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

Welcome to the ninth 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:

- **DESIGNATION:** Suwon city, Korea is a Safe Community No.63
- **CONFERENCE:** 1<sup>st</sup> Asian Regional Conference on Safe Communities
- **AFFILIATED CENTRE:** Institute of Mother & Child Health, Bangladesh
- **WELKNOWN PROFILES:** Henk John Harberts, Australia
- **COURSES:** **SATELLITE EVENTS** to the 6<sup>th</sup> World Conference on Injury Prevention and Control

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### SUWON CITY DESIGNATED AS A SAFE COMMUNITY

On 26 February 2002 at 18.00 the Suwon City designated as a Safe Community, The WHO CC represented by Professor Leif Svanström signed the designation agreement. Suwon city become Safe Community No.63 after many years work with injury prevention and 5 years intensive work with the Safe Community concepts. Congratulation Suwon and Welcome to The Safe Community Network.



From L to R: City Council Manager, Mr Sim Jae-Duck (Mayor of Suwon), Professor Leif Svanström (WHO CC) and Professor Joon Pil Cho (Aju University).



### Mayor of Suwon gets a special birthday present!

The Mayor of Suwon City Mr. Sim Jae-Duck was presented the Safe Community designation (No. 63) of his City on the very day of his 63rd birthday on the 26th of February 2002. At a magnificent Ceremony he was presented a newly established Safe Community plaque as a confirmation that Suwon Safe Comm program fulfils the indicators.



Fantastic colourful cultural activities highlighted the welcome party and designation ceremonies.

## The 1<sup>st</sup> Asian Regional Conference on Safe Communities

The first Asian regional Conference on safe Communities held in Suwon, Korea from 25-27 February 2002. more than 200 participants from 29 countries Participated actively in the conference. The conference was a great event for participants to share experiences and to plan further collaboration in the field of injury prevention and to support the Safe community movement internationally and in Asian region specifically. The next regional meeting will be held in Bangladesh in 2004.



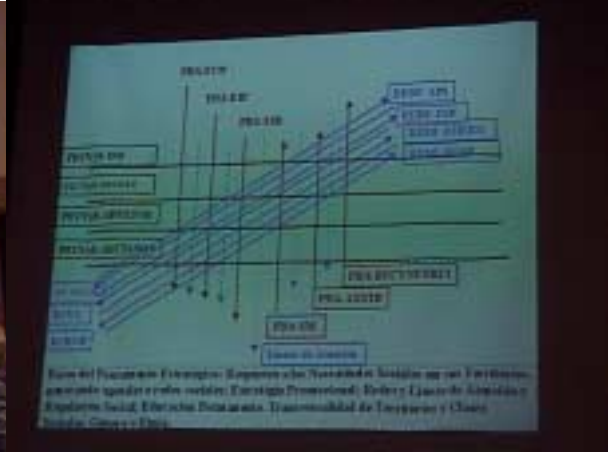
1: L to R. Børge Ytterstad (Norway), Dinesh Mohan (India), Fatima Alvarez-Castillo (Philippines) and Mauri Johansson (Denmark)

2: L to R. Fatima Alvarez-Castillo (Philippines), Fazlur Rahan (Bangladesh), Henk Harberts (Australia) and Armando Negre Filho (Brazil)

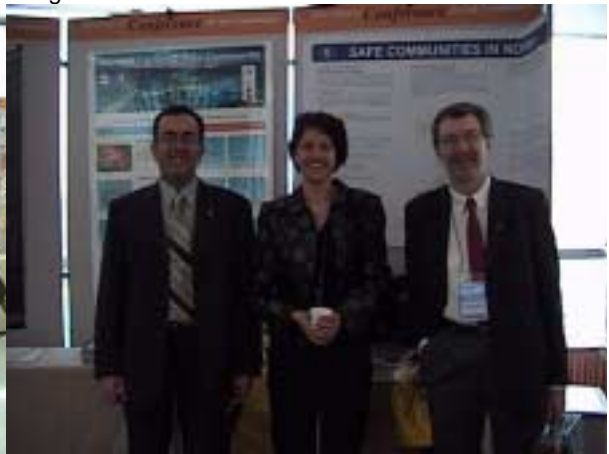


3: L to R. Cho Chui Ling Larlisa (China-Hong Kong), Leif Svanström (Sweden) and Etienne Krug (WHO-Geneva)

4: L to R. Dinesh Mohan (India), Tat-lun NG (China-Hong Kong), Katherina Purtscher (Austri) and Zhongtang Zhao (China)



5: Professor leif Svanström engaged in discussions on (Top-down or Bottom-up model) is more used in Safe Communities .  
 6: Diagram in Spanish presented by Professor Armando Negre Filho.



