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

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WHAT IS NEW AT SAFE COMMUNITIES?

In this issue:

COURSE: Master Course in Safety Promotion, Karolinska Institutet, Sweden

COLLABORATION: Nantou County Government and Alishan Community, Taiwan

CONFERENCE: The 15th International Safe Community Conference, Cape Town

CONFERENCE: 3rd Annual VSCN Conference, Australia

WEBSITE: Accident and Injury Prevention in Vietnam website, English & Vietnamese

VACANCY: School of Health Sciences, Oakland University.

MASTER COURSE IN SAFETY PROMOTION

28 August 2006 - 1 June 2007

Stockholm, Sweden and Internet

[Course information](#)

www.phs.ki.se/csp/pdf/courses%202006%202007/Master_Course_in_Safety_Promotion_2006_2007.pdf

[Syllabus](#)

www.phs.ki.se/csp/pdf/courses%202006%202007/Syllabus_Master_Safety_Promotion.pdf

Application deadline

International students: 1 February 2006

Open for application from around 12 December at

Application form: http://info.ki.se/education/index_en.html

Swedish and Nordic students: 15 April 2006 online

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Nantou County Government and the leaders of Community developed an Association with 160 members



After the designation of Alishan safe community, many other communal groups in the region come to visit the community. Alishan team already discussed a plan for them and arranged staff to receive them, also help them to understand the sixes indicators of “safe community”. For example, the site visit of 160 members of Nantou County Government and the leaders of community develop association. The goal for this visit was to give the community leaders the ideas that help them to set up a safe community program. The arrangement included a class sharing Alishan experiences on Safe Communities presented by Mr. David Lin of the Co-Leader of Alishan Safe Community Project. Mr. Wan introduced the “Drowning Prevention Program”, Principal Chuang of the Hsinmei Public Elementary School explained the basic activities in school safety.

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15th International Safe Communities Conference – CAPE TOWN – South Africa
09-11 April 2006, Cape Town, South Africa

New Deadline for Abstract submission: 15 January 2006



Two Ocean City: The Atlantic and Indian Ocean

South Africa is a signatory to the Convention of the Rights of the Child. One of these rights of children are to live in a safe environment without the threat of being hurt. Unfortunately in many countries these rights of children are not met.

The 15th international Safe Communities Conference is and excellent opportunity for us to all meet and look at how we can great a **safer environment for children on the road, at school, at play and at home**. The Child Accident Prevention Foundation invites you to attend the conference and share your information.

Topics to be covered at the conference:

- Towards safe and healthy communities (urban and rural)
- Towards safe and healthy schools
- Towards safety in the home

<http://www.uct-cmc.co.za/conferences/2006/safecom/info.php>

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“VSCN - Creating Safer Communities” 3rd Annual VSCN Conference - 17 November 2005

The Victorian Safe Communities Network (VSCN) held its 3rd Annual Conference, on Thursday 17 November, 2005 with the theme “Creating Safer Communities”. Over 100 registrants from across Victoria and other states, gathered at the Darebin Community Centre in Melbourne, Australia, to share learning among local, interstate and international delegates keen to reduce risk and injury, improve safety and enhance perceptions of safety.

After a warm welcome by Tim Hardiman, VSCN Co-Chair, and Diane Asmar, Mayor of the City of Darebin, the keynote speakers set the theme for the day:

- Nicola Rabot, Department of Human Services reported on the recently endorsed Australian National Injury Prevention and Community Safety Plan, now to be turned into local and state action plans;
- Dr Iain Butterworth, from Deakin University, discussed the many parallels between the Community Safety Promotion global network and the Healthy Cities Movement;
- Associate Professor John Toumbourou, from the Royal Children’s Hospital and Melbourne University Centre for Adolescent Health, asked us to consider the evidence that injuries to young people may be reduced if the legal age for commencing drinking alcohol is increased; and
- Professor Christos Pantelis, Professor of Psychiatry, presented recent research on the development of the adolescent brain and risk taking behaviour among young people.

The 20 workshops and presentations to follow covered a wide range of topics, including the on-line workplace safety course, Passport to Safety (<http://www.passporttosafety.com/australia/>), currently being pilot tested in schools in South Australia; poisoning and falls prevention in safer built environments; developing new safe communities programs at local state-wide and national levels; capacity building in CALD communities; lessons learned from the Quit, SmartPlay and Fit to Drive Programs; homelessness; building corporate relationships; and future directions in IP research.

Michael Bourne presented a paper on ‘neighbourhood safety teams’, previously presented at the Australasian Neighbourhood Watch (NHW) Conference in October, proposing that the role of NHW groups be developed to provide an interface between local (municipal) community safety programs and individual households. Bill Hornan, NHW President, and Brian Samuel, NHW Board Member announced at the VSCN conference that the NHW Board has decided to partner with the VSCN to develop this concept. VSCN and NHW will be exploring these ideas with the Municipal Association of Victoria, the Victorian Local Governance Association, local governments and Victoria Police.



