



KAROLINSKA INSTITUTET
Department of Public Health Sciences
Division of Social Medicine



WHO COLLABORATING
CENTRE
ON
COMMUNITY SAFETY PROMOTION

SAFE COMMUNITY WEEKLY NEWS

NO. 5
February 2002

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

Welcome to the fifth 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:

- **ACTIVITIES:** Centre for Peace Action in 2002, South Africa
- **WELKNOWN PROFILES:** Moa Sundström
- **CONFERENCE:** Safe Kids, Seoul, Korea
- **SEMINAR:** The 14th Travelling Seminar on Safe Communities 2002

CENTRE FOR PEACE ACTION IN 2002

Affiliated Safe Community Support Centre



The Centre is looking forward to a very interesting and productive year. Throughout 2002 the Centre will continue to focus its research, teaching and community outreach activities around the areas of crime, violence and injury prevention and race, racism and knowledge production. In this brief piece we highlight 3 projects: a home visitation initiative designed to reduce injuries in and around the home; an injury control and traffic safety course aimed at promoting methodological and prevention expertise among practitioners and researchers in the field; and a quarterly seminar series that focuses on disseminating research data and stimulating debate on best practices for prevention of crime, injury and violence.

The home-visitation project - Home visitation, which usually involves weekly or monthly visits, has been used to encourage a range of health promoting actions and behaviours. Those conducting home visits provide health information, facilitate referrals to relevant social service agencies and offer emotional support to members of the household. The Centre, which has gathered valuable injury epidemiology data since 1997, will initially assess the short-term benefits of home visits: Do home visitations by trained safety promotion volunteers contribute to the reduction and control of reported injury at household level in informal settlements and other low-income neighbourhoods? This project is part of a larger community based prevention initiative that is supported by a R1 million grant from the Open Society Foundation and a R350 000 grant from the Norwegian People's Aid. For more information, please contact Ashley van Niekerk on Tel: (021) 938 0399, Fax: (021) 938 0381 or Email: ashley.vanniekerk@mrc.ac.za

The injury control and traffic safety course - Traffic accidents and injuries are serious problems both in less and highly industrialized countries. More years of working life are lost in both groups of nations than due to cardio vascular diseases and cancer. It is important that more professionals become aware of the importance and possibilities of injury control, and the basic principles regarding the traffic safety. The target group for the course will be law enforcement officers, traffic and road engineers, behavioural scientists, medical professionals, social scientists and biomedical engineers. The course aims to bring together professionals working in the area of road safety so as to acquaint them with the state-of-the-art information in the field. The contents of the course is focused to give a global perspective to the road safety problem. By the end of the course the participants will: 1) acquire knowledge about the latest findings and methodologies for prevention of traffic accidents and injuries; 2) be aware of policies and methods which have been shown to be successful or have not worked in the past; 3) be able to improve or start their own programmes in road safety. The course, now in its third successive year will be presented by South African public health experts and renowned scholars from the Indian Institute for Technology, based in New Delhi. The cost of the course is R1650. For more information, please contact Anesh Sukhai on Tel: (031) 203 4813, Fax: (031) 203 4701 or Email: sukhaia@mrc.ac.za

Seminar series for 2002 - the series will focus on varied topics including surveillance, primary prevention, secondary prevention and the development of best practices. The seminars will be held on a quarterly basis in Cape Town and Johannesburg. Tentative seminar dates are:

14 March 2002 (ISHS Lenasia offices).

13 June 2002 (MRC offices, Cape Town).

12 September 2002 (ISHS Lenasia offices).

14 November 2002 (MRC offices, Cape Town).

Topics to be confirmed. For more information on the seminar series, please contact Lyndsey Lourie on Tel: (011) 857 1142, Fax: (011) 857 1770 or Email: lourilc@unisa.ac.za

The Institute's web address is www.unisa.ac.za/dept/ishs



WELKNOWN PROFILES IN THE SAFE COMMUNITY MOVEMENT



Moa Sundström

Born 1943

1965-1988 Biomedical Analyst, Karolinska Institutet

1989 - Coordinator and Chief Administrator of WHO Collaborating Centre on Community Safety Promotion at Karolinska Institutet

Moa Sundström responsibility is to co-ordinate the activities for the Collaborating Centre related to the Safe Community Programme:

- Making site visits to presumptive Safe Communities programmes;
- Updating the Web page for the centre;
- The Newsletter Safe Community News;
- Involved in the planning of Travelling Seminars, Safe Community Conferences.

