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Dear Colleagues,

We are proud to introduce you new Safe Communities and Safe School. Also reports from New Zealand, China and Norway.

News and reports of this issue are appended below. Same issue is also available at our WHO Collaborating Centre on Community Safety Promotion website: http://www.phs.ki.se/csp/who_newsletters_en.htm

With warm regards

Leif Svanström, Responsible Editor

Koustuv Dalal, Editor



Safe Community Conference 2011

Welcome to the 20th International Safe Community Conference September 6 – 9, 2011 in the municipality of Falun, Dalarna, Sweden.

Falun together with Karolinska Institutet is hard working to prepare the **Jubilee Safe Community Conference** - the 20th International Conference on Safe Communities to celebrate two decades of International Safe Community development.

We want the conference to be perfect for all of you and we welcome you to register for the conference on www.falun/safecom2011

A preliminary program will be published on the website www.falun/safecom2011 and here you can also find subjects from Safe Community works in a broad aspect of injury prevention programs. We have speakers who are key persons within the area from all over the world, thus we can await a very interesting and instructive conference. The deadline to apply for scholarships has already passed, and those who will be granted a scholarship will be contacted at the end of April. You are most welcome to the website to send in an abstract to share your experiences with all participants on the conference either by oral or poster presentation. All abstracts will be published in a book.

Visit: <http://www.falun.se/www/externa/safe2011.nsf>

Organizer of the Safe Community Conference 2011

Call for International Safe Hospitals Network

Hospitals can play a vital role for injury prevention and safety promotion. Hospitals should be actively involved in the Safe Community program. Therefore, WHO CC CSP has developed a new 'Safe Community Hospital Network' and calling for memberships. For membership and technical supports please contact : Prof. Leif Svanstrom (leif.svanstrom@ki.se) or Associate Professor Koustuv Dalal (koustuv.dalal@liu.se).

Visit: http://www.phs.ki.se/csp/pdf/indicator/safe_hospitals_criteria.pdf

Re municipality in Norway is now the 236th safe community in the world

On the 20th of May 2011 Re community in Norway was certified as a safe community. This certification is the result of a very systematic and successful work since 2005. The safety work is already well integrated in the municipality both in the political governing and the administrative management as well as in the non-governmental organisations. It is also well known among ordinary citizens. This safety work is a very good example of a combination of top-down and bottom-up approach. A very well developed intersectoral collaboration has contributed to the success. The chairman of the steering committee for the safe community program is the chairman of the executive committee in Re, Thorvald Hillestad.

The process-objectives for the safe community program are:

- Increased intersectoral collaboration
- Increased competence in the community to use tools for investigation and in knowledge about epidemiology
- Good involvement and engagement by citizens and employees

In the economic plan for Re community is stated that all new economic allocations must be examined in relation to its preventive perspective.

The certification took place during a conference that Re community organised for all involved in the program in the municipality and for representatives from national and regional level.

From national level participated, among many other prominent persons, the minister of education Kristin Halvorsen and from the regional level the governor Erling Lae and the chairman in the regional administration Eivind Johansen. From the European Safe Community Network the chairman professor Börje Ytterstad took part. He also gave a lecture about safe communities in a local, national and international perspective. The member of the parliament Inga Marte Thorkildsen gave interesting information concerning the governmental plan about the national work for children's safety and security. Professor Per Fugelli gave a lecture about the sources for health. Many more very interesting lectures were held for instance about violence, traffic safety, development of the brain. The day after the certification, the 21st of May, was a day with a lot of different activities about safety for all citizens in Re community.



The certifier Guldbrand Skjønberg hand over the flag to the chairman of executive committee Thorvald Hillestad and executive director Trond Wifstad .



Reporter: Guldbrand Skjønberg, Sweden

Safer Wanganui (New Zealand) moving forwards

Mayor Annette Main, Chair of Safer Wanganui, is impressed with the work of the Safer Wanganui collaboration and its commitment to action on Wanganui health and safety issues, after attending a steering group meeting earlier this month. The steering group is made up of leaders from the seven priority focus areas of alcohol and other drugs, education, family violence, justice, safety and wellbeing, emergency planning and road safety.

"The Safer Wanganui Steering Group provides governance, leadership and champions the safe communities model of working," says Mayor Main. "It provides direction and support to the reference groups, so that the community may achieve the overarching desired result of a safe Wanganui for everyone in our district."

Items for discussion at the May meeting included highlighting the need to establish figures relating to released offender settlement in the Wanganui district, the Wanganui Flood Action Plan, crime statistics and appointing a Safer Wanganui coordinator.

The steering group were also briefed by Council's infrastructure staff on draft proposals to address road safety issues in Dublin Street, which has been identified as an accident 'hotspot'.

The steering group aims to establish and support long-term, sustainable programmes covering all aspects of safety which can be clearly evaluated to measures progress against a list of agreed criteria.

The group will meet again in June.

Reporter: Tania Peters, New Zealand

Safe Elderly Designation

Nacka municipality Sweden has, in collaboration with Knowledge Centre for Senior Safety, Karlstad, in 2008-2011, implemented the WHO Collaborating Centre on Community Safety Promotion, Safe Elderly indicators in one of their 14 special housings for elderly people. In Sweden, special housing is a collective term that describes several different types of housing that have been adapted for elderly people who are in great need of care.

The indicators were used and modified into a practical model with the purpose to increase safety and the quality of life for the residents and staff by creating systematic work processes and procedures, supportive environments and actions. Focus is on accidental injuries, violence and self-inflicted injuries. Some effects so far are: a more systematic work process, customer- and goal oriented actions and a higher injury-prevention consciousness among management and staff together with an increased sense of coherence and pride in the work. In March 2011 Nacka Senior Center Ektorp was certified and Nacka municipality has decided to continue the implementation of the indicators in the other special housings.

