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

Welcome to the thirtieth 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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- **CONVENTION: 4th European Convention in Safety Promotion and Injury Control, Paris, France**

PORTO ALEGRE, BRAZIL, HELD THE SEMINAR ON PREVENTION OF ACCIDENTS IN CHILDREN AND ADOLESCENTS

Following the Seminars on Prevention of Violence and Prevention of Accidents for Elderly People, Porto Alegre – Safe City Committee held the Seminar for Prevention of Accidents with Children and Adolescents on September 13th and 14th, 2002.

Almost 300 people participated on it, representing several sectors of our society: health, education, safety, different religious manifestations, community leaders, students, politicians, entrepreneurs, artists and other social actors.



The opening ceremony started with a music show with the children's choir of the school that received us and continued with lectures. Dr. Armando de Negri Filho (epidemiologist, coordinator of the Planning and Programming Sector of Porto Alegre's Health Department and of the Porto Alegre – Safe City Committee) spoke about "Strategies of Life and Health Quality"; Dr. Danilo Blank (pediatrician and member of the Safety Committee of the Pediatricians Society of Rio Grande do Sul state) spoke about "Global Approach of Non-Intentional Injuries"; and Dr. Lucia Trajano (physician and chief of the Model Center for Health Care) spoke about "Diagnosis of the Accidents' Situation for Children and Adolescents according to each Participative Budget Region of Porto Alegre".



On Saturday morning, there were lectures guided by the conceptual approach, incidence and technological protective measures for the most prevalent groups of accidents on childhood and adolescence, which gave origin to subsidies for the five workshops performed in the afternoon.

The opportunity for debates created by the workshops provided the exchange of experiences between technicians and people from the communities about protective measures at home, at school, at leisure areas and at spaces for transportation, referring to burns; transportation accidents; falls; aspiration of gastric contents, foreign bodies and exogenous poisoning; and drowning.

Besides these workshops, there was a sixth one, offered to community leaders, which dealt with demands of neighborhoods on urban planning and developing to develop safe communities.

We also offered workshops for children and adolescents and we counted on partnerships with a local police puppets's group for a work on drowning; a graffiti artist who provided the opportunity of people to express their knowledge through art; a bus full of educational toys from the Municipal Education Department, so that the children could learn on prevention of accidents at home; a group of police officers who taught traffic safety, and a Capoeira Group from Alvorada, a town close to Porto Alegre, which provided the learning of some physical balance.

By the end of the day, a video about the whole project was presented and there was an ecumenic blessing.



The event was only possible due to the support and institutional sponsorship of the Municipal Health Department and other great partnerships from the society as a whole, like the Traumatology and Orthopedics Society of Rio Grande do Sul, Militar Police, Municipal Education Department, Pão dos Pobres School, Farmais, Atelier de Flores Fiori e Regali, independent video makers and producers and to the unmeasurable help of colleagues and voluntarian mothers.

The event was an initial step and it stimulated the community to know more about the issue and to collectively introject the seminar's slogan, "Living is Cool, Protecting is Possible". Following these debates, we will continue to work for the building of an agenda for the whole city, which aggregates the questions raised by the three subcommittees already installed, and the commitment of public services and the community to take over the task of building a Safe Porto Alegre.

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4th European Convention in Safety Promotion and Injury Control 10 –11 April 2003 Paris

European Consumer Safety Organisation (ECOSA) will organise the 4th European Convention in Safety Promotion and Injury Control in Paris, 10-11 April 2003.

The series of European Conventions on Safety Promotion and Injury Control, firstly held in Barcelona (1997), followed by Edinburg in 1999, and Vienna in 2001, and now Paris provide a unique opportunity for all kind of professionals to get in tune with the latest developments in consumer safety policies, research and practice.

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