Publications:

- Activity reports from the WHO CC on Community Safety Promotion to WHO Geneva
- Sundström M. Svanström L. Promoting Community Safety. A 3 Year Report 1992-94. Report 304. Karolinska Institutet. Sundbyberg, Sweden, 1994 .
- Sundström M. Svanström L. Promoting Community Safety - A One-Year Report. October 1994 - October 1995. Report 316, Karolinska Institutet. Sundbyberg, Sweden, 1995.
- Sundström M, Svanström L. Promoting Community Safety. A Two-Year report, October 1995-October 1997. From Karolinska Institutet, Department of Public Health Sciences, Division of Social Medicine in its capacity as a WHO Collaborating Centre on Community Safety Promotion, to the World Health Organization. October 1997. Green Report 369.
- Sundström M, Svanström L. Promoting Community Safety. A one-year report, October 1997 - October 1998. Stockholm: Karolinska Institutet, Department of Public Health Sciences, Division of Social Medicine. KI report 1998:12)
- Sundström M, Svanström L. Promoting Community Safety - A one-year report October 1998 – October 1999. Stockholm: Karolinska Institutet, Department of Public Health Sciences, Division of Social Medicine. (KI report 1999: 35)

SAFE KIDS KOREA

In December 2001, the Citizens' Coalition for Safety (CCS) held an international conference in Seoul to launch the new SAFE KIDS Korea program. Through SAFE KIDS Korea, CCS is determined to address the leading killer of Korean children: unintentional injury. The conference witnessed the development of safety committees to address traffic-related injuries (which cause nearly half of all unintentional injury-related deaths), drownings, falls, suffocation, burns, poisonings, playground safety, school safety, home safety and emergency services.



From Canada Mr. Greg Allan was a keynote speaker. Mr. Allan works as a fire fighter with the Fort Frances Fire Department. Along with the Fire Marshalls Office in Fort Frances, he was instrumental in bringing the Risk Watch Program to our District. They became a partner with the coalition in 1999, and formed the Risk Watch Coalition with our support. The program is now in over 100 classrooms with more coming on board everyday!

Mr. Allan heads up the RISK WATCH Program. That is a comprehensive injury prevention curriculum for children in preschool through grade 8.

- Motor Vehicle Safety
- Fire and Burn Prevention
- Choking, suffocation, and strangulation Prevention
- Poisoning Prevention
- Falls Prevention
- Firearms Injury Prevention
- Bike and Pedestrian Safety
- Water Safety

Risk Watch activities combine teaching and imagination to help children learn to promote their own personal safety, as well as that of their family and community.

They even have a testimonial from a young man who, because of the training he received at the grade 4 level, found a firearm with some friends and knew what to do and what not to do and contacted an adult and therefore no one was hurt.



In the pictures, Greg is the only none Asian in the pictures, he may also be hold a red and gold Risk Watch binder.

The 14th Travelling Seminar on Safe Communities 2002 Austria, April, 10th - 21st

The travelling seminar will be held in Austria from the 10th of April to the 21st of April. The Travelling Seminar will include information about the Austrian injury prevention campaigns, as well as site visits to Austrian "safe communities" in the province of Vorarlberg. Various attempts at accident prevention (standards and technology, education, legislation etc.) among a range of at-risk groups (children, the elderly, road users, etc.) will be presented as part of the seminar, using pilot projects undertaken by Austrian accident prevention organisations. In particular, participants will have the opportunity to find out about community-based initiatives in sample municipalities in Vorarlberg.

During the Austrian visit, two of Sicher Leben's Austrian projects ("Josefstadt made safer" and "Safe Communities Vorarlberg") will be presented with a safe community certificate. On the 19th of April there will be a large celebration for the Vorarlberg project in which all are invited to attend. Prof. Leiv Svanström will be the keynote speaker.

For more information contact:

Austrian Institute for Home and Leisure Safety "Sicher Leben"

14th Travelling Seminar on Safe Communities

c/o Monika Jordack

Ölzeltgasse 3

A-1030 Vienna

AUSTRIA

Fax: +43-1-715 66 44 – 30

E-mail: monika.jordack@sicherleben.at

*****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,

Yousif Rahim

project leader "Safe Community"

Phone: +47 770 27 017 / 971 44 182

Fax: +47 770 27 001

E-mail: yousif.rahim@harstad.kommune.no

<http://www.harstad.kommune.no/om-harstad/Safe-Com-eng.htm>
