



- A requirement for evidence of long term programme sustainability.
- The organisation must normally have been active in two years prior to application.
- The organisation's reference group, or governing group, must be documented to have representation from important community sectors.
- The applicant organisation must provide evidence of at least six Task Force groups, addressing specific injury prevention and-or safety promotion issues in the community.

Feedback from representatives of current Safe Communities programmes, and volunteers and community members living in areas where SC programmes are operating, is now being solicited. Comments and concerns should be sent to Moa Sundström, at [moa.sundstrom@sll.se](mailto:moa.sundstrom@sll.se), no later than 31 August 2008. At that time, refinements will be made, if necessary, and the new guidelines are expected to be in effect on 01 January 2009.

## Designation Ceremony: Arsanjan & Bardaskan, I.R.Iran.

Arsanjan and Bardaskan Safe Community Designation Ceremony as the second and third Safe Communities of Iran respectively was performed on 6 & 7 May 2008 in Shiraz and Arsanjan, coincidental with the supreme leader of the Islamic Republic of Iran visit to Shiraz which led to more national attention to this event which took place in Sina & Sadra Saloon of S.U.M.S (Shiraz University of Medical Sciences) with exhibition of both cities efforts & activities.



Designation ceremony (LtoR): Dr. Fallahzadeh & Dr. Imanieh (SUMS), Mrs. Åhman & Dr. Henricson (Sweden), Dr. Obaid (Bahrein), Dr. Nuriddin (Lebanon), Dr. Mohammadi (WHOCC)

The program included one day conference with an evening designation ceremony and one day site visit. Dr. Imanieh chancellor of S.U.M.S welcomed the guests and thanked all collaborators of Arsanjan & Bardaskan. He mentioned policies & strategies, short-term & long-term to achieve the goal of the Safe Community hoping for Arsanjan & Bardaskan to become an Idol.

With the presence of representatives of the WHO Collaborating Centre on Community Safety Promotion ( Dr. Bo Henricson, Dr. Reza Mohammadi ) ; Focal Point of Bahrain ( Dr. Amjad Obaid ) ; Focal Point of Lebanon ( Dr. Rindala Nuriddin ) ; Vice presidents of the Centre of Accident Prevention & Management of the Ministry of Health.



Arsanjan Safe Community Visit (7<sup>th</sup> May 2008)

Bardaskan representative parliament, chief manager of Fars Province Political & Security Council. Deputy of health from S.U.M.S and Khorasan University ( MUMS ), all members of both cities safe community committees. All the speakers emphasized the importance of spreading the Idea of a safe community nation wide. - Pouya Kindergarten performed a choir— with a theme of safety & peace. At the end of the morning session thanks were given to all members of Arsanjan & Bardaskan Safe Community.

A Shiraz visit tour was the preformed at the afternoon. At the ceremony agreement was signed by Dr. Bo Henricson & the governor, mayor secretary of Arsanjan and Bardscan Safe Communities.

Flag & tablet of Safe Community were dedicated to both Arsanjan & Bardaskan the 135<sup>th</sup> & 136<sup>th</sup> designated Safe community respectively by Dr. Henricson.

Official reception of the visitors was arranged by the Governor, Mayor & Imam-E-Joma. The meeting was held in the city cultural hall. Dr. Henricson spoke about satisfying achievements of both new members and further efforts that should be given through out the next five years in order to stay a member and improve day by day.

Dr. Mohammadi emphasized the religious thoughts which consider injury prevention safety promotion. Tablet was dedicated to active members of the work group. The group visited the city and the technical training center.

A Persepolis tour was performed because of its historical importance as the capital city of the Persian empire, 2500 years ago about 50 km north-east of Shiraz.

Shiraz, Neyriz, District 22 Tehran and Fariman were the theme of negotiation between the SC committees of each city as the next candidates & WHO CC to join the international Safe Communities. The complete report will be published in the next issue.

