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

Welcome to the thirteenth 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?

In this issue:

- **MEETING: Beijing, China – A Safe City before 2008?**
- **CONFERENCE:**
  - **1<sup>st</sup> Brazilian Conference for Promotion and Protection of Life strategies to face accidents, violence and suicides**
  - **1<sup>st</sup> Regional Latin American Conference of Safe Cities & Communities**
- **WELKNOWN PROFILES: Carolyn Coggan, New Zealand**
- **MEETING: Planning 5<sup>th</sup> Nordic Safe Community Conference, Helsinki**

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### Beijing, China – A Safe City before 2008?

In a meeting in Beijing City on the 12<sup>th</sup> of March 2002 the leading authorities of the City described their utmost wish to work on the concepts of Safe Communities. After a presentation from the WHO CC on Community Safety Promotion three presentations described the prerequisites in Beijing and a time plan for further joint cooperation.

On the photos the whole group includes also Dr Louisa Wong as the representative from our affiliate Centre in Hong Kong, Occupational Health and safety Council.



A friendly dragon was handed over to Professor Leif Svanström by the Chairman.



1<sup>st</sup> Brazilian Conference for Promotion and Protection of Life strategies to face accidents, violence and suicides and 1<sup>st</sup> Regional Latin American Conference of Safe Cities and Communities.

*June 5<sup>th</sup> to June 9<sup>th</sup> 2002*

Porto Alegre, the capital of Rio Grande do Sul, the most Southern state of Brazil, promotes the **"First Brazilian Congress for Promotion and Protection of Life - strategies to face accidents, violence and suicides"**, as well as the **"First Regional Latin American Conference of Safe Cities and Communities"** from **June 5th to June 9th, 2002**.

There will be three days of lectures and conferences and two days of courses and workshops with national and international expertises. The event is aimed to the whole population and communities, beyond local professionals.

Porto Alegre started the process of joining to the WHO Safe Communities Project last year and since the visit of Professor Leif Svanström in December 2001, three committees were formed - prevention of accidents, violence and suicides, being that the first one has four working sub-groups (traffic, children, elderly and industrial accidents). These committees have been gathering for discussing the situation and exchanging experiences, while preparing for the event already.

## WELKNOWN PROFILES IN THE SAFE COMMUNITY MOVEMENT



### ***Carolyn Coggan with her granddaughter Hannah***

#### ***Director, Injury Prevention Research Centre***

Carolyn Coggan is a New Zealander who has lived in Auckland for most of her life. She has two adult children and one granddaughter. She attended Auckland University as a mature age student where she gained her BA and her MA (1<sup>st</sup> class Hons). She next gained her PhD in the Department of Community Health. She is now the Director of the Injury Prevention Research Centre, Faculty of Medical and Health Sciences, University of Auckland in New Zealand.

Carolyn's special areas of expertise are: suicidal behaviours and the evaluation of community injury projects. She has worked extensively in both these fields and has gained national and international recognition in both areas. The suicide prevention area she is currently supporting is *Travellers* an early intervention model designed to improve mental health among young people. Her recent involvement in community injury prevention projects has included: the evaluation of a WHO accredited Community Injury Prevention Project; a wide range of local community injury prevention initiatives such as alcohol and boating, Kidsafe Week, child cycling, and school safety.

Carolyn was the leader of a team of researchers who developed the *Proposed Strategy for Vote Health Funding for Injury Prevention* in November 2000. She is now on the expert advisory group and chairperson of the Stakeholder Reference Group for the development of a New Zealand Injury Prevention Strategy.

Within the Injury Prevention Research Centre, Carolyn is the director, a mentor, an educator and supervisor of six PhD students. Her goal for the future is to gain more balance in her life as she feels that the last ten years she has spent at the Injury Prevention Research Centre, while being challenging and successful, has been very demanding.

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## NORDIC SAFE COMMUNITY CONFERENCE 2003

The Nordic planning group for the Nordic Safe Community Conference in 2003 met on **14<sup>th</sup> March 2002 in Helsinki, Finland.**

The planning group outlined the conference program, and defined a BORDERLESS SAFETY as a theme of the conference.

The group decided to send out the first invitation by the end of April and the deadline for abstracts by the end of February/March 2003.

The Participants from 4 Nordic Countries participated in the planning meeting: -

*Tapani Melkas, Chairman (Ministry of Social Affairs and Health, Finland)*  
*Anette Holmberg (Räddningsverket, Falköping, Sweden)*  
*Hans Henrik Lamp (Prevention Secretariat, Vejle County, Denmark)*  
*Tuula Mikkola (Municipality of Tornio/Health Care, Finland)*  
*Bent Olav Olsen (Social og helsedirektoratet, Norway)*  
*Merja Söderholm (Ministry of Social Affairs and Health, Finland)*  
*Anne Lounamaa, Secretary (National Research and Development Centre For Welfare and health)*



From L to R: Bent Olav Olsen, Hannu Olamo, Anette Holmberg, Hans Henrik Lamp, Anne Lounamaa, Tuula Mikkola and Tapani Melkas



Tapani Melkas, chairman for the Nordic Plannin Group  
(Ministry of Social Affairs and Health, Finland)



L to R: Tuula Mikkola, Hannu Olamo, Merja Söderholm, Anette Holmberg, Hans Henrik Lamp and Bent Olav Olsen

The National organising committee consists of:-

- ❖ Ministry of Social Affairs and Health
- ❖ Ministry of the Interior
- ❖ Ministry of Transport and Communication
- ❖ National Consumer Administration
- ❖ National Research and Development Centre for Welfare and Health
- ❖ Safety Technology Authority
- ❖ Finnish Institute of Occupational Health
- ❖ The Association of Finnish Local and Regional Authorities
- ❖ The Central Organisation for Traffic Safety in Finland
- ❖ Federation of Finnish Insurance Companies
- ❖ Federation of Accident Insurance Institutions
- ❖ The Finnish National Rescue Association
- ❖ Centre for Occupational Safety
- ❖ Finnish Centre for Health Promotion
- ❖ The city of Helsinki

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