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

Welcome to the eleventh issue of Safe Community Weekly News in 2006, 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.

### WHAT IS NEW AT SAFE COMMUNITIES?

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### African Safe communities' Travelling Seminar starts 31st March

with a two days Workshop on evaluation of community-based injury prevention programs in Durban South Africa. 15 participants from countries in Africa. sponsored by Swedish SIDA, are her to actively study how to apply Injury Prevention strategies at the local Community level. Main Course leader for the evaluation workshop is Professor Shrikant Bangdiwala, Chappel Hill, USA. Course facilitator for the whole travelling seminar is Professor Fatima Alvaraez-Castillo, UNISA and Emil Pettersson and dr Stephen Lawoko from KI- Sweden.

Photos of Course leader and participants at the opening workshop in Durban 31st March-1st April:



Rapporteur: Leif Svanstrom

## First ever National Safe Community Conference in Uganda



Guldbrand Skjonberg presenting Environment Pedagogic Centres from Baltic cities and cities around Lake Victoria



William Mukasa - facilitator for the Conference



Alice Nganwa and Leif Svanstrom leading the discussions



Stephen Lawoko and Emil Pettersson presenting results from Swedish and international studies on violence



During three days 50 people met from different sectors to discuss the Safe Community Concept and how to implement that in Uganda in the future. Co-organisers were the WHO Collaborating Centers ICCU(Injury Control Centre Uganda) and Karolinska Institutet Stockholm-(Community safety promotion). The meeting was hosted by Dr Alice Nganwa, ICCU.



Audience



Dr Ronald Lett Canada - long term supporter of ICCU presents



Groups presenting



Many presentations were made by staff members from the two centers. Group works led to constructive suggestions of priorities.



Dignitaries and Board members celebrating 10 years of ICCU

During the Conference ICCU celebrated its 10 years of Existence.

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**1st European Conference on Injury Prevention and Safety Promotion  
Challenges and Solutions for a Safer Europe  
June 25-27, 2006  
Marriott Hotel, Vienna, Austria**

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## 2006 Training courses on Community Safety Promotion in Taiwan

The success of Safe Community program in Taiwan has given people confidence on developing and sustaining the injury prevention work in the communities. However, the success of designation doesn't mean to ensure the reduction of injury burden or injury mortality and the rise of awareness of safety. For promoting the concept of injury prevention and safety promotion and cultivate as well as empower grass-roots practitioners from more communities, a three-phase training course on Community Safety Promotion in Taiwan launched on April 1st 2006 in Taiwan. The training course is organized by Taiwan Community Safety Promotion Center (TCSPC) and supported by Taiwanese Injury Prevention and Safety Promotion Association, Bureau of Health Promotion as well as Tri-Service General Hospital. The objective of the courses is to train future community safety promoters and practitioners to learn the basic knowledge of Safe Community Concept and Injury Prevention with a systematic and integrated approach. A total of 44 participants were selected from four regions (North, Central, South and East) of Taiwan. Participants were all from communities which are interested in developing Community Safety Program in their hometown. To ensure the quality and intact learning of participants, the participants not only have to finish the three-phase training course, but also practice what they learn from the course by writing feedback and report during the interval between phases.

The first-phase course focused on the general introduction of International and National Safe Community Movement, the importance and practice of injury registration. A team-work activity was designed for participants to practice how to analyze and come up with prevention strategy for an injury event from daily newspaper. The activity provided a hands-on opportunity for attendees to play an active role of thinking and sharing their ideas and building up the relationship with others from different communities. The second phase will be held May and will focus on the application of various community-based injuries prevention strategies. After the classroom learning, a site visit combined with a seminar will be arranged for participants to experience and exchange ideas with local practitioners in one of WHO Safe Communities in Taiwan during the third phase course.



Dr. Pai, Director of TCSPC lectured on Safe community movement and the practice of injury registration system.



Mr. Huang, Chief Coordinator of TCSPC, lectured on how to transform the community to an active and implementing community safety projects.



Participants were divided into four groups according to four regions in Taiwan.



After the group discussion, two team members had to perform what the prevention strategy they came up with.



Group photo for the first phase course.

Reporter and lecturer: Ling-Ling Chang, coordinator of TCSPC



## 10TH ANNIVERSARY REPORT



### **Safe Community Coalition of Brockville & District**

Brockville was Canada's 1<sup>st</sup> pilot safe community in 1996, earning accreditation as Ontario's 1<sup>st</sup> WORLD HEALTH ORGANIZATION "Designated Safe Community" in 2001.

#### *Community Safety, a successful partnership....*

Brockville suffered a rail tragedy in 1995. Two teenaged girls were killed near their school. This became the driving force for community mobilization. There are now 48 Safe Communities covering 23% of the Canadian population.



Safe Community Coalition of Brockville & District partners with Risk Watch Bike Rodeo. Approximately 1,000 children participate at the bike rodeos each year



Safe Community Coalition of Brockville & District Partners



The Safe Community Coalition of Brockville & District with partners VON, OPP, Gananoque Police Service and Brockville Police Service presents 'Seniors Crime Prevention' Seminars to 1,500 seniors.

**Tremendous accomplishments have been realized, including "Awards of Excellence" for 5 of the past 8 years from the Safe Community Foundation of Canada. The Coalition functions on a very small budget, however financial sustainability itself, does not lead to self-sustaining coalitions. Without strong leadership, commitment & community support, sufficient funds will not bring you any closer to nurturing a Safe Community.**

**We have adjusted our model to avoid a multiplicity of meetings as virtually all of our Steering Committee members are involved in different spin-off coalitions or programs such as Racing Against Drugs, Every Kid in Our Communities, RiskWatch, Cops and Rockers, Rail Safety, Child ID, VIPP, VEP, Seniors Safety, Elder Abuse, Harm Reduction and others.**



Racing Against Drugs, was held at the Brockville Memorial Centre with over 20 partners involved. The message was delivered to 1,800 students.

**Communities that do not engage in a safe community partnership miss the opportunity of a lifetime. Youth represent 20% of our population, but are 100% of our future. Youth continually need guidance and reinforcement so that they can continue to build upon community values, pride and a life style full of hope and promise.**



The Safe Community Coalition of Brockville & District, Brockville Police Service and the CN Police held a large training exercise at St. Mary's High School and Thousand Islands Secondary School. Our aim was to reach 1,800 students over two days. With emergency staff from Brockville Police Service, CN Police, Brockville Fire Department and E.M.S., a mock train-vehicle collision exercise was held at Procter and Gamble, 1475 California Avenue, on October 6 and 7, 2005.

**A tragedy in 2005 took the life of another young student, reaffirming that dangers will always exist in a community. Students in Brockville cross railway tracks daily without incident but on February 17th, 2005, something went wrong. A tragic, avoidable train-pedestrian fatality does not negate the excellent work of the Safe Community Coalition and its many partners, but does reflect on the realities and fragility of life.**

**Nationally, our collective goal should be to make Canada the safest and healthiest place to live, learn, work and play in the world! Safe streets, safe kids, safe schools, safe neighbourhoods, safe and strong communities *are* now expanding to encompass *Safer and Healthier Communities*, clearly sending the right messaging to attract citizens to engage and contribute to our quality of life and reduced fear of crime and victimization.**

The full 10 years report in on our web site at: [www.brockville.com/safety](http://www.brockville.com/safety).

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