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

Welcome to the tenth issue of Safe Community Weekly News in 2005, the electronic Safe Community Weekly News is edited by the European Safe Community Network and Karolinska Institutet, WHO Collaboration Centre on Community Safety Promotion on behalf of Safe Communities Network.

WHAT IS NEW AT SAFE COMMUNITIES?

In this issue:

CONFERENCE: Negotiations about Intl. Safe Comm XVI. China

PROGRAMS: Safe Community development in Chaoyang District, Beijing, China

CONFERENCE: The 14th International Conference on Safe Communities, Bergen

Negotiations in Beijing, China, about Safe Comm XVI 2007.

In a meeting in Beijing on the 4th April the Chairman of WHO C C on Comm Safe met with the leadership of Safe Comm in China, Mr Zhang Baoming, Mr Wu Zongzhi, Mr Bai Ran and Mr Liu Yan (From COSHA- China Occupational Safety & Health Association)



The following items were dealt with:

- The latest development of building Safe Communities in China: The history started with a seminar in Shang Hai 2002 when some major metropolitan areas met to discuss the development of community safety. In June 2002 the Youth Park in Jinan, Shandong province started their programme. In March 2003 COSHA experts participated in the International Safe Community Conference in Hong Kong. Since then there has been close co-operation between communities in China incl. Hong Kong and Macao. The hope from COSHA is to get 5-6 communities designated by 2006 and maybe more in 2007.
- Application for hosting the 16th International Conference on Safe Communities in Beijing in the year 2007. After preparatory discussion Mr Baoming concluded that an application will be sent in a close future.
- Application to establish an Affiliate Safe Community Support Centre at COSHA. The advice was to look closely at the prerequisites into such a process (on internet) and in due time return with an application.

This development was later in the Day confirmed and supported by Vice Minister Wang Dexue and Deputy Directors General of State Administration of Work Safety (SAWS) Mr Chen Guang & Mr Lin Yishing.

Safe Community development in Chaoyang District, Beijing – one of the most important areas of China.



On site visits on the 5th April 2005 two communities were visited, Wang Jing and Maizidian. They are both situated in one of the most vibrant parts of China - Chaoyang District, Beijing. These Community programs are developed to serve as models for the whole of Beijing and other metropolitan areas of China. They are aiming at international recognition and designation within the next coming Years. The safe Community programmes are prioritised since beginning of 2004 and the development of the programmes have already gone far. The programs are heavily supported by SAWS and through the Vice Mayor of Beijing as well as Governor of Chaoyang District in Beijing :

Some photos from the Communities:



The building structure of Wang Jing Community.



Wang Jing Safe Community



Professor Wu Zongzhi seeking information on the programme development (info open for all public)



Safe Elderly; handrails in bath



Safe Elderly; Tai Chi is also good as balance training and thus falls prevention (hip fracture prevention as well)



Violence prevention through surveillance of environment



Maizidian Safe Community



Safe Kids

Rapporteur: Leif Svanström

14th International Conference on Safe Communities

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



www.safebergen.com

Special Sessions:

- Community Policing
- National and regional strategies for Safe Community development
- The role of rescue services in Safe Communities
- Transnational and cross-cultural issues in injury research

Special meetings:

- Annual WHO Affiliate Safe Community Support Centre meeting
- 2005 European Safe Community Network meeting
- 2005 Asian Safe Community Network meeting
- The 6th Nordic Safe Community Conference, Planning meeting.
- The 3rd Asian Regional Safe Community Conference, Planning meeting.

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**Jonas Gahr Støre,
Secretary General of the NRC**

Jonas Gahr Støre (44) is the Secretary General of the Norwegian Red Cross since 1 November 2003. He has his degree in economics and political science from Institut d'Etudes Politiques de Paris. He has held leading positions in the public sector, nationally as well as internationally. During 10 years at the Prime Minister's Office he served as head of the International department (until 1998) and State Secretary and Chief of Staff (2000-2001). Støre has worked closely with international development issues with a particular focus on global health issues. From 1998-2000 he served as Executive Director and Chief of Staff at the World Health Organization in Geneva. In 2002-2003 he was Chairman of ECON Analysis, an Oslo based think tank.



**María Isabel Gutiérrez M. MD, MSc. PhD.
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María Isabel Gutiérrez is Director of the Institute of Research and Development on Violence Prevention and the Promotion of Coexistence - CISALVA, at the Universidad del Valle, in Cali, Colombia. She is the President of the Colombian Epidemiology Association. She earned her M.D. from the Universidad del Valle, her Master's degree in Epidemiology and Biostatistics from University of McGill, a diploma in Health and Human Rights at the Johns Hopkins University in Baltimore, and a doctorate in psychiatry at the Bloomberg School of Public Health. She has been a consultant to both local and national governmental agencies. She has been a consultant, as well, to the Pan-American Health Organization on the development of strategies to identify and prevent injuries in cases of violence, child abuse, suicide, domestic accidents and accidents caused by hospital emergency services to strengthen networks and exchanges of experiences within the Andean region. She has longstanding experience with fieldwork and technical assistance to local and intermediate levels of government in the southwest region of the country (Nariño, Cauca, Valle, Tolima, Huila y Chocó). Dr. Gutiérrez has published in Colombian and international journals and spoken widely at national and international conferences and seminars.



Mr. John A. Calhoun.

. Until May, 2004, Jack was, for 20 years, president and CEO of the National Crime Prevention Council. NCPC's work included: award-winning public service advertising, training and technical assistance, demonstration programs, and management of the 4500-member Crime Prevention Coalition of America.

Jack has served as the Massachusetts Commissioner of the Department of Youth Service (and chair of the Adolescent Task Force and State of the Family Task Force), the United States Commissioner of the Administration for Children, Youth and Families (overseeing such programs as Head Start, Child Abuse and Neglect, Foster Care, and Runaway Youth), and Vice President of the Child Welfare League of America. Early in his career he created employment, court diversion and restitution programs for youth.

Jack has lectured at major universities, is in demand as a keynoter and panelist here and abroad, has testified frequently before city councils, state legislators and Congress, serves on many boards and has received numerous awards such as the 1998 Award of Recognition from the Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention.

Listed in Who's Who in America and Who's Who in the World, Jack holds a BA, a Master's in Theology, a Master's in Public Administration with honors from Harvard's Kennedy School of Government and an Honorary Doctor of Humane Letters.

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