7: Poster session: Participants from Bangladesh, India and Sri Lanka.  
 8: In front of Norwegian posters, from L to R. Yousif Rahim (Norway) Skrimante Starkuviene (Lithuania) and Robert Ekman (Sweden)

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## **A NEW AFFILIATE SAFE COMMUNITY SUPPORT CENTRE DESIGNATED ON THE 20<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY.**

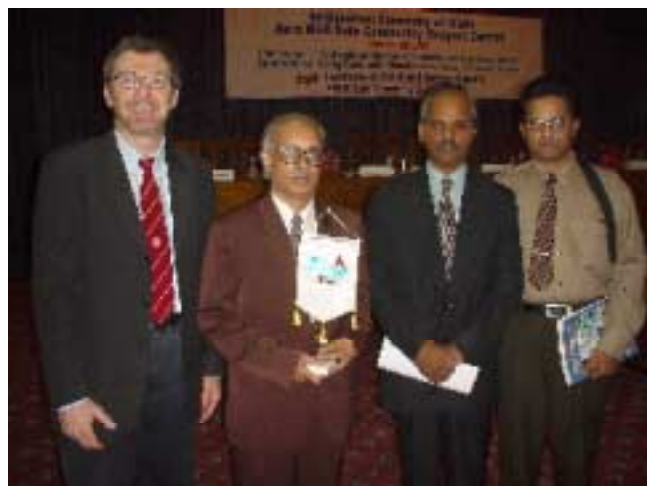
In Dhaka, Bangladesh a Ceremony was held this day. Institute of Mother and Child Health was designated. This was due to the effective work that has been done in Bangladesh to support the Safe Community development. A demonstration programme has been set up in Sherpur and more are underway. Intensive work has been done the recent years in order to get authorities to recognise accidents and injuries as public health problems. The Minister of Health and Family Welfare, Dr Khandaker Mosharaff Hossain showed his interest by his presence at the Ceremony.



From L to R. Professor MQ-K Talukder, Bangladesh Safe Community Foundation, Professor Monimul Hoque, Director of Institute of Child and Mother Health & Professor Leif Svanström, Chair WHO CC on Community Safety Promotion, sign the agreement for future cooperation.



The audience participating in the Designation Ceremony.



Dr Robert Ekman handing over the insignia of Lidköping Municipality – the first ever designated Safe Community (1989) to Professor Hoque, Dr Fazlur Rahman (Prime Investigator) and the Master of Ceremony Dr Hassan Mahbub .

## WELKNOWN PROFILES IN THE SAFE COMMUNITY MOVEMENT



***Henk John Harberts***

### *Community Safety Promotion Practitioner*

Henk Harberts moved to Australia from the Netherlands in 1957 and grew up in rural Victoria, he has completed tertiary studies in Social Sciences, Education and Traffic Safety.

He has worked as a teacher, project developer, program administrator, evaluator and assessor in education, health promotion and community safety promotion, injury prevention, community capacity building and development since the late 1970's. He has worked at different community levels and at local, state, national and international locations – he also has experience as a trainer and workshop facilitator.

Henk has engaged in the process of community safety development in Australia, New Zealand, Scandinavian, European, Asian and North American countries, in late 1997 he was a World Health Organisation (WHO) Travelling Fellow to South Africa. In late 2000, at the request of WHO Collaborating Centre (Karolinska Institute, Sweden), he was asked to contribute and assist the City of Suwon, South Korea to become an accredited 'Safe Community' scheduled for February 2002.

Henk was involved in the development and implementation of the Latrobe Valley Better Health Project during the early 1990's. In his capacity as the project manager with this very successful Community Safety intervention – Latrobe City became one of the first Australian demonstration sites for the World Health Organisation's Safe Community Network, accredited in February 1996.

Reference: 'Latrobe Valley Better Health – Evaluation of the Injury Prevention Program 1992-1996' Report 114, Monash University Accident Research Centre, Australia)

Alongside this, he contributed to the development of local, state, national and international injury prevention through the establishment of the following groups, the National Injury Prevention Advisory Council to the Australian Federal Government (NIPAC), the Australian Injury Prevention Network (AIPN) and the Victorian Injury Prevention Advisory Committee (VIPAC).

He was foundation Chair of the Victorian Safe Communities Network (VSCN 1996–2000) and current Co Chair. The VSCN is an umbrella organisation, which draws its membership from local government, state government departments and agencies who work in community development around safety, violence and injury prevention in the State of Victoria, Australia. Henk is also joint Chair of the Victorian State Government Coordinating Committee for Community Safety Week (annually celebrated in early September since 1996) the concept was originated by the VSCN.

Henk has authored and contributed to a variety of publications on a variety of topics ranging from transport safety, alcohol and drug issues, education, sexuality and school health curriculum. Active in professional development has meant a significant role in implementing new curriculum, personal performance and people change issues. Henk has also involved himself with his local community including youth, community support as well as recreational and environmental issues.

His current role is that of Community Safety Planner with Latrobe City Council in Central Gippsland, Victoria.

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***SATELLITE EVENTS***  
***to the 6th World Conference***  
***on Injury Prevention and Control***

Organizers : Karolinska Institutet (Sweden) and Québec WHO Collaborative Centre for Safety Promotion and Injury Control (Québec, Canada)

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