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

Welcome to the thirty-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?

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CONFERENCE: Injury and Violence Prevention Conference. Target 2010: What works?

Site Visit to Rapla County

Rapla County from Estonia has applied to become a member in the International Safe Community Network. Anne Lounamaa from National Public Health Institute in Finland and Martti Valta from the town of Hyvinkää made a site visit.

Meeting with the advisory committee

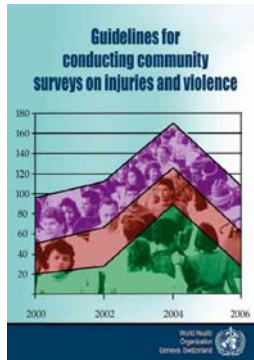


From left to right: Mr. Andres Tina (head of Rapla municipal elderly home), Mrs. Talvi Ainsar (teacher at Rapla Gymnasium), Mr. Valdo Jänes (traffic safety specialist), Mrs. Aune Kähär (head of the Rapla municipal kindergarten), Mr. Erti Suurtalu (representative of Rapla rescue and fire services), Mrs. Margut Jõgisoo (traffic safety specialist at police), Mrs. Ülle Laasner (health promotion specialist), Mr Toivo Räägel (journalist at county newspaper), Mr. Martti Valta (Hyvinkää, Finland), Mrs Silvi Ojamuru (head of planning and development department of county government), Mrs. Aili Laasner (pediatrician, county hospital), Mr. Aare Heinvee (Rapla municipal governor), Ms. Anne Lounamaa (National Public Health Institute, Finland). Mr. Tõnis Blank (county governor) attended the meeting, but is missing from this picture.

WHO Publications:

Guidelines for conducting community surveys on injuries and violence

http://www.who.int/violence_injury_prevention/media/news/06_09_2004/en/



The *Guidelines for conducting community surveys on injuries and violence* is a companion document to the Injury surveillance guidelines which WHO released in 2001. The document explains, step-by-step, how to conduct a community-based survey to collect information about injuries and violence and their resultant disabilities.

Rationale for survey guidelines

In order to develop effective prevention strategies, most countries need better information on the burden of injuries and violence in their communities. This need prompted WHO, in collaboration with the US Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, to develop the *Injury Surveillance Guidelines* which guide practitioners on how to develop information systems in health care facilities.

Hospital-based surveillance systems need to be complemented by other tools to capture all injury events and deaths in a population. For instance, those treated outside the formal health sector or those with minor injuries which do not necessarily require hospital attention might be missed by a facility-based information system.

Community-based surveys are one way of obtaining injury events within a community. These surveys provide useful baseline information on injuries and in certain situations the results may be extrapolated to the general population. Community surveys are an important supplement to hospital surveillance and are particularly relevant in situations where population denominator data are lacking. However, these type of surveys require specific methodological expertise that might not be available in all countries. To this end WHO, in collaboration with an expert panel experienced in this field, have developed these Guidelines for conducting community surveys on injury and violence

What these guidelines offer

This document guides the reader through the process of designing and implementing a community-based injury survey. The main focus is on the conduct of surveys at a local level. The guidelines provide:

- a standardised tool for the systematic collection of data (with core and optional components)
- examples of questionnaires from low- and middle-income countries
- detailed guidance on how to obtain representative samples of the study population using two stage cluster sampling with probability proportional to size
- guidance on how to calculate a sample size
- how to use these tools in the field.

Instructions are also provided on:

- how to prepare for data collection
- selection and training of fieldworkers
- how to conduct fieldwork and deal with unexpected situations
- ethical considerations
- data entry and analysis
- dissemination of results
- advocacy.

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CISALVA

Cali, Colombia



CISALVA, the Institute for Research and Development in Violence Prevention and Peace Promotion of the Universidad del Valle in Cali, Colombia, was established by the University's Board of Directors on the 17th of December 1997.

This Institute is in fact the result of an upgrading of the Center for Research in Violence and Health (CISALVA), created in 1995, whose efforts and achievements led to its recognition as a University Institute. The Institute belongs to one of the largest and most prestigious public universities in the country and represents the University's commitment and contribution to overcoming Colombia's most important social problem.

From the outset, CISALVA became involved in both national and international projects, as well as collaborative efforts, both as a participant and as a regional leader in the fields of Violence and Health. As a result of its leading role and of the qualities and capacities of the researchers involved and the work accomplished, the World Health Organization / Pan-American Health Organization recognized CISALVA as one of its Collaborating Centers since 1996. CISALVA's work speaks for itself, not only through its numerous research projects, but also through its interventions and visibility in violence and peace related issues.



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CISALVA's actual director is Dr. Maria Isabel Gutierrez, who is in charge of the Institute conformed by 38 professionals in areas such as epidemiology and public health, social communication, social scientists, psychologists, social workers, economists, computer technicians, administrators, and consultants.

Our Mission

To contribute, from an academic perspective, to the knowledge and prevention of violent phenomena, and unintentional injuries.

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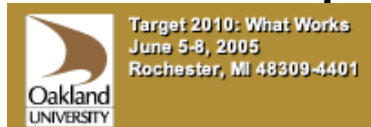
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Injury and Violence Prevention Conference “Target 2010: What Works”



Oakland University presents a state-of-the-art conference on successful strategies to reduce the societal burden of unintentional and intentional injury
June 5-8, 2005

<http://www2.oakland.edu/oakland/injuryprevention>

Unintentional injury ranks as the fifth-leading cause of death in the USA. The unacceptably high incidence of unintentional and intentional injury in society results in a huge social and economic burden, with more years of potential life lost and a greater economic cost than the leading causes of death from degenerative disease. Raising awareness of the problem and disseminating knowledge of cutting-edge strategies to reduce this burden is a pressing priority if the goals of Healthy People 2010 are to be achieved.

All conference events will take place on the campus of [Oakland University](http://www2.oakland.edu), in Rochester, Michigan, USA.

Program Objective

This three-day event will bring together nationally recognized experts and injury prevention practitioners to share insights on implementing *evidence-based intervention strategies* to prevent unintentional and intentional injury. The magnitude and burden of injury is generally well known and appreciated among practitioners in the field. Therefore the conference will focus on the theme of “what works in injury prevention and safety promotion?” Conference participants will learn primary prevention strategies on how to combat the multiple interrelated causes of injury.

Who Should Attend?

Academics, researchers, safety experts and safety promotion specialists

- Share your knowledge of evidence-based practice
- Network with colleagues in the field

Physicians, nurses, members of allied health fields; community health promotion specialists; teachers; law enforcement officials; emergency response workers; community and business leaders; parents; coaches; and students

- Increase your understanding of the societal burden of injuries
- Learn how to implement effective strategies for intervention
- Become an injury prevention advocate
- Earn continuing education credits

For More Information

For further information E-mail the conference organizers at: iprevent@oakland.edu or visit the conference website: www2.oakland.edu/oakland/injuryprevention

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