had extended enormously and much more then any of the pioneer members of the group ever had expected”. Robert Ekman talked about the international Safe Community movement and gave examples of activities and interesting safety initiatives from many countries and places all over the world.



Dr. Tommy Rosenberg, Mr. Bengt Andersson Region Västra Götaland and Mr. Kjell Hedvall, local government commissioner.



Mrs. Maj Ader, Mr. Kjell Hedvall, Dr. Tommy Rosenberg and Dr. Robert Ekman.



School and Youth orchestra playing at the ceremony.

Dr. Robert Ekman

4th International Course

Global Burden of Injury

A Course at Ph.D. – Level. 1 Credit

19 - 23 April 2004. Stockholm, Sweden

Course Leader: Associate Professor Lucie Laflamme

Application Deadline: 31 January 2004

Course information: <http://www.phs.ki.se/csp/pdf/Global%20Burden%20of%20Injuries%202003.pdf>

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13th International Conference on Safe Communities

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