NHW to work with VSCN in ‘creating safer communities’

Michael Bourne VSCN Executive Member, Bob Laing, CEO City of Greater Shepparton, Bonnie Smythe, Hume Region Primary Care Partnership, Kerry Montero, Royal Melbourne Institute of Technology, Lynne Galante, City of Hume, John Hale, Metropolitan Fire Brigade, Brian Samuel, NHW Board, and Bernadette Roland, RMIT (in front).

After the parallel sessions concluded, Commissioner George Lekakis, Chair of the Victorian Multicultural Commission discussed how community safety networks are helping forge more tolerant and accepting local communities which are embracing and valuing their diversity and helping make people feel safer and be safer. The VSCN Executive and Commissioner Lekakis then jointly endorsed the VMC Community Accord.



VMC Community Accord – VSCN and VMC working together, ‘creating safer communities’

George Lekakis, VMC Chair (holding the Community Accord) with the VSCN Executive – from L to R – Michael Bourne, Erin Cassell, Tim Hardiman (behind), Barbara Minuzzo, Norm Free, Ahmed Safi (behind), and Manny Spiteri.

Further information on the VMC Community Accord is available from URL:
<http://www.multicultural.vic.gov.au/communityaccord/>

In the closing session Henk Harberts, Chair of the Australian Safe Communities Foundation (ASCF) outlined the international WHO Safe Community Network developments; Meegan Brotherton, Secretary of the ASCF reported on the recent ASCF AGM in Brisbane, and the ASCF work program; and Michael Bourne reported on the VSCN year past and ‘where to from here’ in 2006, outlining a vibrant program for 2006 – the VSCN 10th anniversary year, commencing with a joint seminar with the City of Latrobe on 21 February 2006.

After the conference closed, delegates and guests gathered over cocktails and into the evening as we shared a meal and got to know each other better as friends as well as colleagues. During the dinner the VSCN inducted AquaMAX as its first VSCN Community Safety Ambassador, a new category of membership for outstanding individuals and organisations who are leaders in their areas of endeavour, and are partners with the VSCN in the pursuit of safe communities.

In presenting this award to Geoff Nanscawen, AquaMAX, Director of Marketing & Sales, Michael Bourne commented that “AquaMAX, a manufacturer and exporter of hot water systems, has been at the forefront of burns and scalds prevention in Victoria with its work on the “Water Burns Like Fire” campaign, its continuing support over the past decade of the Royal Children’s Hospital Safety Centre and the VSCN, and its support of each of the three VSCN Annual Conferences”. Geoff emphasised in his reply that “AquaMAX value working with the VSCN and will continue to support the future VSCN community safety journey as it has supported the VSCN community safety initiatives in the past”.

<p>AquaMAX, inaugural VSCN Community Safety Business Ambassador</p> <p>Geoff Nanscawen (centre) receiving the VSCN Community Safety Ambassador Certificate from Tim Hardiman Co Chair and Michael Bourne.</p>	
<div style="text-align: center;">   <p>Partners in ‘Creating Safer Communities’</p> </div>	

Norm Free, VSCN Co-Chair thanked all our conference supporters for their ongoing participation in making Victorian communities safer, particularly the Department of Human Services, Office of the Emergency Services Commissioner, AquaMAX, Ultimate Media and VicRoads.

Michael Bourne, VSCN Executive Member also thanked the VSCN Conference Organising Committee, Ian Danahay, Tim Hardiman, Norm Free and Barbara Minuzzo, commenting that “they had again done a fantastic and very professional job, and we are eagerly anticipating our fourth annual conference in November 2006, our 10th anniversary year”.

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Injury Prevention in Vietnam Website

<http://www.moh.gov.vn/Tainanthuongtich/en/>



Assistant Professor Wellness, Health Promotion, and Injury Prevention. School of Health Sciences, Oakland University, Rochester, MI

Position: A tenure-track Assistant Professor is sought for a position in Wellness, Health Promotion, and Injury Prevention within the School of Health Sciences; available August 1, 2006. The successful candidate will be expected to:

- Have academic teaching strengths in wellness and health promotion, and injury prevention. Areas of specialization sought include contemporary issues in health; public health; health promotion programming; program evaluation and data analysis; prevention of unintentional and intentional injury; supervision of clinical internships.
- Teach in related program areas within the School of Health Sciences.
- Initiate and maintain a program of research, scholarship and community outreach

Qualifications -

- Doctoral degree in wellness, health promotion, health education, public health, nursing, or a related field.
- Have demonstrated interdisciplinary knowledge and experience in wellness and public health promotion.
- Have appropriate certifications and memberships in professional organizations.
- Strongly recommended: Professional focus including collegiate-level teaching and record of research/scholarship.
- Recommended: Some background in the field of integrative medicine.

Application and Deadline – Position is available August 15, 2006. Review of applications will begin January 15, 2006 and continue until the position is filled. Interested candidates should submit: a) detailed letter of application, b) vita, c) names, addresses, e-mail addresses, and telephone numbers of 3 professional references to: **Stafford C. Rorke, D.Phil, Chair, WHP Search Committee, School of Health Sciences, Oakland University, Rochester, MI 48309-4482. (248) 370-3544 or e-mail rorke@oakland.edu**
Internet: <http://www2.oakland.edu/shs/> *Oakland University is an Equal Opportunity and Affirmative Action institution. Women and minority applicants are encouraged to apply*

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