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

Welcome to the twenty-sixth issue of Safe Community Weekly News in 2005, the electronic Safe Community Weekly News is edited by the European Safe Community Network, International Safe Community Support Team and the WHO CC on Community Safety Promotion on behalf of Safe Communities Network.

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## **International Society for Violence and Injury Prevention**

[www.isvip.org](http://www.isvip.org)

The International Society for Violence and Injury Prevention (ISVIP) was created in Vienna in June 2004 during the 7<sup>th</sup> World Conference on Injury Prevention and Safety Promotion and followed by several teleconferences and consolidated in a meeting in Geneva, Switzerland on 8<sup>th</sup> October 2005. The International Society for Violence and Injury Prevention was created after many years of preparations and active contributions from leading Injury prevention and research organisations and experts.

The Society has compiled a list of experts who can manage the society in the first phase of its establishment. We believe the Interim Steering Committee can help and contribute to strengthening the role of the society as a visible international champion in promoting injury prevention and safety promotion.

ISVIP will provide an opportunity for all relevant stakeholders for global advocacy and the advancement of capacity building in view of injury prevention and research.

The Society has launched the website [www.isvip.org](http://www.isvip.org) which will be updated on daily bases with the new information and resources. More information will be available on short notice through website, newsletters and on request.

The membership will be open to all individuals and institutions engaged in the field of Violence and Injury prevention. More information for 2006 membership will available on the website on the first week of January 2006.

For more information please visit the ISVIP website [www.isvip.org](http://www.isvip.org)

## The First National Scientific Conference on Injury Prevention 14-15, Hanoi, Vietnam

*Rapporteur: Nguyen Thi Y Duyen*



Minister of Health, Prof. Tran Thi Trung Chien trying helmet at the exhibition room of the Conference



Mr. Christian Salazar, UNICEF Senior Programme Coordinator at the Opening Ceremony

On 14-15 November 2005, the First National Scientific Conference on Injury Prevention was organized in Hanoi, Vietnam by the Hanoi School of Public Health in collaboration with the General Department of Preventive Medicine, Ministry of Health. The Conference was supported mainly by UNICEF and WHO. Despite the busy schedule, especially at this time of the avian flu pandemic, Professor Tran Thi Trung Chien, Minister of Health came to open the Conference. She emphasized that this is a good opportunity for scientists, researchers and managers in the field of injury prevention to exchange knowledge, ideas and experience in injury prevention.



Conference distinguish guests and participants



Ms. Isabelle Bardem gave presentation on UNICEF-Government initiative approach on childhood injury prevention

Mr. Christian Salazar, UNICEF Senior Programme Coordinator emphasized in his opening remarks that because injury is a complex issue, it needs to have multi-sectoral and inter-sectoral collaboration and coordination. In addition, he also mentioned that with the objective of the Conference which is to provide policy makes comprehensive information on injury to help Government to develop and implement more appropriate policies and interventions on injury prevention. He said: "UNICEF is grateful to support for this Conference. We believe that this Conference will bring new insights for programming for better life of Vietnamese people, especially for Vietnamese children".

About 150 participants who are researchers, representatives of line ministries and sectors such as Ministry of Health, Ministry of Transportation, Ministry of Invalid and Social Affair, medical schools, hospitals, and related institutions attended the Conference. There were 58 reports from 42 agencies/localities from the country were presented. in plenary sessions as well as in parallel sessions. In addition to plenary sessions, there were 4 parallel sessions on the following theme: Childhood injury; Occupational and domestic injuries; Road traffic injury-Emergency care and treatment; and Issues on policy development and experience in the implementation of injury prevention programs.

At the closing ceremony, Dr. Le Vu Anh, Dean of the Hanoi School of Public Health summarized all the work of 2 days and he commented that the quality of research in this Conference is much better than the Conference to launch the National Policy of Accidents and Injury Prevention which was organized 3 years ago. He, however, also mentioned that more types of research need to be done in order to provide better understanding of injuries; and that we can not wait for the results of research to develop interventions but we need to be proactive in developing, piloting innovative interventions at the same time with doing research.

