

Short Bio

Børge Ytterstad M.D., Ph.D is a surgeon and is presently working as professor at Institute for Community Health at University of Tromsø, Norway. The last four years he has initiated and led a module on injury prevention and safety promotion at the International School for Public Health at the Northern State University in Arkhangelsk, Russia.

He has worked as surgeon in Nigeria, Lebanon, Sweden, Spain and Norway. In 1997-98 he was Honorary Research Fellow at Injury Prevention Research Center. University of Auckland. New Zealand.

He was one of the main contributors to the efforts leading to Harstad being accredited as a WHO Safe Community in 1994 as the first in Norway and the 11th in the world. His publications on burns in children, fall-fractures in elderly and traffic injury are included in a Cochrane review on interventions leading to reduction on injury rates. The inclusion criterias were robust design and hard endpoints in terms of injury rates. This gives support to claims of causality between preventive work and reduction of injury burden.

Awards:

Oslo 1997. A national award for health information and Promotion from the Norwegian Health Dpt.

New Dehli 2000 at the 5th World Conference on Injury Prevention and Control received the International Safe Community "Traffic Safety Partnership Award" from US National Highway Safety Administration Washington DC

Tehran Iran 2007: At 16th World Safe Community Conference: "Best Paper Award"

He has participated in a number of scientific committees for national and international conferences. Chaired the ICCH (International Conference on Circumpolar Health) 11 in Harstad Norway June

2000. Presently board member for Norwegian Safety Forum and member of a national expert group analysing all road traffic fatalities in Norway.