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

Welcome to the eleventh 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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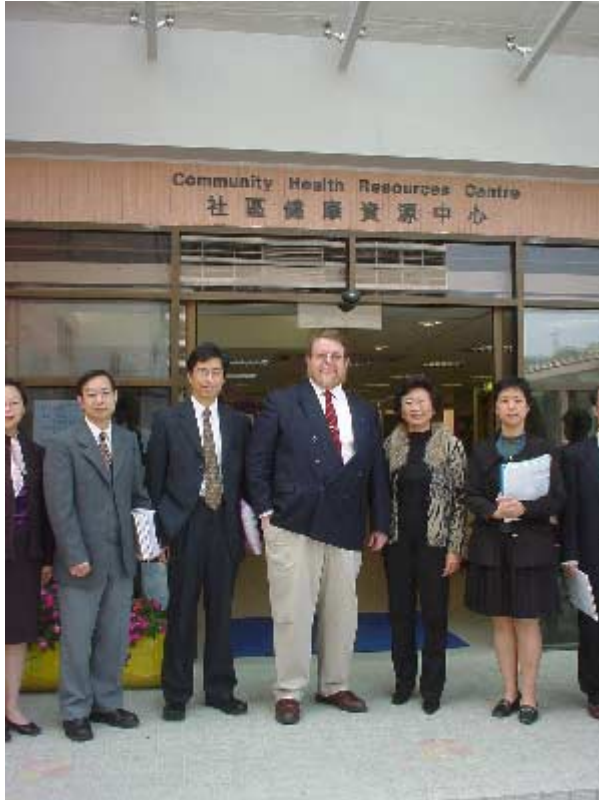
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- GUIDE: Community Safety in Waitakere City, New Zealand
- CONFERENCE: The 5th ISCAIP Conference, Montreal, Canada.

Site Visit in Kwai Tsing, Hong Kong

On the 6th of March 2002 a site visit was made in Kwai Tsing community, Hong Kong, China. This is a community that plans to be designated Safe Community by 2003.



The management group of the Safe Community Programme in Kwai Tsing under the leadership of Hospital executive Dr Lily Chiu.



L: The Community Health Centre in Kwai Tsing - the centre for health as well as safety education.

R: The pediatrician and the Head of Children Safety Coalition in Kwai Tsing – important actors in Child safety.

Meeting at Affiliated Safe Community Support Centre, Hong Kong

In a meeting at the Affiliate Safe Community Support Centre in Hong Kong-The Occupational Safety and Health Council- on 7th of March a number of community representatives incl the New airport Island were discussing future possibilities of developing more Safe Community programs in Hong Kong, China.



WELKNOWN PROFILES IN THE SAFE COMMUNITY MOVEMENT



Robert Ekman

Robert Ekman graduated in Social Sciences from School of Social Work and Public Administration at Örebro University 1977. He received his MPH 1995, Licentiate and PhD in community medicine 1996, at Department of Public Health Sciences, Division of Social Medicine at Karolinska Institutet Medical University in Stockholm.

He has worked as Health Planning Officer in Skaraborg County Council from 1977 to 1999 (Lidköping and Falköping Municipalities respectively). He has been responsible for the developing of their Safety and Health Promotion Programs during the 1980s and 1990s. During 1982-84 he initiated a local health program in Lidköping, in accordance with the so-called Falköping Safe Community model as its ideal. A health-policy program targeting the following six different areas was drawn up: diet/exercise, tobacco, sex/personal relationships, mental health, alcohol, and unintentional injuries. A cross-sectional reference group was formed within each area. Each group presents an action program prior to its year of operations, and these programs jointly constitute the overall health-policy program in Lidköping. From this background Lidköping Municipality was designated as the first WHO Safe Community in the world in 1989.

