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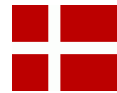
Welcome to the first issue of Safe Community Weekly News, the electronic SC Weekly News will be send from Harstad on behalf of Safe Communities Network.

WHAT IS NEW AT SAFE COMMUNITIES?

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THE WINNER 2001 IS...



The Year of 2000 the Winner was Norway - No doubt. Norway is also keeping up a good speed with a number of Communities designated as Safe Communities 2001, and so did Canada. But Denmark came very strongly and three New communities were designated 2001 - Fyn Amt, Vejle Amt and Viborg Amt. So , **THE WINNER 2001 IS DENMARK!** Congratulations to Denmark!

This is illustrated by two photos showing the enthusiastic leadership in Viborg, from the Mayor to the Co-ordinator Mr Sören Kölster.



NEW AGREEMENT WITH BRAZIL ON ITS WAY

In late December a meeting was held between Professor Leif Svanström from Karolinska in Stockholm and representatives from Universidade do Rio de Janeiro in Brazil to establish future cooperation on research and policymaking on Injury Prevention and Safety Promotion. Professors Anamaria Testa Tambellini and Guilherme L Werneck are the two contacts in Rio.



Safe Community Seminar Held in Porto Alegre, Brazil

The Safe Community Movement held its very first Seminar in South America on the 17-18th December 2001 in the City of Porto Alegre, Brazil. It was organised by The Chief Medical Officer of the City of Porto Alegre Dr Armando de Negri Filho in collaboration with Professor Vera Blank. The Guest Speaker Professor Leif Svanström presented four themes: 1. General Concepts on Injuries and Safety Promotion; 2. Surveillance systems on Injuries; 3. Intervention strategies and 4. Evaluation. Participants were people from very different strands of Community. Health workers, social workers, community nurses, academics, city employees and Community Leaders.

The Seminar was held in a strategy to make Porto Alegre a Safe Community. That decision was launched in an official inauguration in late November 2001.



The participants. In the middle front Dr Armando de Negri Filho backed up by Professor Svanström. To the right standing in green: Professor Vera Blank.

Porto Alegre, Brazil - Now on the List of Safe Communities "Under preparation"

Through the active and enthusiastic leadership of Dr Armando de Negro Filho (Photo) the authorities of this 1,300,000 population City in the Rio Grande de Sul area of Brazil have launched an Safe Community Programme officially - in the End of Novembere2001. They are now planning to initiate such programs in may parts of Brazil but also in other countries in South America. A First South-American Conference on Safe Communities is under planning - tentatively to be held April 22-24, 2002



*******NOTES TO CONTRIBUTORS*******

The editors must hear from you so that Safe Community Weekly News can effectively serve as a medium of communication for Safe Community Network members, and those whom are interested in injury prevention and Community safety promotion. We are soliciting contributions from all members who have information relevant to the Safe Community Network. There are a number of specific items we are seeking:

- Information on new designated communities, affiliated centres and their activities;
- Announcement of conferences or seminars in Safe community, injury prevention and related subjects;
- Calls for papers by journals and book editors;
- Announcements of new appointments and promotions;
- Articles describing activities or new initiatives at your community, institution, Centre or firm (perhaps describing your departmental or university programs in safety promotion, discussing new practices, methods, and tools used in Injury prevention and community safety promotion, describing new governmental policy initiatives or programs, and so forth).

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