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

Welcome to the fifth 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?

In this issue:

- **VISIT: Suwon Safe Community visited Harstad Safe Community, Norway**
- **BOOK: Abstracts of 6<sup>th</sup> World Conference on Injury Prevention & Control**
- **PROGRAM: Collaborating to Prevent Domestic Violence, Noarlunga.**
- **DOCUMENT: "Pathways" Health Canada's Division of Aging & Seniors**
- **INVITATION: 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Estonian-Swedish Suicidology Institute**

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Delegation from Suwon – Safe Community visited Harstad – safe  
Community on 2<sup>nd</sup> –5<sup>th</sup> February 2003.

The Suwon delegation; Dr. Joon Pil Cho from University of Ajou , Ms Min-hee Lee and Dr. Kim from Suwon City Council office.

On 3<sup>rd</sup> February the delegation met with Mr. Jan Fjellstad Vice-mayor and Harstad Safe Community group.



[www.safecommunity.net](http://www.safecommunity.net)

The delegation visited Harstad primary and intermediate school, both principals Mr. Kjell Norum and Ms. Sissel Lund presented their schools and safety activities in Harstad schools.



Dr Frode Risdal Chief medical officer and Ms. Sigrid Stemnes presented the health system organisation and the role of safety promotion at the primary health care level.



Then the delegation visited Hålogaland hospital and met with Mr. Bjørn Nygård director of Harstad hospital and Dr. Børge Ytterstad.

Mr. Bjørn Nygård presented the role of Harstad hospital in Safe community, and he has emphasized on the importance of injury registration. Prof. Børge Ytterstad presented the results from different injury prevention interventions in Harstad in the last 18 years.



During the visit to Hålogaland hospital they visited the injury prevention Unit at in the hospital and Ms. Ellen Nikolaisen presented the methods of registrations and the database of injury registration from 1985 up to now.

On 4<sup>th</sup> February the Korean delegation visited Harstad University College. Mr. Olav Dae Rector of the Harstad University College and Mr. Åge Lamo the administration director presented the structure of the university college and higher education in Norway, Ms. Eli Bertelsen, Mr. Tage Karlsen, and Ms. Sigrid Ag presented different departements of the college.

Mr. Stein Mikkelsen the University colleges representative in Harstad Safe Community Action group. presented his evaluation results and the importance of combination practice work with scientific research.



The delegation visited Harstad Traffic station and met with Ms. Solveig Hansen and Mr. Ola Magnus Ellefsen from Public Road Authority.

Ms. Hansen presented different traffic safety activities in the region mainly the activities related to youth and new drivers.



The Korean delegation visited Harstad Police station and met with Mr. Lars Bjørkeng (Chief of Police station), Mr. Svein Forsberg (chief super intendent) and Mr. Geir Pedersen (Chief super intendent). The leadership of the police station presented the violence prevention in Harstad and the importance of violence registration in prevention activities.



At the end of the day the Korean delegation visited Health stations in Harstad.

On Wednesday the met with Harstad – safe Community group (Solveig Rostøl Bakken and Yousif Rahim).

Mr. Geir Lyså section leader for health environment services in Harstad presented the main goals and activities related to accreditation of schools and kindergartens.



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Dear delegates,

For all of you who took part in the 6th World Conference on Injury Prevention and Control last May in Montreal (Canada), we want to inform you that the Book of Abstracts is now available on the Web site of l'Institut national de santé publique du Québec. Here is how to get there:

1. Type [www.inspq.qc.ca](http://www.inspq.qc.ca)
2. Double click on the caption "Description in English" located in the upper middle portion of the home page
3. Locate the label of the 6<sup>th</sup> Conference on the right hand side of the screen, this will bring you directly into the Book of Abstracts Table of Contents.

Please feel free to distribute this message to those colleagues of yours that could not attend the Conference.

Furthermore, take a few minutes to browse in the Quebec Public Health National Institute Web site to discover its mission and activities.

Hoping to see you at the 7<sup>th</sup> World Conference in Vienna.

## Noarlunga Towards a Safe Community Collaborating to Prevent Domestic Violence

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On Friday 29<sup>th</sup> November, 2002, eighty three people representing community groups, local churches and government and non government agencies from the Noarlunga region of South Australia, gathered to make a commitment to the Onkaparinga Collaborative Approach for the Prevention of Domestic Violence.

The release of the World Health Organisation Report, World Report into Violence and Health (2002) and a recent visit by Dr Bo Henricson from WHO Safe Communities, coincided with this event. The event provided an opportunity to publicly adopt the principles of the WHO report for the Onkaparinga Collaborative Approach for the Prevention of Domestic Violence to come under the Noarlunga Safe Communities umbrella.