In 1991, he initiated re-establishment of a cross-sectional organisation and revitalised the Safety and Health Program in Falköping. The Falköping Municipality and Skaraborg County Council were host to *the First International Conference on Safe Communities* in June 1991. A general action program with objectives and strategies for the period 1992-2010 was developed and adopted, and Falköping was appointed as the worlds fifth WHO Safe Community during the conference. In 1992 Dr. Ekman introduced a new comprehensive injury-surveillance system for Falköping.

Since 1991 he runs a branch - a WHO Secretariat - in Götene Municipality in Western Sweden, in connection with the WHO Collaborating Centre on Community Safety Promotion at the Karolinska Institutet in Stockholm.

His other appointments and responsibilities include:

Project leader, the Skaraborg Injury Prevention Program Skaraborg County Council 1987-92
Project leader, the Swedish Bicycle Helmet Initiative Group, National Injury Prevention Program, National Institute of Public Health 1992-2002
Researcher, Skaraborg Institute/Karolinska Institutet, Dept. of Social Medicine 1993-1999
Teacher, M.P.H. program in Public Health Sciences, Karolinska Institutet 1997-
Public Health Officer/Researcher, Falköping Municipality /National Injury Prevention Program/WHO Secretariat 1998-2001
Researcher, Karolinska Institutet, Dept. of Public Health Sciences, 2001-

Areas of specialisation and responsibility:

Injury surveillance, analysis and evaluation of Community Safety/Injury Prevention Programs. Safe Community concept. Child safety, traffic safety, prevention of head injuries and promotion of helmet wearing. Developing models for analysis and intervention considering socio-economic aspects and media. Carrying through international and national conferences on Safe Community/Injury Prevention. Carrying through national seminars on Safe Communities. Responsible for the Bicycle Helmet Program and the Car Safety Seat Loan Program for children, within the Skaraborg County Council. Supervisor of four PhD- students.

Dr. Ekman has been short-term adviser/supervisor internationally, like the National Safe Community/Injury Prevention Program in Vietnam 1999, participant in FILABAVI 2nd and 3th research seminar in Bavi district, Hanoi, Vietnam 1999 and 2000 respectively, co-operation with the Safe Community Foundation in Bangladesh, and the Injury Prevention Program in I.R. of Iran as well as the National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health in Alaska, USA. He has also collaboration with the Baltic countries: Lithuania, Estonia and Latvia.

He is a member of the scientific association; Swedish Social Medicine Association

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Quebec WHO Collaborating Centre for Safety Promotion and Injury Prevention

The Collaborating Centre was designated in December 1995 and comprises the following establishments:

- ❖ Direction générale de la santé publique (DGSP), ministère de la Santé et des Services sociaux du Québec
- ❖ Institut national de santé publique du Québec
- ❖ Direction de la santé publique du Bas-Saint-Laurent
- ❖ Direction de la santé publique de la Montérégie
- ❖ Direction de la santé publique de Montréal-Centre
- ❖ Direction de la santé publique de Québec

Mission

The Collaborating Centre seeks to contribute at the international level to research and development and the dissemination of intersectorial approaches to promote safety and prevent intentional and unintentional injuries.

The Collaborating Centre strives to:

1. promote at the international level the role of the health care sector in promoting policies, environments and behaviour likely to enhance the safety of populations;
2. contribute at the international level to the development of approaches that make it possible to better promote safety in the community;
3. provide direction at the international level to the promotion of knowledge, research and evaluation in order to satisfy the most pressing needs in the realm of safety;
4. disseminate the knowledge acquired and foster its practical implementation;
5. contribute to the development of international training programs in the realm of safety, particularly in the French-speaking countries.

