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Dear Colleagues,

We are proud to introduce you another Affiliate Support Centre in Uganda and a new safe Community in IR Iran.

From next issue we will introduce you several SC activities in African region. 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

A new Affiliate Safe Community Support Centre inaugurated in Uganda

On the 5th of May 2009 ICCU (Injury Control Center -Uganda), which is already a WHO Collaborating Centre for Violence, Injury Prevention and Control was also officially recognized as an Affiliate Safe Community Support Centre. The reasons for that are that during the last three years there has been cooperation to support Safe Community development in Uganda and adjacent countries. A number of programs related to children and traffic have been developed with the aim of reaching a better community approach and now more than six programs around Uganda are underway! Contacts have also been arranged for possible safe community development in Rwanda.



Executive Director Mable T. Nakitto- head of ICCU and Prof Leif Svanström, WHO CC Comm Safe signing the agreement of an affiliate centre under supervision of Minister of State for Health, Uganda, Dr. Richard Nduhura.



Ass Prof Stephen Lawoko seconding the signees with the Safe Community flag at the inauguration of ICCU as an affiliate Safe Comm support Centre.

Global Status Report on Road Safety

The WHO Director-General, Dr Margaret Chan, and New York City Mayor, Mr Michael Bloomberg, will officially launch the report during a press conference scheduled to take place at 12:00 noon in New York City on 15 June, 2009. The report is available at www.who.int/violence_injury_prevention/road_safety_status/2009. The report is under embargo until 12:01 noon EST on 15 June 2009.

New Safe Community: District 22, Tehran Municipality

On the April 27th 2009 the district22 of the Tehran municipality designated into the international safecommunity network as the 155th Member in the world. This was an important day since the district 22 is the first district of a mega city that fulfilled the criteria to be designated as the safecommunity.

Eng. Hassan Karimian, the mayor and the head of the safecommunity committee at the district 22 stated that the infra structure for becoming a safecommunity had been started some years ago, we did a lot of work but much more left.



The district 22 is situated at the attitude of 1400-1800 meter from the sea level, surrounded by the Alborz mountain and the apex of Damavand. Based on the latest censuses its population is about 108674 inhabitants, occupies about 29017 households which is scattered in 1000 acres through out the district. Male & Female ratio is 57/43 percent, the population is young and the literacy rate is more than 99%. The life expectancy is 68 years for males and 70years for females. The district is unique in terms of green area per capita which is about 272 square meter, low population density, calm traffic movement, green belt area of Tehran which is known as clean air arena of Tehran with many forest area and recreational sites. District 22 has been designated as a ISO 14001 standard for the last 4 years. The most important killers of the district are: cardio vascular disorders, Injuries & cancers. Among injuries, traffic related deaths, falls from height or same level, burns & disasters are the most common cause of disabilities and deaths.

The district 22 has focused on child safety, youngsters safety, women safety and elderly safety. In different situation such as on roads, at homes and during the leisure time. Involvement of volunteers is one of the major achievement in district 22 Safe Community.

Engineer Karimian welcomed the participants and viewed affiliating center as the future plan for district22. Engineer Abdolmajid, the secretary of Safe Community committee for district 22 delivered speech on activities and achievements. Kids' Performance made the ceremony more delightful. The ceremony started afterwards agreement signed by the officials of the Tehran Municipality head office and the district22.

Reported by: Dr. Alireza Moghisi, Iran

Launch of the Educational Film on “Prevention Against Contingency Falls for Senior Citizens” in Huamu Community

On the morning of April 1, centering around the theme of “**Meeting World Expo·Caring about the Senior Citizens’ Lives to Promote Harmony**”, the release of the educational film on “Prevention Against Contingency Falls for Senior Citizens” and the show of the elderly’s balance gymnastics magnificently commenced in the Cultural Center of Huamu Community, China. More than 300 people attended the ceremony, including the representatives from all the sub-communities in Huamu Sub-district, representatives of the senior residents, as well as personalities from all the neighbourhoods that are involved in the Safe Community construction campaign in Pudong New Area.

The release of the educational film on “Prevention against Contingency Falls for Senior Citizens” is not only an appraisal and a consummation of the Safety Promotion Project for the elderly in Huamu, but also a new start line for the project of injury prevention among the elderly in the community.

