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

Welcome to the thirty-third 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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Rapla County in Estonia designated as a WHO Safe Community.



On 1st October 2004, at the County Council hall in Rapla with a nice ceremony the Rapla County designated as WHO Safe Community No. 83. Rapla County is the first designated Safe Community in the Baltic region.

The Safe Community Agreement was signed by Mr. Tõnis Blank, County governor for Rapla County Government, Mr. Kalle Toomet, Chairman for the Association of Local Authorities of Rapla County and Mr. Yousif Rahim, Coordinator of Norwegian Safety Promotion representative for WHO CC.



Dr. Aili Laasner, Mr. Kalle Toomet and Ms. Ulle Laasner



Mr. Douglas Faulkner, Mayor of Wood Buffalo, Canada congratulating Dr. Laasner



Safe Tartu Team congratulating the Rapla County



Representatives of Hyvinkää, Finland congratulating Rapla County.

1st Estonian Safe Community Conference Rapla, Estonia. 1st October 2004



The first Estonian Safe Community conference held in Rapla County with more than 130 participants from Canada, Estonia, Finland, Latvia, Lithuania, Norway and Sweden. The conference started with a welcoming message from Dr. Külvar Mand, Deputy Minister of Ministry of Social Affairs of Estonia and Mr Tõnis Blank Rapla County Governor.



During the conference main sessions, different projects and activities presented from Rapla Safe Community program and International Safe Community activities.

The conference had three main sessions:

- I. Rapla County Injury Prevention Program 2002 – 2004
- II. Safe Community
- III. Safe Community Risk Assessment



Dr. Aili Laasner Presented "Safe Community criteria and readiness to meet those by Rapla county

Mr. Douglas Faulkner presented " The critical role of politicians and decision-makers in promoting community health and safety

Mr. Yousif Rahim presented the Development of International Safe Community Network.

Seminar on safe Community Tartu – Estonia. 30 September 2004

On 30th September a seminar on Safe Community held in Tartu, the second largest city in Estonia, the main theme of the seminar was the to present activities in Tartu Safety Program and Neighbourhood watch project. Participants from other parts of the country participated in the seminar.

The Seminar started by a welcoming message from Mr. Vladimir Sokman the deputy mayor of Tartu. Different locally initiated programs presented and invited guests Mr. Douglas Faulkner Mayor of Wood Buffalo, Dr. Aili Laasner, Rapla County and Mr. Yousif Rahim, Coordinator of Norwegian Safety Promotion Centre presented the community safety promotion work in different contexts.



European safe Community Network Meeting Rapla, Estonia. 1st October 2004



On 1st of October a meeting for the European Safe Community Network held in Rapla, Estonia, with active participation from ESCON members from Estonia, Finland, Latvia, Lithuania and Norway. Mr. Douglas Faulkner Mayor of Wood Buffalo Safe Community was honour guest of the meeting. During the meeting several issues discussed related to the future actions within the ESCON and building closer collaboration within the safe communities in the countries in the Nordic and Baltic region.

Active participation on the 14th International Safe Community Conference in Bergen in June 2005 was highlighted, the members emphasised on focusing more on participations from political levels and adding the alcohol related injuries as one of the main themes for the conference.

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