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

Welcome to the second 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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Safe Community Designation: Vågå, Norway

Seminar on Sport Injuries, Vågå, Norway

4th March 2004



Vågå municipality in Norway applied for the membership in Safe Community Network and designation as a Safe Community. The designation ceremony and signing the safe Community agreement with WHO CC will take place in Vågå on 4th March 2004.

In relation with the designation will Vågå municipality arrange a seminar on sport injuries on 4th March 2004. More details on seminar program will be published forthcoming issues of SCWN.

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Safe Community group in Vågå



The 4th Seminar and Workshop on Safety Promotion in Taiwan

The 4th Seminar and Workshop on Safety Promotion in Taiwan was held on January 14th 2004. The workshop aimed to promote Safe Community Program in Taiwan, share the experiences from four different communities and educate the community workers with Promotion strategies.

There were over 50 people who attended the meeting. Dr. Ying-Wei Wang, Deputy Director General, Bureau of Health Promotion, Department of Health, also took part in the meeting and promised that the administrative department will support the Safe Community Program, encourage all of the participants to continue their work of safety promotion and wish the four featured communities' success on achieving the goal of being designated in 2005.

Dr Lu Pai, Associate Professor of National Defense Medical Center, National Defense University, served as the professional consultant for Safe Community programs. She has been engaged in Injury Prevention for 16 years and continued the work as well as developing the Safety Promotion Program in Taiwan. She lectured on all levels of Safety Promotion and Safety Promotion strategies.



Mr. Ying-Wei Wang, Deputy Director, General, Bureau of Health Promotion, Department of Health.



Dr Lu Pai, Associate Professor of National Defense Medical Center, National Defense University.

The meeting started from the report of Dungshr community. They have established a Dungshr Center for Safe Community which consists of a steering board, an administrative office for Safe Community and an injury surveillance system. There are four safety promotion committees that organized according to the local needs. The four groups are home safety promotion committee, agricultural safety promotion committee, road safety promotion committee and school safety promotion committee. They have also developed a variety of projects to carry out the safety promotion work.

Neihu community presented the establishment of a well-organized steering committee and working groups to promote the safety work, which covers all ages, environments and situations. The committee also actively pursued the corporation of Taipei City government for supporting the safety promotion work. They have established a system to collect the jury data from 3 local hospitals by using electronic registration forms which designed by TIPSPA (Taiwanese Injury Prevention and Safety Promotion Association).

Alishan community organized five working groups under the advisory committee. They are responsible for injury data registration, safety education, tourism safety promotion, home safety promotion and school safety promotion. The “no smoking home” project is quite successful in reducing smoking behaviors as well as in decreasing home fires.



Participants from four communities and health departments.

Fong-bin community presented the progress of organizing the volunteer squad for promoting the safety work, making improvement of local road safety and various tourism safety, including water rafting and whale watching etc. Local township office, schools and policy department, industries, organizations and volunteer groups all joined together to make Fong-bin a safer place for local people as well as for the tourists.



CAPIC 5th Annual Injury Prevention Conference

Tuesday 9 March 2004

Heritage Park Hotel, Pontypridd

Workshops

The workshops will be led by facilitators developing best practice around the safe use of nursery equipment, in car safety, safety for people with learning disabilities and the promotion of safety to young people.

Safe Fitter Scheme

The Safe Fitter scheme has been developed by south Wales Trading Standards and Road Safety Officers. The initiative focuses on the appropriate use and correct fitting of child car seats.

Burning Issues

South Wales fire service has recently produced a video, the content of which is focused on stealing vehicles, hoax fire calls, under age drinking and driving, peer pressure, and the consequences of these actions to the young people involved as well as their families and the community. It is aimed at Key Stage 3. The workshop will discuss the task of actually producing the video and workbook as a tool to reducing anti-social behaviour. The video will be shown during the workshop. The workshop is intended to:

- show people how the fire service hopes to educate and raise awareness in young adults
- show how this can be achieved through the form of a production video and workbook to be used in schools
- show how others may be able to produce a similar tool.

Be Wise – Be safe

SWERCOTS is a partnership of 14 local authorities' trading standards services, working together in the best interests of consumers and businesses. Their common purpose is to promote a fair and safe trading environment to protect the interests of consumers and reputable businesses in south west England. The 14 SWERCOTS authorities are Bath and North East Somerset, Bournemouth, Bristol, Cornwall, Devon, Dorset, North Somerset, Plymouth, Poole, Somerset, South Gloucestershire, Swindon, Torbay and Wiltshire.

The resource that they have produced contains a high quality video, with a set of leaflets and a detailed teaching support for facilitators, teachers and other professionals to use in group settings. 'Buy Wise - Be Safe' is about the wise purchase and safe use of car seats, pushchairs, high chairs, cots, safety gates and other safety equipment. It also provides general safety hints, and gives guidance about buying second hand. Their aim was to produce something that would be entertaining, as well as educative and informative.

Lifeskills for Independent Living

Lifeskills – Learning for Living is a regional safety education and training centre in Bristol. It is a community-based initiative which aims to help the most vulnerable sectors of the community learn about safety in a 'hands on' practical way. The Lifeskills Centre is designed on 10,000 sq ft of floor space in the style of a 'real village', including houses, road and vehicles, supermarket, garden, electricity sub-station, building site, dark alley, playground, stream, railway, farm and country lane.

The workshop will outline the way that the programme runs for adults with learning difficulties and explain ways in which the Centre tries to ensure that people's needs are met. Resources will be available to view and a video will be shown. The video has been made at the Centre and the performers are people with learning difficulties. The video highlights various safety issues that the actors felt were most relevant to their lives. It is designed to be used with an accompanying teaching pack, with individuals or groups in order to develop independent living skills. There will be the opportunity to ask questions about the work at Life skills

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