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On-site evaluation for CSP in Towada Municipality, Japan: Combination of bottom up and top down approaches

On March 26-27, 2009, Towada Municipality, Japan invited Prof Joon Pil Cho from the Certifying Center for Safe Community in Korea, and Prof Shumei Wang from Fudan University in China to get the formal on-site evaluation for becoming a member of the international network of safe communities.

Community safety promotion in Towada was initiated by public health experts/ practitioners together with Towada citizens in 2005, so to speak, from bottom up approach, which was followed by the mayor's political support later.

High mortality rates due to accidental suffocation by inhalation and suicide, respectively, are some of the main characteristic of Towada City in terms of external causes of death. So the site visits program included a suffocation prevention program (oral function training) and a suicide prevention program. In addition to these, fall and fractures prevention programs with cooperation of public health nurses and an architect, a school safety program, a fire alarm installation program with home visits, a ceremony for winners of a slogan contest on safe community for pupils and so on were also included into the site visits program.

The two experts have pointed out the followings: active participation by the citizens, dedication of local experts with a political support by the mayor. At the same time, they have also emphasized that it needs more programs to make safer environments, to improve methods of program

evaluation and data utilization and legislation on CSP for further sustainable development.

The two experts hope that CSP in Towada shall be a model of CSP with the combination of both bottom-up and top-down approaches in Asian Region in the future.

Reported by Yoshihide Sorimachi, Japan



The winners of a slogan contest on safe community with the experts and the Towada Safe Community Citizens

Cheonan city, Korea got site-visit !!

Cheonan city has topography and geographical features of the most comfortable region under the sky with fertile farmland in the harmony of mountains and rivers. Population is in a trend of fast growing from 445,485 people as of December 2002 to 547,662 people and the number of household is 209,512 in December 2008. Proportion of injury death out of total death was higher than the entire national average and 84% of Cheonan citizens felt fear about injury occurrences by accidents. Also, considering the fact that 57.2% of respondents feel fearful of security situation of crimes, the priority fields of Cheonan Safe Community were established in suicide prevention, traffic safety, safety from crime, and safety for vulnerable groups (elderly/children).

Cheonan city introduced the Safe Community model in 2006, implemented the preliminary community survey and registered as the under preparation Safe Community to WHO Collaborating Center on Community Safety Promotion in 2008, and submitted an application report for designation in 2009.

The Cheonan City got sit-visit on the 22-23th April 2009. Site visit was made by 3 experts (Joon Pil Cho from the Certifying Center for Safe Community in Korea, Maria Isabel Gutierrez M. from the CISALVA Institute, Universidad del Valle in Columbia, and Shumei Wang from Fudan University in China). Visiting sites during 2 days are as follows; Sinyong elementary school, Community center, Office of education, Mental health center, Alcohol counseling center, Healthy family-support center, Residents' integration security center, Senior welfare service center, and Occupational safety & health agency.

Reporter: Juhee Hong, Korea.



Course

RESEARCH EDUCATION Course 2009

6th International Course - A Ph.D. Course: Research in Injury Prevention and Safety Promotion: Designs, Methods & Analysis, October - November 2009 (5 weeks)

Stockholm, Sweden, 7.5 Credits

Application deadline: 1 May 2009

Course Organizer: Reza Mohammadi, MD, MPH, PhD

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Courses 2009/ 2010

4th International Ph.D. Course on Internet

INJURY SURVEILLANCE AND CODING

1 October 2009 - 31 March 2010 (25% rate)

7,5 Credits

Course Organizer: Professor Lars-Gunnar Horte , lars-gunnar.horte@ki.se

CANADIAN FALLS PREVENTION CURRICULUM 2009

Distance Education Course for seniors' health and community care providers on the design, implementation and evaluation of fall prevention programs for all settings.

English: University of Victoria, <http://www.uvcs.uvic.ca/courses/>

French: University of Edmonton, Campus St. Jean, <http://www.uofaweb.ualberta.ca/cerf/>

For more information: www.injuryresearch.bc.ca or contact Sarah Elliott at sarah.elliott@gov.bc.ca, Phone 01 250 952 1520, Fax 01 250 952 1570.

