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PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

- Consultant in citizen security program, Inter American Development Bank, Washington D.C., USA, 2004 up to date; Consultant in World Bank, 2009 up to date;
- Professor of Epidemiology School of Public Health, Universidad del Valle, 2001 to present. Director, Instituto CISALVA, Universidad del Valle. October 2000 to present;
- Coordinator and driving force for the Safe Community Movement in Latin- America; has presented the concept of Safe Communities in ALL South and Central American and most Caribbean countries!
- Main organizer of the 18th International Safe Communities' Conference in Cali, Colombia;
- Chair International Society for Violence and Injury Prevention (ISVIP);
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