

## The Australian Safe Communities Foundation is Born

A very dedicated team from across Australia has been working since November 2002 to create our dream of a national "Safe Communities Foundation". So you will understand the joy felt in our hearts when the following message came through on 30 June 2004 – *"Congratulations - Australian Safe Communities Foundation Inc was officially born today!"*

We now have a national entity to build support for the fast growing Safe Communities program. There were already 14 designated Safe Communities in Australia, and many other communities are already applying the WHO Safe Communities criteria to their local community safety planning activities.

The objects of the new ASCF are: - to promote community safety and community risk management programs in Australia in accordance with the guidelines and principles of the Safe Communities Foundation of Canada and the WHO Safe Communities Indicators as published by the WHO Collaborating Centre on Community Safety Promotion, Karolinska Institute, Sweden; and - to establish a charitable trust fund to be known as the Australian Safe Communities Foundation Fund from which the Trustees of the Fund may, subject to the criteria and conditions determined from time to time by the Committee, provide grants to approved incorporated community bodies, incorporated associations, local government bodies and community cooperatives to: increase the number of community safety programs throughout Australia; support the development of local Safe Community coalitions and local community safety programs in pursuit of these objects and purposes; make special innovation



Photo: Henk Harberts

project grants for the development and evaluation of coalition building, new programs and interventions aimed at demonstrating new ways of improving safety and security in particular communities; and - to establish a centre of excellence in Australia in relation to community safety and risk management that promotes - Joint agency, community and business partnerships in community safety planning and program development; - Multi agency approaches to preventing and responding to community safety issues; - Community engagement, leadership development and enhancing social capital; - Sustainable local programs targeted at priority local issues; and - Evaluation to build the knowledge required to guide future investments in creating safer communities; and

- Futures research which identifies factors for success in coalition building, interagency negotiation and collaboration, and the real world implementation of these success factors; - to convene national and international workshops, conferences and celebrations of community safety initiatives throughout Australia.

We are indeed privileged and proud to have Henk Harberts as our inaugural Chair of the ASCF. Henk was recently awarded the inaugural "International Distinguished Safe Community Award" at the 13<sup>th</sup> International Safe Communities Conference in Prague June 2004.

Michael Bourne  
Co-Chair of the VSCN  
Co Vice-Chair of the ASCF

# Course

## 1<sup>st</sup> International Course - Research in Injury Prevention and Safety Promotion - A Ph.D. Course

17 January -18 February 2005  
Stockholm, Sweden

Application deadline: 1 December 2004

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# Book

## "Safety Promotion – an Introduction"

is a textbook that describes scientific and theoretical grounds, models, central concepts and basic theories as well as practical experiences of safety promotion.

The book consists of international experiences and examples – from high-income as well as low-income countries. It gives an international perspective on injury prevention and safety promotion, and emphasises the importance of co-operation and inter-sectoral work. It also elucidates the need of exchange of knowledge and experiences between societal levels inside nations as well as internationally.

The book is aimed at safety-promotion practitioners, but is also designed to be used as a basic textbook at undergraduate and master level.

2<sup>nd</sup> Revised Edition

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The book can be sent on request as a pdf. file  
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# Conferences

## 14<sup>th</sup> International Safe Communities Conference 13-15 June 2005

Bergen, Norway

*Theme: Violence Prevention in Creating  
Safe Communities*

**Abstract deadline: 15 February**

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## International Safe Communities Conference 15-16 September 2005

Trondheim, Norway

*Theme: Injury Surveillance*

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## 3<sup>rd</sup> Asian Regional Conference on Safe Communities

19-22 October 2005

Taipei, Taiwan

*Theme:*

*Creating Safe Communities in Asian Context*

**Abstract deadline: 30 April**

[www.safe2005.com.tw](http://www.safe2005.com.tw)

## 6<sup>th</sup> Nordic Safe Community Conference 9-11 November, 2005

Karlstad, Sweden

*Theme:*

*Community Empowerment for  
Safety and Injury Prevention*

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