Forthcoming Safety and Injury Conferences

2009

1st Regional Southeastern Europe Conference on Safe Community "Safe Children in Safe Communities" 22-25 June 2009

Novi Sad, Serbia

Before March 31, 2009 Submit an registration form

Before April 15, 2009 Submit an abstract

Before May 15, 2009 Submit the full paper

For more information www.bezbedna.zajednica.org, Contact: Miroslav Bakich bezbedna.zajednica@gmail.com

The 14th International Conference on Circumpolar Health, July 11-16, 2009 Yellowknife, Canada

Abstract deadline: 20 February

Injury Prevention has always been a concern for the IUCH (International Union for Circumpolar Health) and injuries are a very heavy burden on the health of indigenous people living in the circumpolar regions.

Contact Jody Butler Walker butlerwalker@gmail.com, www.icch2009.com

9th National Conference on Injury Prevention and Safety Promotion, 26-28 July, 2009 Melbourne, Australia

www.injuryprevention2009.com

Abstract submission closes on 10 November 2008.

18th International Conference on Safe Communities *Safe Policies as an axis for development*

August 13 – 15, 2009 Cali, Colombia

Date for Abstract submission deadline: **New date 30 April!**

<http://www.phs.ki.se/csp/pdf/Conferences/cali10april.bmp>

Call for abstract. <http://safecom2009.univalle.edu.co/>, www.cisalva.univalle.edu.co

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5th Asian Regional Conference on Safe Communities (ARCSC) *Safety, Health, Harmony*

18-20 October 2009 Beijing, China

China Occupational Safety & Health Association (COSHA), <http://www.cosha.org.cn>

First Announcement: <http://www.cosha.org.cn/upload/1224465633423324.pdf>

Abstract deadline: **30 March 2009**, <http://www.cosha.org.cn/upload/1235111029165436.doc>

Before June 30, 2009 Submit the full paper

Before June 30, 2009 Early bird registration

After June 30, 2009 Full registration

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International Workshop on

"Community Safety Promotion in Asian Context"

in conjunction with the 3rd Annual Conference of the Japanese Society of Safety Promotion(JSSP)

August 29, 2009 13:00~16:00, Towada City, Aomori Prefecture, Japan

Free of charge for participants from overseas.

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BC Municipal Occupational Health & Safety Conference - Whistler,

13 - 15 September 2009

British Columbia, Canada

<http://www.municipalsafety.bc.ca>

Second Injury Prevention Conference for UK and Ireland

24 - 25 September 2009

Cardiff, Wales

http://www.injuryobservatory.net/2nd_injury_conference.html

2010

19th International Safe Communities Conference *Sustainability of Safe Community Programs*

23- 26 March, 2010 Suwon, Korea

For information: jpcho@ajou.ac.kr

The Second European Regional Safe Community Conference Incorporating the 7th Nordic Conference on Safe Communities 19-20 May, 2010 Reykjavik, Iceland

How to develop Safe Communities in Europe using the Nordic experiences.

- Re-establishing a European Network of Safe Communities.

www.publichealth.is/SC-Iceland2010/

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10th World Conference on Injury Prevention and Safety Promotion, 21-24 September, 2010 London, UK

The first formal announcement for Safety 2010 will be issued in January 2009

Call for abstracts will open in April 2009. <http://www.safety2010.org.uk>

Early bird rate before 30 April 2009 £450.00

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New Journal:

Journal of Injury and Violence Research, <http://jivresearch.org/>

Books and websites of interest

- 'The Way Forward' Transportation Planning and Road Safety. Authors: Geetam Tiwari, Dinesh Mohan and Nicol Muhlrad. ISBN 1403 92502 X, Macmillan India Ltd. New Delhi.
- Abuse of Elderly in Europe. <http://www.abuel.org/>
- "Violence, Dangerousness in the day by day living ". Edited by Rosgal. Montevideo. 2002. Free version at SitioMedico: <http://www.sitiomedico.com.uy/artnac/maltzman.pdf> and in Amadeo Guestbook, The Medical Literature Guide (Code 1234 ? 2/20/02). New 2005-2006 Edition.

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