OVERVIEW AND KEY ACHIEVEMENTS (1995-2001)

- Establishment of the International French-speaking Injury Prevention and Safety Promotion Network (1995)
- Second International Seminar of the French-speaking Injury Prevention and Safety Promotion Network (1997)
- Development and publication of the monograph entitled *Safety and Safety Promotion: Conceptual and Operational Aspects* (1996-1998)
- Organisation of the International Seminar on Safety and Safety Promotion (1998)
- French International Training Session on Safety Promotion and Injury Prevention (1997)
- On behalf of WHO, focal point for the prevention of violence related to firearms

Organisation of the 6th World Conference on Injury Prevention and Control in May 2002 (see: www.trauma2002.com)

In 1998, our collaborating centre was selected to organize and host the 6th World Conference on Injury Prevention and Control, a major international event to be held in Montréal in May 2002. Six major safety themes will be examined: road safety; occupational safety; safety in recreational and sports activities, in the home and in establishments, including product safety; suicide prevention; the prevention of violence; and care for victims and rehabilitation.

Several initiatives were carried out under this mandate from WHO:

- In 1997, technical assistance to French government following the tabling in France of a private bill to better control firearms in France.
- Invitation to discuss Québec's experience in the realm of the prevention of family violence at the *Séminaire atelier sur la prise en charge des victimes de violence* held from December 13 to 16, 1998 in Constantine, Algeria
- In October 1999, a mission was organized to enable a French delegation to visit Québec and learn about practical aspects of firearms injury prevention and gun control in Québec.
- Organization of two workshops on individual and collective violence in conjunction with the *3^e Congrès des responsables locaux des Amériques* to be held in Québec City from March 13 to 16, 2000.

The Collaborating Centre's interest in firearms-related violence led to its involvement in numerous international activities, several of which it jointly organized:

- 3rd United Nations Regional Workshop on Firearms Regulation for the Purposes of Crime Prevention and Public Safety (the Americas) São Paulo, Brazil, December 8 to 12, 1997.
- International Workshop on Small Arms and Firearms Injury: Finding a Common Ground for Public Health, Château Frontenac, Québec City, February 7, 1998.
- Conference on Small Arms and Firearms: Finding Common Ground (for the prevention of crime and the prevention of conflicts or the development of peace), Ryerson Polytechnic University, Toronto, March 6, 1998.
- Workshop on Small Arms and Firearms Injury Surveillance and Research, Ryerson Polytechnic University, Toronto, May 18, 1998.
- International NGO Conference on Actions on Small Arms, Orillia, Canada, August 17 to 19, 1998.
- 1st PREPCOM in New York in March 2000 in anticipation of the United Nations Conference on Small Arms.
- XIVth Congress of International Physicians for the Prevention of Nuclear War (IPPNW) held in Paris in June 2000.



Back row, L to R: Michel Lavoie, Lise Cardinal, Pierre Maurice, Renée Levaque, Laurence Le Hénaff
Front row, L to R: Hsiu-Li Wang, Louise-Marie Bouchard, Monique Rainville and Chantal Martineau.

Improving Community Safety in Waitakere city, New Zealand

The Good Practice Guide for Council Staff provides a structure for prioritising community safety in all council activities. The Guide has been produced in consultation with staff and with other professionals with an interest in community safety both nationally and internationally.

The guide is available at: <http://www.waitakere.govt.nz/AbtCnl/pp/pdf/gdpractguide.pdf>

The International Society for Child and Adolescent Injury Prevention The 5th ISCAIP Conference on Childhood and Adolescent Injury

Opportunities and Challenges Across Cultures:

An International Perspective on Child and Adolescent Injury Prevention

Preceding the 6th World Conference on Injury Prevention and Control
Palais de Congres, Montreal, Quebec, Canada
Saturday, 11 May 2002

The International Society for Child and Adolescent Injury Prevention (ISCAIP) cordially invites you to attend the 5th ISCAIP Conference on Childhood Injury.

The conference is intended to bring together all those with an interest in child and adolescent injury prevention. The formal program will focus on cultural issues related to injury prevention, with special attention paid to road safety, consumer protection, and research. Conference participants will have the opportunity to engage in substantial discussion following the completion of each session.

Please reserve Saturday, 11 May 2002 for this important opportunity to meet with your fellow injury professionals and ISCAIP members.

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