**Reporter: Dr. Mostafa Medhati, Shiraz, Iran**

## **The 5<sup>th</sup> African Regional Safe Communities Conference: Towards Enabling a Culture of Non-Violence and Peace**

The University of South Africa (UNISA) Institute for Social and Health Sciences (ISHS) and its Centre for Peace Action, in collaboration with the Medical Research Council's (MRC) Presidential Crime, Violence and Injury Lead Programme and the Faculty of Medicine at the Eduardo Mondlane University (EMU) in Mozambique, hosted the 5<sup>th</sup> African Regional Safe Communities Conference from 28 to 30 April 2008 in Maputo, Mozambique. The conference was opened by the Minister of Interior and the Deputy Minister of Health of Mozambique, and launched with messages of support from the World Health Organisation and the leadership of the EMU. The local organising committee mobilised an enthusiastic and dedicated cross-sectorial group of NGOs/service providers, government departments and academics focused on injury and violence prevention in Mozambique.



Prof. Eduardo Munhequete: Chair of Local Organising Committee

Deputy Minister of Health, Mozambique

The themes that emerged from the conference and the ensuing discussions confirmed the need for the establishment of district, provincial and national focal points to:

- Facilitate co-ordination between agencies in the sector
- Oversee the development of policy/legislation frameworks.
- Inform the implementation of policy frameworks.
- Advocate for resource allocation.
- Foster monitoring and evaluation of programmes.
- Encourage and support the development of injury and violence surveillance systems.
- Encourage and support research programmes through universities, research institutes, etc.

Critically, the delegates endorsed the proposal to develop a National Trauma and Safety Promotion Programme, which will be led by the Faculty of Medicine at EMU.



Prof. Mohamed Seedat (centre) & Prof. Kopano Ratele (back, left) of UNISA ISHS with members of the Local Organising Committee

The conference outcomes further reinforced the collaborative partnership that exists between the UNISA-MRC group from South Africa and their EMU colleagues. Among other, this cooperation will strengthen its focus on:

- Stimulation of Safe Communities in Mozambique.
- Training and research.
- Fostering of international and regional linkages.
- Lobbying and advocacy.
- Production of country-level and regional state-of-the-art/status reports.
- Policy issues.

Finally, the conference resulted in the identification of Safe Communities initiatives in Mozambique that cohere well with the overarching framework of the International Safe Communities Network. One such programme, co-ordinated by NGO *CA-Paz* and implemented in several neighbourhoods of Matola District, has committed to applying for membership of the Network in 2009.

**Reporter:** [Shahnaaz Suffla, South Africa](#)

## **Lujiazui Community of Shanghai in China, launched Safe Community**



Group photo; Launching Ceremony of Lujiazui Community in Pudong New District of Shanghai, China.

On 25<sup>th</sup> May, 2008, there was a launching ceremony of Lujiazui Community of Shanghai in China. Lujiazui Community is located at the center of Lujiazui Financial and Trade Zone of Pudong New District in Shanghai. It covers an area of 6.89 square kilometers with a population of 160,000. It's also the home for many foreigners working in Shanghai. The launching ceremony was held in the square of Ren Heng Bin Jiang neighborhood. The leader of the local government announced in public that the Safe Community project was officially initiated based on the six indicators for becoming a member of the International Safe Community Network.

Leaders from Shanghai municipality, Lujiazui Function Area, and Lujiazui Community were present in the ceremony. Professor Joon Pil Cho, Chair of the Certifying Center for Safe Community in Suwon, Korea, was invited to the event as well. In the following day, Professor Cho presented a lecture for people from different sectors in Lujiazui Community.

**Reporter:** [Shumei Wang, Fudan University, Shanghai](#)

## The Victorian Safe Communities Network hosts its first national conference

The Victorian Safe Communities Network has held its most successful conference to date – the **Young people, crime and community safety** national conference - in Melbourne, Australia, 25-26 February 2008.

The conference, held at the RACV Club's new conference centre, attracted over 350 participants from all around Australia. Its success can be attributed largely to the partnership established with the Australian Institute of Criminology, Australia's national criminology research institute, to conduct the conference. The institute increased the reach of the conference and the numbers of attendees.



James Sherry, Ian Danahay, Jan Shield, Alan Kennedy, Erin Cassell, Sharon Wishart, Tim Hardiman, Barbara Minuzzo, Michael Bourne and Nello Marino.