This is just a start! In order to share experiences and to further improve safety for older people we need a common strategy and a sustainable long term work plan within the Safe community movement. Some questions are: how do we proceed with designations for Safe Elderly in the future? Who would be the coordinator/the responsible body with international legitimacy? How could designations of new special housing and other local welfare systems benefit from the experiences from Senior Center.

Dr. Tommy Rosenberg, Sweden

News from Huamu Safe Community, China

On the morning of Mar. 27th, 2011, the evacuation drill of high-rise residential buildings was held by Huamu Community in Yinliang Apartment. Aims of the drill were to further promote the fire safety community to build Firewall Project in order to make residents know procedures and methods on emergent occasions and to expand publicity of fire safety propaganda. To ensure the drill going smoothly, the Promotion Committee of Huamu International Safe Community conducted a survey to dwellers of Yinliang Apartment in advance. With the cross-field collaboration, the working group was established, the responsibility was divided clearly and the plan for the evacuation drill was developed. The functional departments and the property company of Huamu community disseminated the importance and skills of safe escape to dwellers before the drill, as well as making great efforts on mobilization and publicity.

The distinguished guests attending the ceremony include Mr. Zhang Yinbiao, the deputy director of Safety Production Supervision Bureau of Pudong New Area; the Captain Mr. He Zhibo from the First Fire Brigade of Pudong New Area; the Captain Mr. Anjun from Five Traffic Police Brigade; the supervisor of Huamu police station Mr. Bao Mingxing of; Mr. Dai Jianming, the party secretary of Huamu Community Hygiene Service Center; Mr. Li Zhilin, the secretary of Huamu Community Party Working Committee and the vice director Mr. Chen Xiongwei from Huamu Sub-district Office. The deputy director Mr. Jiang Weizhong of Huamu Sub-district Office hosted the activity.

About 150 dwellers of Yinliang Apartment participated in the drill. After the drill, dwellers took part in the opening ceremony of Huamu Fire-control Project. Then dwellers were received fire safety training. The main contents, concerned by residents, were how to escape from fire safely, how to call 119 efficiently and how to use gas mask properly. The drill not only further enhances the safety awareness of dwellers, improving escaping skills, but also a test of emergent responding capacity for Huamu Community.

It is reported that the fire safety drills and fire-control publicity will be carried out gradually by Huamu Sub-district this year. Every member of Huamu Community will try their best to achieve full coverage of this project.



Reporter: Ms. Chen Fang, China

Welcome to Travelling Seminar Skaraborg, Sweden, 2-5 September 2011

Safe Communities in Skaraborg (Mariestad, Töreboda, Skövde, Falköping and Lidköping) welcome You to join a Travelling Seminar in connection to *the 20th International Safe Community Conference* in Falun, Sweden. The Travelling Seminar offers study visits about Safety Promotion and Injury Prevention in the five Safe Communities. The goals are to share methods and best practice how to organise community based safety and to share knowledge between each other. The seminar will allow the participants to compare experiences, and take home what they have learned, in order to develop and refine their own community based safety programmes. Short term benefits of the seminar include the opportunities for participants to study current community-based safety programming in action, with ample opportunities to discuss approaches with local organisers. We hope such interaction will help inspire new programmes in other communities. Long term benefits from this seminar include the possibility of building knowledge together, to consider how broad-based injury prevention and safety promotion work can be organised in the participants own country. We will also discuss how safety can be anchored within the local context, so that the work can be sustainable over time.

The Seminar starts on 2nd September at 13.00 and closes on the 5th. At the 6th September a

Bus will take the participants and the seminar organizers to the *20th Safe Community Conference in Falun*.

Program at-a- Glans - Travelling Seminar, September 2011.

Friday 2: Maritime security - Mariestad. Saturday 3 : Safety for children and young people -Töreboda. Sunday 4: Youth program, increasing influence/ empowerment, reducing drugs—Skövde, Traffic safety - Lidköping. Monday 5 : Injury prevention in Resque services and suicide prevention - Falköping Elderly safety - Lidköping. Tuesday 6: Safe school - Götene. Bus to Falun.

.Deadline for registration:15 May 2011 (Maximum 20 participants): **Fully Booked**

More information on seminar fee, registration form etc. at: <http://falun.se/safecom> . Requests: Pia Gustavsson, phone: +46 506 182 55, pia.gustavsson@toreboda.se, Gunilla Carlsson: Phone: +46 501 75 50 24, gunilla.m.carlsson@mariestad.se

Forthcoming Safety and Injury Conferences

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**** 6th African Regional Safe Communities Conference**

Safety Promotion in Africa: Mobilising Communities to Address Injury Vulnerabilities and Enhance Prevention Capacities. 5-8 July 2011, Livingstone, Zambia

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**** 20th International Safe Communities Conference**

Celebrating two decades of International Safe Community Development - going back to where it all started

6-9 September 2011, Falun Municipality, Dalarna, Sweden

Conference web page: www.falun.se/safecom2011. Contact: safecom2011@falun.se

**** 3rd European Conference on Injury Prevention and Safety Promotion**

June 16 & 17, 2011, Budapest. www.eurosafe.eu.com

**** Canadian Injury Prevention and Safety Promotion Conference**

November 16--18 2011 .Vancouver, BC. Canada

<http://www.injurypreventionconference.ca>

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Regional Safe Community Conferences

• **The 3rd European Safe Community Conference**

The future role of the Fire and Rescue Service in the sustainability of Safe Communities in Europe

4-5 June 2012, Falköping, Sweden

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