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

Welcome to the twenty-fifth 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?

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International Safety Awards for City Safety Manager



Pictured at the SafeComm 13 Conference held in Prague, Czech Republic are (L to R) Erik Brekke, Chair, Norwegian Organising Committee for 14th International WHO 'Safe Community' Conference. Yousif Rahim, NorSafety. Henk Harberts, Latrobe City Safety, Australia and Professor Leif Svanstrom, Director, WHO Collaborating Centre on Community Safety Promotion, Karolinska Institute, Sweden.

Community Safety Manager with Latrobe City and Latrobe First Ambassador, Henk Harberts recently attended the 13th International Safe Communities Conference in Prague, Czech Republic. Whilst there, Henk was presented with the inaugural 'International Distinguished Safe Community Award'.

The award was presented at the Conference Dinner on behalf of the global network by Professor Leif Svanstrom, Director of the World Health Organisation (WHO) Collaborating Centre on 'Community Safety Promotion' based at the Karolinska Institute in Stockholm, Sweden. Professor Svanstrom, said, "Mr Henk Harberts is outstanding in the field of Safe Community Practice. He has the best of pre-requisites for working in the field and is leading this area nationally and internationally".

Mr Harberts was also the recipient of a Scholarship awarded by the Organising Committee of the 14th International WHO Safe Community Conference to be held in Norway in June 2005. The award

covers all costs associated with travel, registration and accommodation to attend the 2005 Conference and requires the recipient to provide a keynote address at that Conference.

Whilst in Europe Henk also attended the 7th World Conference on Injury Prevention and Safety Promotion in Vienna, Austria. Vienna became the 81st community to become an accredited WHO 'Safe Community'. Latrobe City became the 15th accredited 'Safe Community' in 1996.

Henk presented a paper at the Prague Conference outlining a decade of community safety promotion in Latrobe City and Victoria.

Professor Svanstrom went onto to say, "He approaches the area with great humbleness - understanding that community safety needs a sustained and long-term down-to-earth strategy. He is always willing to share that experience in all contacts. He was instrumental in the early development of the movement, among other initiatives through organising an international safe community conference and also travelling seminars. He has been involved in the core group of international advisers for more than a decade. For us no one was more natural for the first Award than Henk."

During the last decade, Henk has travelled throughout Australia, New Zealand, Europe, Scandinavia, South Africa, North America and Asia (Korea and China) in supporting the development of the WHO Safe Community Network. Much of this has come with the success achieved in reducing injury and promoting safety in Latrobe. The Latrobe City program evaluations were published internationally in the British Medical Journal - 'Injury Prevention' in 2001 by Monash University Accident Research Centre, Clayton.

Copies of Conference papers and additional information are available from Community Safety Promotion at Latrobe City Tel: 03 51 285634.



Conference on Safe Community Development in Taiwan
Taipei, Taiwan
16 – 17 October 2004

Sponsor: **Bureau of Health Promotion, Department of Health**
Organizer: **National Defense Medical Centre, School of Public Health**
Co-organizer: **Taiwan Injury Prevention and Safety Promotion association**

Themes:

- Farm Safety
- Road Safety
- Children Safety
- Injury Surveillance
- Community Joint Defense
- Special Organization Framework for Safe Community
- Home Safety
- School Safety
- Safety Education
- Wal-Mart Safety
- Tourism Safety

Registration Fee: Free

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**The 8th World Conference on
Injury Prevention and Safety Promotion
Johannesburg, South Africa
19th to the 22nd March 2006.**

Invitation from the conference chair

"As the global movement towards the establishment of an injury free and safe world for all gathers momentum, the UNISA Institute for Social and Health Sciences takes great pleasure in announcing that the 8th World Conference on Injury Prevention and Safety Promotion will be held in Johannesburg, South Africa from the 19th to the 22nd March 2006.

Africa's time has come to showcase its vibrancy and the dynamism of its people who have been striving to take their rightful place alongside the global league of nations. So we are proud that the African continent will witness and host an unprecedented gathering of injury prevention and safety promotion researchers, practitioners and activists, coming together in support of a single focal goal.

When those committed to translating data into safety practices and actions visit the cradle of humanity to share knowledge and dialogue, they will undoubtedly draw hope and sustenance to further their pledges to promote a safe world. We look forward to hosting you in Johannesburg in 2006. Woza 2006. Welcome to Africa."



Mohamed Seedat

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Prevention and Safety Promotion 2006*

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A workshop of the European Child Safety Alliance
Safer Environments for Children in Europe
September 19 to 21, 2004
Stockholm, Sweden

Workshop objectives:

The focus of this workshop will be to discuss and debate three key questions.

- 1) What are our children's risks in the European Environment?
- 2) How can we change our environments so they are safer for children?
- 3) What solutions can we undertake together in Europe that will make our environment safer for children?

The intent of this workshop is to build on the standards and regulations work in Europe and integrated that more closely to the work of child safety practitioners and researchers.

Who should attend?

The workshop is intended for child injury prevention practitioners, researchers and industry interested in product design, risk assessment and policy work. It will also be a meeting time for members of the European Child Safety Alliance, their colleagues and key partners within each country.

Workshop participation:

We encourage all attendees to participate fully in the break out sessions that will debate a number of issues to address the three key questions outlined in the workshop objectives. The summary of these discussions will form the basis of a Manifesto that will be drafted and presented to the European Commission calling for action.

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