Presentations by keynote speakers including the Chief Commissioner of Police for the State of Victoria (Christine Nixon), the President of the Children's Court (Judge Paul Grant), and the Senior Manager for Road Safety at the Transport Accident Commission (David Healy), were supplemented by presentations from a range of community safety professionals, practitioners, researchers and policymakers.

Participants particularly appreciated learning about programs for young people which addressed the issues which local communities struggle to address.

These included:

- Sudanese youth justice project (Tim Watson)
- The St Kilda Junction graffiti project (Martin Goffin)
- Drugs and driving in Australia (Dr Jane Mallick)
- Easy does it: working with nightclubs to reduce risk for young people (Lisa Armstrong-Rowe)
- Male adolescents at risk project: an early intervention family violence initiative (Katie Wright)
- Cabrini youth bus (Mark Young)
- Maintaining education of at-risk young people (Bronwyn Harcourt)

One of the highlights of the conference was a performance by members of the Anti Racism Action Band (ARAB) which assists young people at risk to develop positive pathways for the future. The performers (pictured) modelled how, with time and expert assistance, young people can turn their lives around. They even taught the audience how to rap dance!

The other highlight, and an event of great significance to both organisations, was the signing of an agreement of cooperation between the Victorian Safe Communities Network and the Safe Communities Foundation of New Zealand (L-R Dr Carolyn Coggan, Director, SCFNZ, Jan Shield and James Sherry, VSCN Co-Chairs).

**Reporter: Barbara Minuzzo, Australia.**

## **International Safe Community Travelling Seminar 15- 18 October 2008, South Island, New Zealand**

Waimakariri, International Safe Community, is pleased to be hosting a Travelling Seminar that is being planned in association with the 17<sup>th</sup> International Safe Community Conference in Christchurch New Zealand in October 2008.

Delegates to the Conference are invited to participate in this exciting event that has been organized to showcase the best that New Zealand has to offer. You will visit some iconic New Zealand sights including Queenstown, Mount Cook as well as experience some uniquely New Zealand safety initiatives including seeing Waimakariri International Safe Community in action, as well as a visit to Professor John Langley and his team at the world renowned Injury Prevention Research Unit in Dunedin.

This travelling seminar is a must for our international and national delegates. The programme has been designed to practically showcase and compliment the themes of the Conference and we look forward to being your hosts. We hope also that we can share and learn from each other as we travel around the very picturesque South Island of New Zealand. There is an extensive sightseeing programme planned and your registration will include a Jet Boat ride on the world famous Shotover Gorge, visits to a high country sheep station.

Bookings and payments must be made by Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> June 2008. To participate in the travelling seminar you must also register for the 17<sup>th</sup> International Safe Communities Conference as a full delegate, or the accompanying person of a full delegate. Contact [sandra.james@wmk.govt.nz](mailto:sandra.james@wmk.govt.nz) for more information or register online at [www.safecom2008.org.nz](http://www.safecom2008.org.nz)

### **Forthcoming Safety and Injury Conferences**

2008

- **Children and Injuries International Conference**  
**31 August – 3 September 2008**  
**Cape Town, South Africa**  
Abstract submission deadline (**Extended**): 30 June 2008  
For information: [Sebastian.VanAs@uct.ac.za](mailto:Sebastian.VanAs@uct.ac.za)  
[http://isviporg.datasenter.no/files/brief\\_isvip\\_2008.pdf](http://isviporg.datasenter.no/files/brief_isvip_2008.pdf)  
[www.uct-cmc.co.za/Conferences/2008/ISVIP/](http://www.uct-cmc.co.za/Conferences/2008/ISVIP/)
- **2nd European Conference on Injury Prevention & Safety Promotion**  
**October 9-10, 2008**  
**Paris, France**  
<http://www.eurosafe.eu.com/paris2008>
- **17th International Safe Communities Conference**  
*Working together to make a difference*  
**20th – 23 October 2008**  
**Christchurch, New Zealand**

Early Bird Registration closes: **18 July 2008.**

For further information visit: [Conference pamphlet](#)

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