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

Welcome to a fifth issue of Safe Community Weekly News, the electronic SC Weekly News will be send from Harstad on behalf of Safe Communities Network.

### **WHAT IS NEW AT SAFE COMMUNITIES?**

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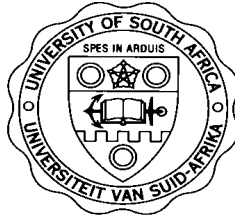
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**International Network on the Prevention of Accidents & Trauma at work.**  
3 – 6 September 2002, Elsinore, Denmark

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**5. Nordic Safe Community Conference.**  
26 – 29 august 2003, Helsinki, Finland.

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# UNISA

## UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH AFRICA

### TEACHING AND RESEARCH POSTS

Applications for the undermentioned posts are invited and must reach the Divisional Head: Resource, Planning and Administration, *on the prescribed form* on or before **16:00 16 November 2001**. Clearly indicate the reference number of the post applied for. Unisa reserves the right not to make an appointment.

*UNISA is an employment equity and affirmative action employer. In terms of UNISA=s employment equity policies, members of the designated groups who are found appointable are accorded preference in appointment.*

#### FACULTY OF ARTS

#### INSTITUTE OF SOCIAL AND HEALTH SCIENCES (LENASIA) (Ref no ISHS1/2001)

##### 1. AN ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR/RESEARCH MANAGER

The incumbent will direct and manage significant parts of a national public health injury prevention initiative in close cooperation with various science councils and research bodies. This involves the preparation and presentation of funding proposals; the recruitment, training and supervision of nationally-based scientific staff; networking with stakeholders across all sectors and disciplines; liaising with government representatives; advocacy, and extensive scientific analysis and writing.

#### **Requirements:**

- ✓ A PhD or its equivalent in an appropriate social science or public health discipline (sociology, surgery, nursing, psychology) is essential.
- ✓ A thorough understanding of all disciplines involved in analysing the multi-level risk factors for injuries due to violence and accidents.
- ✓ At least 5 years experience and sufficient familiarity with epidemiological concepts and methods to enable expert consultation on study designs.
- ✓ Excellent writing skills and a sound publication record.
- ✓ A strong network of links to relevant agencies and individuals in South Africa and internationally.
- ✓ Excellent interpersonal and managerial skills.
- ✓ Fluency in the use of word processing packages (MS Word, Word Perfect), spreadsheets and databases (Excel, Quattro Pro, Access), and statistical analysis software (Epi Info, SPSS).
- ✓ Excellent quantitative and qualitative research skills.

**Duties:**

- Provide supervision and management in the strategic planning and daily running of the programmes.
- Manage and supervise senior scientists, research technologists, interns and administrative personnel.
- Build and sustain research and implementation links with extra-mural agencies (including government departments, science councils, universities and NGOs), nationally, regionally and internationally.
- Locate and select extra-mural agencies for programme involvement in respect of technical, and policy support.
- Identify national and international funding opportunities and prepare fund raising proposals and progress reports;
- Assist the directorship in the overall organizational, financial and administrative management of the Institute.
- Ensure the design, conduct and implementation of public health research into injuries due to violence and accidents.

**2. A RESEARCHER (CENTRE FOR PEACE ACTION, LENASIA)**

The position requires an innovative and resourceful person to manage, develop and co-ordinate the Institutes Injury Prevention Research activities.

**Requirements:**

- ✓ A postgraduate degree in the Social Sciences or in a health related field, with experience in planning research in injury prevention and control.
- ✓ Experience or an interest in safety promotion/violence prevention
- ✓ Show knowledge of the links between research, policy and practice
- ✓ Have a commitment to team research in the broad area of Health and Safety promotion
- ✓ Knowledge of several disciplines including Criminology, Psychology and Public Health is a major advantage
- ✓ Proven research outputs in specialised field (applicant required to attach copies of recent published articles)
- ✓ Computer skills and experience in data analyses.
- ✓ Willingness to travel nationally as the need arises.
- ✓ Ability to work independently and in a team and under pressure.
- ✓ Registration with the Health Professions Council of South Africa.

**Recommendations:**

- ❖ A PhD or registration for one will be an advantage.

**Duties:**

- Generate and disseminate best practices in the area of violence and injury research training and interventions.
- Produce regular popular and scientific reports and publications.
- Supervise and train junior research staff members and interns.
- Be involved in formulating and teaching formal and informal training courses.
- Managing a range of research projects and its associated staff.

**Assumption of duty:** 1 January 2002 or as soon as possible thereafter.

