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

Welcome to the fourth 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:

- **SEMINAR: Safe Community seminar, Ski municipality, Norway.**
- **WELKNOWN PROFILES: Professor Leif Svanström**
- **PUBLICATION: Success and pitfalls in the program development and evaluation**

Safe Community Seminar in Ski municipality, January 18, 2002.

Friday 18.01.02 Ski municipality arranged the Safe Community Inspiration Seminar. Ski municipality invited the municipality employees and neighbour communities to participate in the Safe Community seminar.

The City manager leader group, Safe Community coordinator Liv Marit Bølset and the multidisciplinary group in Ski Community arranged the seminar.

In the 5th December 2001 the steering board in Ski municipality accepted the application for participation in Safe communities Network. The application sent to the WHO collaborating Centre for Community Safety Promotion for designating Ski Municipality as a Safe community.

From 01.01.2002 the work with Safe Community Criteria become a part of the municipalities ordinary operation.

The intention of the seminar was to place the work with Safe community criteria in the agenda, to inspire the employees to read the application and get better understanding of what the designation of Safe community imply. In addition to the seminar, There was a poster presentation for different themes of injury prevention work in Ski Community.

85 persons participated in the seminar representing, the Secretary for safe community, neighbour communities, Ski Hospital and Ski municipality.

From Harstad Solveig Rostøl Bakken and Børge Ytterstad were invited to inspire the assembly, presenting the experiences from Harstad as the first Norwegian Safe Community on what it has been done and how it developed from the designation up to day.



From L to R:
Liv Marit Bølset (SC coordinator, Ski municipality)
Børge Ytterstad (Ph.D., surgeon, Harstad hospital)
Solveig Rostøl Bakken (public health nurse, Harstad municipality)



WELKNOWN PROFILES IN THE SAFE COMMUNITY MOVEMENT



LEIF SVANSTRÖM

Leif Svanström graduated in Medicine from Lund University in 1966 and then received a PhD in the Department of Social Medicine. Subsequently he did Postgraduate training in Occupational Health and Social Medicine.

He is now Professor of Social Medicine at Karolinska Institute and Head of the Division of Social Medicine.

Dr Svanström has spent more than thirty-five years in Social Medicine and Health and Safety Promotion. His main line of research and teaching is Injury Epidemiology and Safety Promotion. In the 1960s he conducted a number of descriptive and analytical studies, and in the 1970s began studying home and occupational injuries. In 1974 he introduced the community approach to safety promotion; this, the "Falköping Model", has heavily influenced Swedish and international community safety work. He is now the Chair of The Research Group on Injury Prevention & Safety Promotion at Karolinska Institutet.

He chaired the First World Conference of Accident and Injury Prevention held in Stockholm, Sweden 1989 and is a member of the International Organisation Committee for the following World Conferences. In 1991-2 he was a visiting scientist at the Centres for Disease Control, Division of Injury Control, Atlanta, Georgia. At present Dr Svanström is involved in WHO's Global Programme on Injury Prevention and Safety Promotion and is the Head of the WHO Collaborating Centre on Community Safety Promotion at the Karolinska Institute in Stockholm, Sweden.

Dr Svanström is the author of about 800 papers in epidemiology, prevention, and a health system research; 10 textbooks in health promotion and social medicine; and is a member of the editorial board of three international scientific journals.

His other appointments and responsibilities include:

President of the Swedish Society of Social Medicine, 1981 - 1990
Head of Social Medicine Unit of Stockholm County, 1981 - 1997
Chief Medical Officer in Health Promotion, Stockholm County, 1982 - 1998
Member of the Scientific Council of the National Board of Health and Welfare, 1981 -
Member of the Board of Scandinavian Association of Social Medicine, 1982 - 1990
Chairman, Specialist Advisory Board in Social Medicine, National Board of Health and Welfare, 1981-
1987
Member of the Swedish National Health Council, 1987 - 1991
Expert, Swedish National Injury Prevention Programme (Swedish Institute of Public Health) 1987-2000
Member of the Expert Panel, Injury Prevention, International Paediatric Association Expert
Member of the Swedish Public Health Group, 1988 - 1991
Expert, Injury and Accident Epidemiology, National Epidemiology Centre of the Swedish National
Board of Health and Welfare, 1990 - 1995
Member, Board of the National Institute of Public Health 1992 - 2000
Member, World Health Organisation Expert Advisory Panel on Accident Prevention
Expert, The Swedish National Committee on Public Health, 1997- 2000
Chair, Karolinska Institutet Programme Committee for Public Health Sciences training 2002-

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SAFE COMMUNITIES: SUCCESSES AND PITFALLS IN THE PROGRAM DEVELOPMENT AND EVALUATION

The report was released and presented by professor Leif Svenström at Expert Meeting on Safety Promotion Research in Vienna, Austria October 3, 1999.

The purpose of the report is to provide the basis of community safety promotion programs. It should also serve as the primary reference to future questions regarding programs, and thus an important document on Safe community development.

The report is available on the internet at:

<http://www.harstad.kommune.no/om-harstad/Safecom/NEWS/pitfallsexpert.pdf>

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

Please send any contributions via e-mail to the editor: Yousif Rahim yousif.rahim@harstad.kommune.no,

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