Dr. Nguyen Thi Hong Tu, the Deputy General Director of the General Department of Preventive Medicine, Ministry of Health, Director of Childhood Injury prevention Project (which is supported by UNICEF) closed the Conference by commenting on the success of the Conference in exchanging information, knowledge and experience and in demonstrating a good collaboration among domestic agencies/sectors as well as with international organizations. She wished to have this kind of Conference every two or three years.



## 3<sup>rd</sup> Canadian Injury Prevention & Safety Promotion Conference

The 3<sup>rd</sup> Canadian Injury Prevention & Safety Promotion Conference was held in Halifax on 6<sup>th</sup> -8<sup>th</sup> November 2005. The conference was co-hosted by Safe Communities Foundation and other three National Safety organizations in Canada (Smartrisk, SafeKids & ThinkFirst).

On 6<sup>th</sup> November a pre-conference gathering of Safe Communities from all across Canada. Over 70 people came to the pre-conference gathering of Safe Communities. Due to fog many people came in late that evening or the next day but it was still very eventful and the greatest for networking. Over 600 attended this successful conference. As a part in the international safe community movement, international visitors from New Zealand, Sweden and Iran participated in the conference.



**Map of Canada:** Safe Communities at pregathering put a dot on the map of where they were from in Canada.



**Award of Excellence:** Safe Communities representatives from Sault Ste. Marie, Kenora, Ottawa, & Brockville Ontario received awards of Excellence from the SCF. Paul Kells is also in this photo.



SCF founder & vice-chair Paul Keels at pre gathering presenting the welcome message



**CN awards for rail safety:** Representatives from Greater Belleville Safe Community Committee, Rainy River Valley Safety Coalition, Kingston Partners for a Safe Community, Chatham-Kent Safe Communities Coalition, Kamloops Injury Prevention Network, Safe Communities of the Hill Country, St. Thomas-Elgin Safe Community Committee, & Hamilton Safe Communities Council all received their CN plaques for rail safety initiatives.



Panel: "Effective Fundraising Strategies: Best Practices from Safe Communities" (Susan Kniahnicki, Sault Ste. Marie Safe Communities Partnership; Nancy Stammers, Wood Buffalo Safe/Healthy Community Network, Sue Snider, Safe Communities of the Hill Country; Moderator: Karen Simmers, SCF Regional Coordinator, Western Ontario)



**Passing of the Torch:** The Halifax Regional Municipality safe communities coalition passed the torch to the Chatham-Kent Safe Community coalition where the next National Safe Communities conference will take place in 2006 which coincides with the 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Safe Communities Foundation.

For more information on the conference and pregathering please contact:  
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## CHILD ACCIDENT PREVENTION FOUNDATION OF SOUTHERN AFRICA

### **Help Creating a Safer Community in South Africa**

7 November 2005  
Cape Town

*The utmost importance of safe communities has been recently highlighted with the tragedies that occurred for instance with the Tsunami in South East Asia, the floods in New Orleans and the earthquake in Kashmir.*

The Child Accident Prevention Foundation of Southern Africa will organize the **15<sup>th</sup> International Safe Communities Conference in Cape Town 9-11 April 2006 at the CTICC**, for the first time on the African Continent.

This conference is community-based and will focus on creating Safety Networks within the local communities, and it is more than likely that Cape Town will become part of the WHO International Safe Communities Network during the conference. The central theme of this conference will be focused around three topics, creating *Safer Communities, Safer Schools and Safer Homes*.

Since the **Child Accident Prevention Foundation of Southern Africa** is hosting this conference the Organizing and Scientific Committee have decided to particular focus on poor children in the developing world, since they are the most vulnerable and numerous.

Since the existing emergency services have a great role to play in this initiative, we will also have separate *Symposia focusing on specifically:*

- 1) *The role of the Police in creating a safer environment*
- 2) *The role of Emergency Service and fire fighters in creating a safer community*
- 3) *The role of Disaster Management personnel in creating a safer community*

We warmly invite all global stakeholders to contribute to this vital initiative to make Southern Africa a safer place for all!

