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

Welcome to the ninth 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?

In this issue:

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INSTITUTE: Australian Institute for Suicide Research and Prevention

MEETING: 1st European Conference on Injury Prevention and Safety Promotion

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CONFERENCE: 20th World Congress of ITMA, Australia

CONFERENCE: 15th International Safe Communities Conference, Cape Town

New Affiliate Safe Community Support Centre designated in Arizon, USA.



Planning Safe School development globally
 - Louis Fransescutti, Carolyn Coggan, Leif Svanstrom and Max Vosskuhler



Signing of the Agreement - Micael Krupnik,
 Leif Svanstrom and Max Vosskuhler



Congratulations from Nea Zealand and
 Canada

During a Safe School/Safe Community Seminar in Tucson, AZ on 6-7 March 2006 the Peaceful Resource Centre was designated as an Affiliate Safe Community Support Centre. The agreement was signed by Dr Max Vosskuhler and Dr Michael I Krupnik representing the Centre and Dr Svanstrom representing the WHO CC on Community Safety Promotion.

Present were also two other Affiliate centres; Dr Carolyn Coggan - Director of the Safe Communities Foundation New Zealand and dr Louis Fransescutti from the Injury Prevention Centre at the University of Alberta Hospitals in Canada.



Dr Katie Barak presenting Safe Schools experiences from California



Dr Carolyn Coggan - Head of the affiliate Centre in Auckland, NZ



Dr Louis Fransescutti - Head of the affiliate centre in Edmonton, Canada



Dr Max Vosskuhler- Head of the newly designated affiliate support centre



Dr Charlene Steen presenting findings on treatment of sexual offenders

Interesting presentations were made by the above participants as well as

Dr Koreen Johannessen

Dr Marilyn Brewin

Dr Charlene Steen

Dr Katie Barak and Dr Judith Clinco

Strategies for the future dissemination of the Safe School concept were discussed. A ten year strategy will be presented in the near future.

Rapporteur: Leif Svanstrom

Australian Institute for Suicide Research and Prevention



Dawn Spinks, Manager of the Qld Safe Communities Support Centre, and Adrienne Isnard, team leader of the Personal & Social Safety Working Group of the Townsville Thuringowa Safe Communities Program attended the official launch of the WHO and Australian Institute for Suicide Research and Prevention Collaborating Centre for Research and Training in Suicide Prevention, in Brisbane on 2nd March 2006 at the Griffith University Conservatorium Theatre.



Official proceedings being conducted by Her Excellency Ms Quentin Bryce AC, Governor of Queensland.

Dawn Spinks enlisting the Governor's support for Safe Communities, afterwards.

Preparation meeting for the 1st European Conference on Injury Prevention and Safety Promotion



The first meeting of the working group for the preparation for 1st European injury prevention and safety promotion conference was held in Amsterdam, The Netherlands on March 9-10, 2006. The highlights/decisions of the meeting, for each session in the agenda item, are provided below.

This 1st European Conference will also be the time of the public launch of EuroSafe - the European Association for Injury Prevention and Safety Promotion. In preparation for this launch, number of key stakeholders involved in setting the direction and programme of work towards our business and work plans for this new collective for all injuries in Europe over the next 5 years.



Based on the needs assessment and highlights from the meeting the following priority areas selected to be the focus of the conference and future collaborations in Europe:

- Ø Safe Communities
- Ø Consumer Safety
- Ø Safety of Children and Adolescence
- Ø Safety of Seniors
- Ø Vulnerable Road Users
- Ø Sport Injuries
- Ø Self-harm
- Ø Interpersonal violence



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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[New Zealand] WHANGAREI – SITE VISIT

A one-day site visit conducted by the Safe Communities Foundation New Zealand (SCFNZ), took place in the Whangarei District on 21 February 2006. Whangarei District is situated in the northern area of the North Island of New Zealand and covers an extensive land base. The district, which has a population of around 71,000, enjoys a tropical climate and is made up of small communities surrounded by farmland, orchards, forests and coastline.



Whangarei District's vision of working towards a safe and injury free Whangarei District, is achieving this through the collaborative hard work of organisations, businesses, agencies, local iwi, community groups and individuals to create the ultimate living environment.



The site-visit began with a Powhiri and introductions. Highlights of the site-visit included 'The Shattered Dreams' presentation which reflected the over-

representation of young people in motor vehicle traffic crashes and was supported by the Fatal Vision programme which addressed drink-driving and the effects of alcohol on judgment and dexterity.

These presentations were followed by an outline of the Plunket Well-Child project which is an important example of a long-term project within this community and demonstrates sustainability, effective collaboration and good use of data. The interface between school and community was highlighted by a visit to Whangarei Intermediate School where teachers and all year 7 & 8 pupils receive consistent water safety messages and instructions.



The New Zealand Fire Service, which is a key partner, hosted the site-visit and founding members and partners reaffirmed their commitment to reducing injury rates even further into the future.



The 20th World Congress of the International Traffic Medicine Association
Melbourne, Australia.
16 - 18 October 2006

We are pleased to remind you that this exciting and interesting conference will be held from the 16th to the 18th of October 2006 at the Royal Automobile Club of Victoria conference centre in Melbourne, Australia.

The congress will be of interest to anyone involved in preventing, treating or interpreting traffic injuries. It includes Medical, Engineering, Legal, Educational, Political, Policing and Public Health issues. One day of the congress will include a session wholly devoted to Drugs and Driving.

The Organising Committee is now calling for abstracts from those wishing to present a short paper for oral or poster presentation. The deadline for abstract submission is March 31 2006.

Instructions for submitting an abstract have been posted on the website www.trafficmedicine.org and information about registration and accommodation in this beautiful city can also be found there.

We look forward to seeing you in Melbourne, Australia in October!

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



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

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