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

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WHAT IS NEW AT SAFE COMMUNITIES?

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Designation of Töreboda as a Safe Community No. 96



L to R: Kjell Feltsen, Chairman of the Municipal Executive Board, Leif Karlsson, Chief Executive, Hans Aronsson, President of The Regional Health Council and Bo Henricson, WHO CC representative.

Monday December 12, 2005 Töreboda municipality in northern Skaraborg, Sweden designated as Safe Community No. 15th in Sweden, and the 96th Safe Community in the world.

In autumn 2002 the Töreboda municipality have taken the formal decision in order to work with application on Safe Community model and to apply to join the international network. In 2003 the steering group was formed from different stakeholders and started planning different activities and programs. Töreboda has a good cooperation internationally with other municipalities especially with their Latvian friend town Iecava.



Presentation of Community's Safety Promotion programs and activities

In connection with the designation ceremony, at a seminar arranged by the municipality, different activities and ongoing safety promotion projects was presented. The family central, swimming education, preschool/kindergartens, the comprehensive upper secondary school's work, individual and the family care's work, traffic, the technical office's work, the work for older and functionally disabled and the preventive of crime work where some of those areas that were shown up.



Kjell Feltsen, looking at the Safe Community Plaque



Seminar participants



Leif Karlsson and Yousif Rahim holding the Safe Community cake

At the end of the seminar and the designation ceremony; gifts, greetings and welcoming messages came from previous designated safe communities in Skaraborg, Swedish Rescue Services in Karlstad, Rescue Services School in Skövde, Health and healthcare Council in eastern Skaraborg, Skaraborg Injury Prevention Unit, the European Safe Community Network and safe community in Alaska, USA.



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Bangladesh Health and Injury Survey (BHIS)



The Bangladesh Health and Injury Survey (BHIS), conducted in 2003, is the first and most comprehensive effort ever made to gather accurate data on the burden of injury throughout Bangladesh. It is the largest injury survey ever conducted at the community level in a developing country. No less than 171,366 households were included representing 819,429 infants, children and adults. The survey revealed a previously unrecognised epidemic of child injury and calls for a new emphasis on child health and survival considering

the fact that 83 children are killed everyday by injury in Bangladesh. The survey also showed that drowning is the overwhelming danger in early childhood accounting for 26 percent of deaths among children on 1 to 4 years.

In addition to the quantitative survey that provides hard data documenting the extent of the problem, the survey also conducted a qualitative study to capture the cultural and behavioural factors related to the perception of risk, prevention and practices related to injuries. Taken together they provide a road map for future action designed to promote an agenda of safety for children of all ages in Bangladesh.

The survey is a product of collaboration between the Institute of Mother and Child Health (ICMH), the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare (MOH&FW), UNICEF-Bangladesh and The Alliance for Safe Children (TASC).

The Bangladesh Health and Injury Survey (BHIS) Report on Children is available in the following website; www.unicef.org/bangladesh

The Safe Municipality Project – Czech Republic Supporting WHO Community Programmes



In June 2005 the Ministry of Transport of the Czech Republic started the project on improvements of road traffic safety in urban areas. According to the road accident statistics of the Czech Police Force there are about 70% of all road traffic accidents, 37% of people killed, 60% of people seriously injured and about 60% of slightly injured in urban areas in the Czech Republic yearly. There were 141 165 road accidents, 438 killed, 2536 seriously injured and 17 520 in urban areas in 2004.

The Project is co-ordinated with WHO Community Programmes such as Safe Community, Safe School and Healthy Cities through their Czech representatives and WHO Liaison Officer, Ms Alena Steflova, MD.

The main aim of the Safe Municipality Project is as follows:

- to improve current road safety situation in urban areas,
- to involve municipalities more into system of road safety,
- to support road safety activities of municipalities by providing them with information on best practices and possible solutions of road safety problems,
- to support effective projects by financial sources from the State Fund of Transport Infrastructure



The Project is managed by the Road Safety Unit (BESIP) of the Ministry of Transport and following subjects participate in the working group of the Project.

- Ministry of Interior, Department of Security Policy,
- Ministry of Interior, Crime Prevention Department,
- Association of Municipalities,
- Czech Police Force, Regional Directorates of the Traffic Police Branch,
- National Healthy Cities Network
- Communal Clubs,
- Partnership Foundation
- Representatives of a small, middle size and big municipality
- Transport Research Centre
- Institute for Ecopolitiscs.



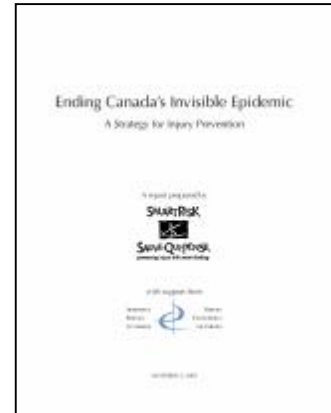
The Project covers all three main pillars of road safety interventions – education, enforcement and engineering with aim to provide municipalities with support in all these three pillars.

The Project is nowadays in the stage of preparation of a background consisting of information on real involvement of municipalities in road safety, their interest about this matter (a special questionnaire has been disseminated), best practises etc. The Project will continue in 2006 as one of the priorities of the National Road Safety Action Plan for 2006.

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It's Time for Action in Canada

We are pleased to announce that the report, Ending Canada's Invisible Epidemic: A strategy for injury prevention was launched on Tuesday October 25, 2005 at the Royal York Hotel in Toronto. The Launch event consisted of first a breakfast where 100 invited guests heard presentations from Dr. Robert Conn of SMARTRISK, Stan Griffin of Insurance Bureau of Canada, Paul Kells of Safe Communities Foundation, Allyson Hewitt of Safe Kids Canada and Dr. Charles Tator of ThinkFirst Canada. The second part of the Launch was a national satellite news conference where Robert Conn provided an overview of the document and its recommendations to the national media.



A copy of the report can be downloaded from www.injurypreventionstrategy.ca

The recommendations are clear – Canada needs a national strategy to prevent injury, built on six strategic pillars:

1. Leadership from the federal government
2. Policy analysis and development
3. An effective, integrated surveillance system
4. Strategic research on how best to prevent injuries
5. A national fund to support community based prevention initiatives
6. Public information and education.

The launch of this report concludes months of consultations, debates, dialogue, document preparation and production. The Injury Prevention Community has truly rallied around the development of this strategy.

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