***Cape Town is one of Africa's most beautiful locations and has been consistently in the top 10 world tourist destinations in the last decade!***

**ON-LINE ABSTRACTS SUBMISSIONS ARE OPEN TILL 30 NOVEMBER 2005**

Looking forward to see you in Cape Town:

From our Organizing Committee,

Prof AB (Sebastian) van As, Conference Chair



**Our target group in Africa**

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## Community Safety Month in Australia - October 2005

The Victorian Safe Communities Network (VSCN) thanks its many partners in state agencies, local governments and business for their strong support in creating another successful Community Safety Month (CSM) during October 2005 – our 9<sup>th</sup> CSM in Victoria.

This year, for the first time, CSM was celebrated across Australia, with a range of crime prevention, injury prevention, emergency services, road safety, water safety and workplace safety activities in all states. “There were thousands of people participating in hundreds of safety promotion events across Australia” said Tim Hardiman, Co-Chair of the VSCN, “a great result”.

VSCN Executive Member, Michael Bourne added “We are on the verge of a seeing coordinated community safety celebrations in many other nations as the idea of a Community Safety Day or Week is being discussed and promoted through the safe community networks in many places across the world.” As proposed at the 14<sup>th</sup> SafeComm conference in Bergen last June, “Maybe we can interest people in celebrating safety promotion in all settings on World Health Day each year, starting with Friday, April 7, 2006, which falls between the International Injury Prevention and Safe Community Conferences which are both in South Africa next April.”

Also for the first time this year, Victoria Police launched a series of Community Safety Reports and held Community Safety Forums in each of the 79 local government areas across Victoria. “Because injuries can affect anyone, anywhere, anytime – our vision is for people to have the information they need to reduce risks and prevent injuries wherever they go in their daily lives” said Norm Free, VSCN Co-Chair.

www.police.vic.gov.au

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A MESSAGE FROM THE  
CHIEF COMMISSIONER

October is Community Safety Month.  
To support activities and initiatives being held across the state, Victoria Police has launched a series of Community Safety Reports in community newspapers.

PROFILE  
Victoria Police employs more than 13,500 people, including public service staff, executive officers, protective security officers, reservists and 10,757 police, to serve a population of about five million. We serve the community 24 hours a day, through a network of stations, including 320 permanent police stations. In 2004-05, we responded to 704,261 calls for assistance.

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[www.communitysafetymonth.com.au](http://www.communitysafetymonth.com.au)

# Second International Seminar on Injury Research Methods

**April 6-7, 2006. Cape Town, South Africa.**

[www.mrc.ac.za/conference/ecosa/](http://www.mrc.ac.za/conference/ecosa/)

The European Consumer Safety Association (ECOSA/Eurosafe) and the Medical Research Council are organising the next International Seminar on Injury Research Methods on April 6-7, 2006 in Cape Town, South Africa. This seminar is being organised in conjunction with the 8<sup>th</sup> World Conference on Injury Control and Safety Promotion in Durban, South Africa (April 2-5, 2006)

Injuries are a major public health problem, all over the world, which is expected to increase in the 21st century. Injuries cause a range of physical and psychological disabilities that seriously affect the quality of life of injured people and their families. The Global Burden of Disease Study undertaken by the World Health Organisation reported that injuries account for 15% of the burden of death and disability, and that they are projected to account for 20% of the burden of death and disability worldwide by 2020. Injuries can be prevented, and effective injury 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 the right priorities, to select the main target groups, to determine the contents of the preventive measures, and to evaluate the effect of those measures.

In 2004 ECOSA's 1st Seminar on Injury Research Methods was held in Vienna. This year, ECOSA has joined forces with the Medical Research Council in South Africa.

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 measuring the economic costs of injuries, evidence based injury prevention, quantifying disabilities 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 (from resourced and less resourced areas) 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.

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