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

Welcome to the twenty-third 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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- **WELKNOWN PROFILES: Søren Kølster, Denmark**
- **WORKSHOP: Calgary Safety Expo 2003, Alberta, Canada**

Seminars and workshop on Safe Community in Western Lithuania

During one week in the mid June three Swedish researches were invited to Klaipeda and Taurage Counties in Western Lithuania to inform about Swedish experiences on Safety Promotion/Safe Communities. They visited four municipalities and the city of Klaipeda (about 202 000 inhabitants and the third biggest city in Lithuania). The total population in the country is 3.6 million.

There was also opportunity to make short tours to beautiful resort city Palanga and to the Neringa Recreational Area.

Discussions were held on Safe Community movement and the possibility to implement such a concept into Lithuanian municipalities. Why is this so important? Injuries and accidents are still an unsolved problem. Every year about 5000 people die because of injuries in Lithuania and many thousand suffer of disability.

The program covered visits to Taurage Public Health Center and Taurage Municipality, Jurbarkas Municipality and a Get-Together meeting at Jurbarkas Rotary Club. Further on the trip went to Pagegiai (border with Russia) and there we meet people in the Municipality. After this the visit was directed to Silale General Hospital. Group of the participants from Kaliningrad (Russia) were actively participated in some of seminars at Klaipeda municipality.

Closing session were held in Klaipeda City Hall with participation from the local Working Group for "The Safe Community Program for Klaipeda for 2002-2012". This program is developed under the leadership of Dr. Birute Strucinskiene at the International Department of Klaipeda College. Co-ordinator of the visit to Taurage County was Mr Irmantas Mockus, Taurage Public Health Department.



L: Visit to Taurage Municipality, by Dr. Robert Ekman, Karolinska Institutet and WHO Collaborating Center on Community Safety Promotion, Stockholm, Professor Kent Lindqvist, Linköping University and Professor Ragnar Andersson, Karlstad University together with Lithuanian hosts Dr. Birute Strukcinskiene, Klaipeda College, Dr. Saulius Jasaitis and Mr Irmantas Mockus, Taurage Public Health Department.

R: Closing session in Klaipeda City Hall, where the three Swedish researchers signed a recommendation to Klaipeda Community Health Council to give possibility to realise the Safe Community Program.



Get Together at Jurbarkas Rotary Club and Pagegiai Municipality with Vice-Mayor Kestas Komskis in the middle.



Lithuanian style. Old traditional transport on the country road and besides modern Lithuanian sportswomen, in fact some of the best in the world in bicycling race.

Iran visits to WHO Safe Community Skövde

During June 20th two doctors from Iran made a study visit to WHO Safe Community Skövde, Sweden. They meet the chairman of the Public Health Committee and several persons who are in charge and involved in the injury prevention and safety promotion work in the municipality of Skövde.

A meeting were held in the City Hall with participation of Safe Community Programme leader, Chief of traffic planning, Statistician expert on local injury data, Co-ordinator of international relations, Head of Community Policing and a Headmaster. In the afternoon the tour went to Child Health Care, at Norrmalm/Billingen Care Centre and there we meet a district nurse working with child health and safety promotion. The emergency department of the County Hospital; Kärnsjukhuset, Skövde was the final event. Here we could study the injury registration system of acute injuries and their first treatment. One nurse informed about the registration and first aid routines and one doctor explained how he coded the injuries by using ICD-10.



L: Dr. Mohammadi, director of Injury prevention dept., Ministry of health, Teheran and Ph.D. student at Karolinska Institutet, Tord Gustafsson, chairman of public health committee and Dr. Mohammad, epidemiologist, and new director of Injury prevention dept., MOH, Teheran.
R: Meeting at Skövde City Hall with Conny Bäck, Dr. Mohammad, Dr. Mahammadi, Jan Furengren, Lennart Thorstensson, Robert Ekman, Petra Senthen, Jan-Åke Kjellberg and Lars Hallman.



L: Visit to nurse Elisabet Laudon, Child Health Care Centre, Norrmalm/Billingen. Information routines to parents.
R: County Hospital Emergency Department, information by nurse Ingrid Dahlén
By Dr. Robert Ekman

WELKNOWN PROFILES IN THE SAFE COMMUNITY MOVEMENT



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Calgary Safety Expo 2003 & the international Workshop on Safe Communities

April 3, 4 and 5, 2003
Calgary, Alberta, Canada

Do you know that Calgary will be the largest urban municipality in Canada to receive the WHO designation as a safe community?

Over 100 organizations are working collaboratively to make Calgary a safe place to live, work and play?

The City of Calgary, The Calgary Educational Safety Society & The Safer Cities Initiative Present Calgary Safety Expo 2003 & the International Workshop on Safe Communities

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*****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 / programs, and so forth).

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