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

Welcome to the twenty-second issue of Safe Community Weekly News, the electronic Safe Community Weekly News will be send from Harstad - Norway on behalf of Safe Communities Network.

WHAT IS NEW AT SAFE COMMUNITIES?

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Research collaboration?

Dear colleagues!

Attached is the link to the production 2001-2002 so far. We invite You to discuss research collaboration and external funding. Several of the projects needs to be extended. Welcome new ideas on the possibility of further development of ongoing projects/new research questions/plans which could emanate from the presented programs.

[Presentation of Research Groups, Current Programs, External Funding and Publications 2001-2002](#)

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**1st ANNOUNCEMENT, CALL FOR ABSTRACTS
5th NORDIC SAFE COMMUNITY CONFERENCE 26.-28.8.2003**

Welcome to Helsinki

The 5th Nordic Safe Community Conference will be arranged in Helsinki, Finland, on 26 – 29 August 2003. It is a continuation in the series of the Nordic Safe Community Conferences, which have both furthered the Nordic co-operation and strengthened the national work of each organising country in promoting safety in community. The conferences have offered a good forum for an exchange of experiences and rewarding interaction.

The conference is being planned and arranged in co-operation with other Nordic countries and the WHO Collaborating Centre on Community Safety Promotion. A great number of national stakeholders are also involved in the preparations. Already at this stage I wish to offer my thanks to all those involved in the planning work and hope that the enthusiasm for joint efforts will continue. As the general theme of the conference has been chosen *Borderless Safety*. This theme reflects both the crossing of borders within each individual country and co-operation between different countries. The aim of the conference is also to boost co-operation between the Nordic countries and the Baltic countries.

I wish you all heartily welcome to Finland. Finland is known as the land of the thousand lakes, but in fact there are a total of almost 190 000 lakes. Europe's largest archipelago lies off Finland's south-west coast. We have about five million inhabitants, of whom 65 per cent live in towns or urban areas. Finland is a bilingual country, with Finnish and Swedish spoken as the official languages. The proportion of the Swedish-speaking population is 6 per cent.

The Conference will be held in Helsinki – called the daughter of the Baltic. Helsinki is surrounded by sea on three sides and our conference site, the Marina Congress Center, is situated by the sea in the centre of Helsinki. The liveliest places in the summer Helsinki are located in its vicinity. For instance the Market Place, the Old Market Hall, and a boulevard that is popular among the locals are within an easy walking distance from the Congress Center. Many sights of the city and shops are close by. There is also an abundant supply of cultural events during the meeting. – For instance the events of the 'Night of the Arts' are then spread all over Helsinki.

Looking forward to seeing you in Helsinki in 2003

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International Safe Schools Workgroup

Started at the 10th International Conference on Safe Communities in Anchorage, Alaska USA, this workgroup is growing fast and moving formalize the indicators of a WHO Safe School, the “benchmarks” a school will have to meet, and, the process of application, evaluation and site visitation on the road to being named a WHO Safe School.

The workgroup is co-chaired by Ms. [Ellen Schmidt](#), MPH of the Educational Development Center, and Mr. [Max Vosskuhler](#) of the Peaceful Resources Center. Through a series of meetings and teleconferences prior to the 11th International Conference on Safe Communities in Fort Frances, Ontario Canada, the few members of the workgroup came up with an outline of the model, mixing the 6 indicators of Safe Communities, re-worded to fit schools, and the areas of safety and health promotion for schools outlined by Dr. Lisa Barrios. These were discussed in brief with members of the Safe Communities movement in Fort Frances, but due to the travel restrictions of many interested parties the main meeting was held at the 6th World Conference on Injury Prevention and Control in Montreal on 13 May, 2002.

The plan and process were presented and debated. While it was agreed that this was a start there were details that needed to be filled in. With the group now being considerably larger, 30 members as of 13 June 2002, the focus is to bring all new ideas for benchmarks, evaluation, and designation to the table by e-mail list conferencing.

By 15 September 2002, we wish to have a set of formal drafts prepared for the full committee’s consideration by vote and adoption as the final working plan.

This working plan then will be submitted through the Collaborating Center at Karolinska Institute for formal consideration.

To be added to the e-mail list for updates or to participate in the discussions of WHO Safe Schools, please e-mail either [Max Vosskuhler](#) or [Ellen Schmidt](#).

We are also happy to provide any and all drafts or notes of proceedings to date, via e-mail. Updates will also be available via the International Safe Community Weekly News.

Please forward any information you have on:

- Processes and Procedures for Safe Schools in your municipality or country
- Ideas for a Safe Schools Logo for the Designation Plaque
- Your thoughts on how to bring schools into the process and involve community in-reach and community outreach functions in the processes.
- Your thoughts on a system of standardized designation that has local experts do visitations, evaluations, report to the international group, and then present the official designation.
- Thoughts on the process of Safe Schools and Safe Communities.

WELKNOWN PROFILES IN THE SAFE COMMUNITY MOVEMENT



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Since 1998 I co-ordinate the safe community work and other activities for a healthy Uddevalla. I was educated in Public Health Science, Bachelor's degree in 1997 and work as health planner in Bohus County Council in three years before the time in Uddevalla.

In the beginning of 1990 and the time before I was a part time politician for health and primary care in Uddevalla and Bohus County Council. The commitment for health promotion has been a part of my life in different roles as youth leader, study organiser for adults, mother and politician.

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European Child Safety Alliance Workshop

10-12 October, Sintra, Portugal

“Bridging the gape between research and Practice”

What works in child injury prevention?

The intent of this workshop is to create an information exchange, open discussion and ways to determine and apply what works in child injury prevention. By bringing together researchers and practitioners we hope to build a forum to create more understanding between child injury research and practice and initiate more collaborative work for best practices in child injury prevention.

For more information: <http://www.ecosa.org/csi/ecosa.nsf/ecsa>