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

Welcome to the twenty-six 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:

**VISIT: European Safe Community Network visit to Klaipeda, Lithuania**

**CONFERENCES: The 14th International Conference on safe Communities, Norway  
The 3rd Asian Regional Conference on Safe Communities, Taiwan  
The 6th Nordic Conference on Safe Communities, Sweden**

**SEMINAR: Joint Seminar on Systemic Risks and Lessons Learned, Sweden**

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### ESCON visit to the Klaipeda Safe Community Program in Lithuania



On 12<sup>th</sup> – 19<sup>th</sup> July Yousif Rahim the chairman of ESCON visited Klaipeda (Lithuania) Safe Community program. Klaipeda started activities within Safe Community program in summer 2002. The program includes various projects for different age groups, environments and situations. During the meeting with Klaipeda Safe Community program coordinating group the issues of future activities and plans for safety promotion in Klaipeda and the region were highlighted. During the meetings the importance of plan of action was underlined. Sustainability and development of the program are of great importance, as well as collaboration with designated Safe Communities, Affiliated SC Support Centers and WHO CC.

The Meeting at Klaipeda Public Health Center took place on July 16<sup>th</sup>. In the meeting participated: Rimantas Pilipavicius, Director of Klaipeda Public Health Center, Raminta Mitkuvienė, Head of Public Health Programs and Analysis Department at Klaipeda PHC, Inga Ambrazeviciene, Public Health Specialist at Klaipeda PHC responsible for Safe Community Program, Virginija Gedziuviene, Member of Neringa City Council, and Associate Professor Birute Strukcinskiene, Safe Community expert and coordinator of Baltic countries.

During the meeting development of Safe Community program in Lithuania and other Baltic countries was discussed. Klaipeda community started pilot SC project in the country. The last time more communities in Lithuania (Neringa, Taurage, Panevezys, Silale, Siauliai, Joniskis) show interest in this program and want to get more information how to work with SC model.

Yousif Rahim with Klaipeda SC Program coordinators also visited inside Child Traffic Safety Training Area at Klaipeda Traffic and Road Police and met with the staff of this institution ( with Traffic Safety instructor Audrone Uzandiene). This Traffic Safety Training Area was created by the Klaipeda Safe Community Program.

14th International  
Conference  
on  
Safe Communities  
June 13-15, 2005  
Bergen, Norway



[www.safebergen.com](http://www.safebergen.com)

## Main theme

Violence Prevention in Creating Safe Communities

## Topics

Violence prevention  
Traffic Safety  
Home Safety  
School Safety  
Occupational Safety  
Cost/benefit of safety promotion  
The Role of Rescue Services in Creating Safe Communities

## Participants

The conference is intended for professionals, policymakers, organizations and communities involved in prevention, control and research activities related to violence, suicide and accidents.

## Important dates:

Early bird registration: before **1<sup>st</sup> February 2005**

Deadline for submission of abstracts: **15<sup>th</sup> February 2005**

Conference dates: **13 – 15 June 2005.**

## Venue

Grieghallen. Bergen International Conference Center. Bergen

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## 3<sup>rd</sup> Asian Regional Conference on Safe Communities

19-22 October 2005

Taipei, Taiwan

[www.safe2005.com.tw](http://www.safe2005.com.tw)

[www.tipspa.org.tw](http://www.tipspa.org.tw)

**Main theme:** *Creating Safe Communities in Asian Context!*

**Topics:** **Community Construction toward Safety – get *Everyone* involved!**

Road Safety

School Safety

Occupational Safety

Product Safety

Injury Surveillance

Poisoning Prevention

Evaluation of Community Intervention

The Role of Rescue Services in Creating Safe Communities

Home Safety (Children, Elderly)

Agricultural Safety

Shopping places safety

Medication Safety

Violence and Suicide Prevention

Sports and Leisure-time Safety

Post-trauma Management

### Target Participants

The conference aims at inviting professionals that have contributions and dedications to injury prevention and safety promotion in Safe Community Movement: researchers, practitioners and policy-makers, and interest groups from various sectors such as health, public security, transportation, manufacture, education, agriculture, social work, etc.

### Important Dates

Deadline for abstract submission: **before 30 April 2005**

Deadline for Early Bird Registration: **before 15 July 2005**

Conference dates: **19-22 October 2005**

**Venue:** Taipei International Conventional Center (TICC), Taipei, Taiwan

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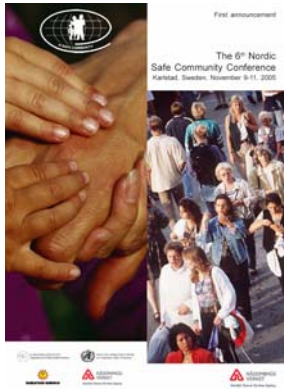
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# The 6<sup>th</sup> Nordic Safe Community Conference

## Karlstad, Sweden

### Carlstad Conference Centre

### November 9 – 11, 2005

**Organisers:** Karlstad municipality, Swedish Rescue Services Agency and WHO Collaboration Centre on Community Safety.

The theme for the 6th Nordic Safe Community Conference is **Community Empowerment for Safety Promotion and Injury Prevention**. Community empowerment for safety promotion and injury prevention is a complex cross-sector process. The process begins and ends with the individual. Empowerment has individual, group, political and society dimensions for example safety for elderly people, children, and disabled people.

Examples of elements of empowerment for safety promotion and injury prevention are:

- Knowledge and ability to increase safety
- Leadership rather than helping
- Access to information and resources
- Options from where to make choices

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**Joint Seminar on Systemic Risks and Lessons Learned**  
*On the Road to the World Conference on Disaster Reduction*

**Organised on 20 September 2004 in Karlskoga, Sweden**

**by**

**European Commission Joint Research Centre**

**&**

**Swedish Rescue Services Agency**

**in collaboration with OECD International Futures Programme**

***The aims of the expert seminar are:***

- To raise awareness on the importance of addressing systemic risks in a holistic manner on the territory
- To increase the sensitivity of risk assessors and managers with regard to mainstreaming *lessons learned* from accidents and “near misses” into risk management practice
- To build critical mass towards the creation of expert networks on systemic risks and lessons learned

***The objectives of the expert seminar will be:***

- To build on the results of The First Nordic Conference on Emerging Risks and Regional Economic Development held in Karlskoga, Sweden, on 24-25 November 2003.
- To build on the Conclusions and Recommendations of the OECD report on Emerging Risks in the 21st Century: An Agenda for Action.
- To assist the European Commission External Relations Directorate General, who are coordinating the preparations for the European Community towards the United Nations World Conference on Disaster Reduction (WCDR), Kobe Hyogo, Japan on 18-22 January 2005, in reviewing the implementation of Yokohama Strategy and Plan of Action.
- To discuss the new role of “lessons learned” in light of the new challenges and development with regard to societal risk management and emerging systemic risks.

***All participants are kindly asked to fill in and send the registration form as soon as possible to the SRSA/NCO. All information found at [www.nco.srv.se](http://www.nco.srv.se).***

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