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

Welcome to the 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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## 13th International Conference on Safe Communities

Prague, Czech Republic  
2-4 June 2004

[www.13safecomm.com](http://www.13safecomm.com)

**Second announcement, program schedule and online registration for the conference is available now on the conference website at [www.13safecomm.com](http://www.13safecomm.com).**

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# Seminar: International Seminar on Injury Research Methods

Vienna, Austria. June 10, 2004

Call for Abstracts and Registration

## Introduction

Injuries are a major public health problem, all over the world, which is expected to increase in the 21st century. They are an important cause of death and disability in the population.

Accidents are preventable non-random events, and effective accident prevention strategies will decrease the impact of injuries on the health of the population of a country. However, solid research is needed in order to develop effective countermeasures. Information on accidents and injuries is needed to set priorities, to select main target groups, to determine the contents of the preventive measures, and to evaluate the effect of those measures.

The aim of the seminar on Injury Research Methods is to exchange knowledge and experiences on concepts and methods applied in injury research. The focus is on methodology instead of findings. Special attention will be paid to indicators for priority setting (the burden of injuries) and translating the results of research into recommendations for prevention. The seminar should increase synergy between researchers in the field of injury prevention and safety promotion. The seminar is of prime interest for all researchers in the field of injury prevention and safety promotion, who are interested in the current state of affairs concerning methodology and future developments. The seminar provides a unique opportunity for injury researchers to get in tune with the latest developments in injury research.

## Programme Committee

- **Saakje Mulder** Consumer Safety Institute, Amsterdam, the Netherlands
- **Shrikant I. Bangdiwala** University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, United States
- **Ed van Beeck** Erasmus Medical Centre, Rotterdam, The Netherlands
- **James Harrison** Flinders University, National Injury Surveillance Unit, Adelaide, Australia
- **John Langley** University of Otago, Injury Prevention Research Unit, Dunedin, New Zealand

## Preliminary Programme

### *Session 1 From burden of injury to prevention: indicators for priority setting*

- **Indicators for accidents/injuries**  
Keynote speakers: Colin Cryer, University of Kent, Canterbury, UK  
Ronan Lyons, University of Wales, Swansea, UK  
Short paper presentations
- **Quantifying disabilities**  
Keynote speakers: Ed van Beeck, Erasmus Medical Centre, Rotterdam, The Netherlands  
Ellen Mackenzie, Johns Hopkins School of Public Health, Baltimore, USA  
Short paper presentations
- **Quantifying costs**  
Keynote speakers: Saakje Mulder, Consumer Safety Institute, Amsterdam, The Netherlands  
Delia Hendrie, University of Western Australia, Crawley, Australia  
Short paper presentations

### *Session 2: From research to prevention: valuable recommendations*

- **Evaluation research**  
Keynote speakers: James Harrison, Flinders University, Adelaide, Australia  
Roderick McClure, University of Queensland, Australia  
Short paper presentations
- **Translating research into practice**  
Keynote speakers: Eleni Petridou, Athens University Medical School, Athens, Greece  
Carol Runyan, University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, USA  
Short paper presentations

## Information, registration

More information can be obtained from the ECOSA Secretariat.

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**The First National Disaster Medicine seminar in South Africa**  
**The University of the Witwatersrand's Office of Disaster**  
**Preparedness for Africa (ODPA)**  
**25 and 26 February 2004**

Medical Care in disaster situations in South Africa is still managed on an ad-hoc basis and information in this vital medical field is scarce. There is a dire need for coordination of medical and health resources, in order to deal effectively with major incidents and disasters. Disaster medicine is a crucially important and rapidly developing field in many countries, but it is still in its infancy in Africa.

At the University of the Witwatersrand, the newly appointed Chair of Emergency Medicine, and the Office of Disaster Preparedness for Africa, (ODPA), proudly present a landmark seminar which will address many central disaster medicine issues. The increased intensity and frequency of disasters in this region necessitates focused efforts to improve disaster medicine in South Africa.

This seminar will be a significant step forward in efforts to develop a comprehensive knowledge base in the field of disaster medicine.

Leading local and international specialists, such as the Netherlands' **Dr. de Boer (author of "Order in Chaos")** and **Dr. Noji (ex Centre for Disease Control, (USA) and currently National Advisor On Disaster Response in the USA)** will discuss the latest developments in this field. This seminar offers attendees up to date insight and stimulating discussions through both presentations and interactive workshops on current issues in disaster medicine. The needs of and prospects for Southern Africa will be analysed in workshops, in terms of the following themes:

- Disaster Medicine Developments
- Disaster Preparedness
- Outreach and Response

As a bonus, there is a related, independent activity which delegates are welcome to attend: on the 27th February there will be talks on **Weapons of Mass Destruction incidents**, (mainly chemical), along with discussions on decontamination, particularly of casualties, and demonstrations on **triage and patient decontamination**. The lectures will be held in the auditorium of the Johannesburg hospital and the demonstrations will be at the helipad outside the Jhb. Hospital Casualty Dept. Attendance is free!

**The seminar is open to Health Officials, Managers of Major Hospitals, Managers of Emergency Response Services, Academics, Senior Disaster Managers, Health Providers, Relief Managers and Managers of Development Agencies and any interested parties.**

The event is endorsed by the Department of Health and the Emergency Medicine Society of South Africa.

#### SEMINAR DETAILS

**DATES:** 25-26 FEBRUARY 2004  
**VENUE:** Senate House Building, Jorissen St., University of the Witwatersrand, Johannesburg. (Maps will be provided).  
**SEMINAR FEE:** R 850 for registration before 10.02.04.  
After 10.02.04, a late registration fee of R1100 applies.

(The seminar fee covers seminar documentation, lunches and refreshments).

**TO REGISTER:** Please contact the **Office of Disaster Preparedness for Africa** at Wits University at (+27-11) 717 7124  
e-mail: [disaster.derc@usa.net](mailto:disaster.derc@usa.net)

**PLEASE BOOK YOUR SPACE ASAP!!!!**



The second edition of "*Safe - Happy & Healthy*" the newsletter of the Townsville Thuringowa Safe Communities program is published online now.

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<http://www.safecommunitiesqld.com/>

Safe – Happy & Health is the newsletter of The Townsville Thuringowa Safe Communities Program. All members of the Townsville Thuringowa Safe Communities Program and the working groups are invited to publicise details of their programs, events, introductions about staff and their roles in the community, in this newsletter. This newsletter will be published quarterly.

#### **BHP BILLITON SPONSORSHIP**

The Townsville Thuringowa Safe Communities Project Management Team are delighted to announce finalisation and acceptance of a very generous offer from BHP Billiton to fully fund a full-time Safe Communities Project Coordinator for Townsville Thuringowa for the next 3 years. This deal was announced publicly at a media function which took place at the Weir Footbridge on 25<sup>th</sup> September 2003 (the place chosen because it marks a boundary between Townsville and Thuringowa).

We believe this kind of sponsorship of a Safe Communities Project by a major corporation in the private sector is a first not only for Queensland and Australia but internationally. The Project Coordinator will report directly to the Project Management Team. Mike Reynolds MP, representing the Premier in North Queensland and as Minister for Emergency Services Qld, Government, attended the function, along with Mayor Les Tyrrell and Cllr Jack Wilson, Chair of the City Safe Committee and representing the Mayor of Townsville, and Mick Roche from BHP Billiton.

**Please send your activities, programs and reports via post/ e-mail to the editor: Yousif Rahim [rahim@norsafety.no](mailto:rahim@norsafety.no)**

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