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

Welcome to the second issue of Safe Community Weekly News in 2005, the electronic Safe Community Weekly News is edited by the European Safe Community Network, 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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PROJECT: Injuries in local communities in Sweden and in the three Baltic States

JOURNAL: International Journal of Injury Control and Safety Promotion

CONFERENCE: Online registration for the 14th International Conference on Safe Communities

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Also is Arabic, Romanian and Korean

Dear colleagues,

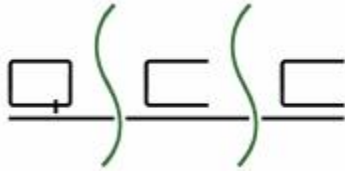
It is a great pleasure to announce the expanding of Safe Community Weekly News. Since the first issue of 2005 we have started to edit the Safe Community Weekly News in eight languages (English, Portuguese, Chinese, Serbian, Spanish, Persian, Romanian, Arabic and Korean)

In the last month colleagues from three different institutions (University of Ajou, Suez Canal University and University of Athens) have joined our team to make the Safe Community Weekly News accessible to readers and members of the Safe Community networks around the world.

The new members are:

- Prof. Hesham El-Sayed, Suez Canal University, Egypt, email: heshamel2002@yahoo.com
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All the issues are available on our websites www.phs.ki.se/csp, www.safecommunity.net and www.norsafety.no Please feel free to download the files, circulate it and we are looking forward to hearing from you; comments, suggestions and corrections. Your contributions are highly appreciated and we would like to have more members in our team to make Safe Community Weekly News available in more languages.



Safe Communities Program in Queensland

www.safecommunitiesqld.org

The Queensland Safe Communities Support Centre (QSCSC) is an independent, non government organisation. Headed by the Director, Dr Rob Pitt, and Manager, Dawn Spinks, the Centre is based at the Mater Hospital and supported by the administration staff of the Queensland Injury Surveillance Unit (QISU) The QSCSC Strategic Management Committee comprises membership representing the community, universities, government and non government organisations and business. Member profiles available on the website – www.safecommunitiesqld.org

The program Goals and objectives are:

- communicate the essential features of a Safe Community
- assists collaboration and capacity building within communities
- assist communities to develop and sustain their Safe Communities program
- co-ordination of training courses, methodological development and transfer of technology
- support networking between communities
- assist communities to access data to enable communities to profile their injury burden and proceed with programs on an evidence base
- advocacy on behalf of Safe Communities
- assist with identifying resources
- accreditation of Safe Communities

Main activities in 2004:

- Supporting the activities of existing Queensland safe communities
- Identifying potential Queensland safe communities
- Developing and managing website www.safecommunitiesqld.org
- Facilitated meetings for communities
- Established a strategic management committee (QSCSCSMC) to identify sponsorship/partnership opportunities
- Applied for two major sponsorships – learnt valuable lessons

The specific issue the project address is to support the identification and development of Queensland Communities who aspire to becoming Safe Communities based on the WHO model

Program activities to be undertaken in the near future are continuing to support the emerging and existing communities in media, advocacy accreditation processes and partnership/sponsorship relations, the QSCSC will also be hosting:

- pool fencing workshop in conjunction with Department of Housing and Local Government on Feb 1 2005
- supporting the activities of Community Safety month in Queensland and hosting a two day conference for Queensland communities
- producing a bimonthly newsletter
- maintaining links with the Australian Safe Communities Foundation (ASCF) and contributing accordingly

For more information on the programmes and contact persons please visit the website www.safecommunitiesqld.org

Injuries in local communities in Sweden and in the three Baltic States: situation and implications for prevention



From L to R: Prof. Taie Kaasik (University of Tartu, Estonia), Assoc. Prof. Anita Villerusa (Riga Stradins University, Latvia), Dr. Skirmante Starkuviene (Kaunas University of Medicine, Lithuania), Dr. Robert Ekman (Karolinska Institutet & Swedish Rescue Services Agency, Sweden), Prof. Shrikant I. Bangdiwala (University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, USA).

Project working group during one of the meetings at the 7th World Conference on Injury Prevention and Safety Promotion Vienna, Austria, June 2004.

Focusing the study of mortality trends in local communities affords a better understanding of socio-cultural and other specific forces that may be impacting injury rates and is an important issue in suggesting possible intervention modalities. That's why the project Injuries in local communities in Sweden and in the three Baltic States: situation and implications for prevention was initiated by Prof. Taie Kaasik (University of Tartu, Estonia) and Dr. Robert Ekman (Karolinska Institutet, Sweden) in 2001.

The project was supported by a grant from the Swedish Institute and lasted till December 2004. Representatives from Sweden, Estonia, Latvia, Lithuania and USA took part in the project. Several meetings in Riga (Latvia), Toila (Estonia), Stockholm (Sweden), and Kaunas (Lithuania) were organized. The project focused on the patterns and trends of injury mortality for the time period 1990 to 2002 in the cities of Borås (Sweden), Tartu (Estonia), Jelgava (Latvia) and Kaunas (Lithuania).

In addition, a contextual analysis of the injury mortality time trends within the socio-political and economic situation, as well as the injury prevention structures and activities in the studied communities, and their different stages of implementation of community safety approaches, was provided.

There is substantial difference in the injury mortality rates of Borås compared to the three Baltic communities, which are approximately 2 to 3 times higher during the studied time period.

Injury mortality trends in local communities are important in suggesting possible intervention modalities despite the fact that by studying local communities, one increases the variability in the rates due to the small numbers. The Safe Community approach used in Borås is a sound alternative for communities in the Baltic States. Now the project is over, but there are many ideas and plans for the further collaboration between the countries, future research, and implementation of the safety activities in the communities.

Journal

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14th International Conference on Safe Communities

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



www.safebergen.com

Main 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

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