The Minister of the Southern Suburbs and the Environment, the Honourable Mr John Hill, representing the Minister for Social Justice, spoke of the current State government's commitment to the prevention of violence towards women and children. The Minister, in praising the domestic violence work that has been undertaken in the region, highlighted the reputation of the southern region for collaborative projects. He also commended current plans to position the Onkaparinga Collaborative Approach for the Prevention of Domestic Violence with the Noarlunga Safe Communities Program.



*(From left to right: Hon. John Hill, Mr Bevan Wilson, Mr Robert Brokenshire MP, Ms Gay Thompson MP, Senior Magistrate Clint Johansen, Mr Richard Hicks)*

Three State politicians from the Onkaparinga region, the Chief Magistrate from the local domestic violence court and local Kaurna Aboriginal elder spoke of, and then signed off on, their commitment to act as champions in actioning the prevention of violence towards women and children, Aboriginal family violence, promote improved health outcomes for families affected by domestic violence and increase the capacity of local communities to identify, address and prevent family violence.

Chief Executive Officers of sixteen government and non government agencies and leaders of eight community groups then signed an agreement to work collaboratively to develop coordinated responses to the prevention of domestic violence and to adopt the principles and recommendations of the World Health Organisation's World Report on Violence and Health (2002). Signatories included health services, mental health services, housing, education, welfare and youth agencies, general practitioners, business groups, action groups and churches.



*(Left to Right: Mr Richard Hicks and Ms Judith Cross)*

*The event provided an opportunity to display some of the collaborative initiatives that have been undertaken since February, 2001, when the Onkaparinga Collaborative Approach for the Prevention of Domestic Violence was launched. It was also an inspiration to those who have worked hard on the management committee to bring together stakeholders from a wide range of sectors on an issue that has large social and economic impact on the region.*

Since the event there has been increased interest in the program from other regions of South Australia who want to set up similar programs. The management committee of the Onkaparinga Collaborative Approach for the Prevention of Domestic Violence look forward to making further links with similar programs around the globe in the hope that what we do well in the south can be adopted internationally, and, similarly, we can learn from the experience of other communities as part of WHO Health and Violence initiative.

***Bhavanamurti Saraswati***

***On behalf of the Management Committee of the Onkaparinga Collaborative Approach for the Prevention of Domestic Violence***

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<http://www.injuryresearch.bc.ca/intro.html>

Health Canada's Division of Aging and Seniors has developed a new document called "Pathways." It is a lay version of the Best Practice Guide for seniors falls prevention that BCIRPU has available on our website. To obtain a copy, contact Jennette Toews at Health Canada at: [Jennette\\_Toews@hc-sc.gc.ca](mailto:Jennette_Toews@hc-sc.gc.ca)



## KUTSE

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21. veebruaril 2003.a.  
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### PÄEVAKAVA

**09.30-10.00**  
Registreerimine ja kohvi

**10.00-14.00**  
**KONVERENTS**

**14.00-15.00**  
Vaheaeg ja suupiste

**15.00-17.00**  
**AKTUS**

Siiri Oviir, Eesti Vabariigi sotsiaalmi nister  
Mailis Rand, Eesti Vabariigi haridus- ja teadusminister  
Elisabet Borsiin Bonnier, Rootsi suursaadik Eestis  
Danuta Wasserman, Karolinska Instituut  
Wolfgang Rutz, WHO Väinse tervise programmi nõunik  
Armin Schmidtke, WHO/Euro suitsiidau ringute ja  
preventsiooni Network  
Jaanus Harro, Tartu Ülikool, EKTK  
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P.S. Oleme tänulikud, kui lilled toomise asemel a vakkate  
meile üritusel tunnustust ostes kogumiku

## INVITATION

You are kindly invited to  
the 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration of the  
**Estonian-Swedish Suicidology Institute**  
(Estonian Centre of Behavioural and Health Sciences)  
on February 21, 2003  
in Magdaleena Hospital Blue Hall  
Pärnu mnt 104 Tallinn.

### AGENDA

**09.30-10.00**  
Registration and coffee

**10.00-14.00**  
**CONFERENCE**

**14.00-15.00**  
Lunch

**15.00-17.00**  
**CELEBRATION MEETING**

Siiri Oviir, Minister of Social Affairs of Estonia  
Mailis Rand, Minister of Education and Science of Estonia  
Elisabet Borsiin Bonnier, Swedish Ambassador  
Danuta Wasserman, Karolinska Institute  
Wolfgang Rutz, WHO adviser of MH program  
Armin Schmidtke, WHO/Euro Network for Suicide  
Research and Prevention  
Jaanus Harro, Tartu University, ECBHS  
Airi Värnik, Estonian-Swedish Suicidology Institute  
"10 years of the Suicidology Institute"

Registered greetings

Yours sincerely,  
Airi Värnik, MD PhD  
Head of the Estonian-Swedish Suicidology Institute

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