



# Safe Community Monthly News

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Dear Colleagues,

We are proud to introduce you new Safe Communities and Safe School. Also reports from Peñaflo, Chile conference.

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](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](http://www.falun/safecom2011)

A preliminary program will be published on the website [www.falun/safecom2011](http://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.

Abstract submission: <http://falun.se/www/externa/safe2011.nsf/eForm?OpenForm&subform=eForm-Abstract>

Or, visit: [http://www.phs.ki.se/csp/who\\_conferences\\_en.htm](http://www.phs.ki.se/csp/who_conferences_en.htm)

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](mailto:leif.svanstrom@ki.se)) or Associate Professor Koustuv Dalal ([koustuv.dalal@liu.se](mailto:koustuv.dalal@liu.se)).

Visit: [http://www.phs.ki.se/csp/pdf/indicator/safe\\_hospitals\\_criteria.pdf](http://www.phs.ki.se/csp/pdf/indicator/safe_hospitals_criteria.pdf)

## Mayor and the community of Peñaflores lead the First Regional Conference on Safe Communities of the Americas

The First Regional Conference on Safe Communities of the Americas took place from April 6th to 8th in Peñaflores, Chile. There were authorities from whole Peñaflores and the Metropolitan region as well as attendees from diverse nations, close to 800 people attending the lectures and more than 10.000 people among schools-students and representatives from communitarian organizations visited the exhibition hall.

Peñaflores's Mayor Manuel Fuentes Rosales at the closing ceremony made an announcement about the main achievements of the Conference. Among them, it was reached co-operation agreements with representatives from Serbia, Colombia, Peru, United States, Sweden, Argentina and South Korea regarding with civilian protection, education and health promotion. This was recognition for the work that the community has been doing.

The Mayor of Peñaflores receives a lot of words of recognition for him and his team work, from the international visitors. All of them expressed special thanks and appreciation to all those who have contributed to the success of the Conference. The participation of the international speakers enriched the sharing of experiences about injury and violence prevention in the frame of Safe Communities.

44 speakers were part of the Conference that offered specialized lectures related with Disaster Prevention and Risk Management. The opening presentation was presiding by Professor Leif Svanström, leader of Safe Communities Movement in the world. During his talk emphasized that "All human beings have an equal right to health and safety and all of us should struggle to get that, looking for allied to reach this goal. The Mayor Manuel Fuentes has demonstrated that this is a important issue for his administration and it is the reason why Peñaflores has become a leader of the movement in Latin America."

One of the issues that most caught the attendees' attention was the lecture of Alejandro Pino, manager of the IV Regional Association of Security from Chile about "The 33 miners' rescue".

Peñaflores through its communitarian committee for Emergency showed up programs as: Neighbor Care, Home Doctor and Safe Schools Plan.

*Reporter: Karen Galvis, CISALVA, Columbia.*



From left to right Shirikant Bangdiwala, The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, USA; María Isabel Gutiérrez, Chair of Cisolva Institute, Cali- Colombia (Safe Communities certifying centre to Latin America); Mayor of Peñaflores Manuel Fuentes; Professor Leif Svanström, Chair Karolinska Institute; Mirjana Milanov, Chair of the National Center for Prevention of damage and Promotion of Safety at Serbia; Mayor of San Borja, Marco Alvares Vargas and his wife, Professor Joon Pil Cho, Chair of Center for Community Safety Promotion at Ajuu University Medical Center in



## Another honor to Safe Community Movement

Paul Kells of Safe Community Canada has received an Honorary Doctor of Civil Laws degree from Acadia University. Paul is well known in the field of Safe Community. The editor has honor to present Paul's another achievement to you. Below is the excerpts from Acadia university's convocation minutes (relevant parts only):

"During the ceremonies, Acadia will also grant honorary degrees to six individuals who have made outstanding contributions to individuals and to society. They are: Stephen Lewis, Rev. Hugh A. McNally, Dr. Carolyn Watters, Paul Kells, Judith Maxwell, and Lucinda E. Low."

### "Paul Kells, Doctor of Civil Laws

At the same ceremony, injury prevention champion and culture change expert Paul Kells will receive a Doctor of Civil Laws. He is the founder of Safe Communities Canada and Passport to Safety national safety programs to protect workers of all ages. He is a Member of the Order of Ontario and has been decorated with the Meritorious Service Medal (Civilian) by the Governor General of Canada."





## 2011 Travelling Seminar & Conference in Taiwan

During April 9-11, 2011, a Travelling Seminar with the theme of “Safe community programs suiting local conditions” was held in Taiwan. In a 3-day tour, Participants from America, China, Japan, Korea, Thailand and community representatives from different region of Taiwan joined together and visited 4 designated international safe communities: Fengbin (91st), Shoufeng (147th), Jinhwa (215th) and Wenshan (218th). Then, they all attended “2011 Conference on Safe Community Development in Taiwan” held in Taipei on April 12.



### Travelling Seminar, April 9-11

**Day 1:** The journey began with taking the train from Taipei to Hualien County where Fengbin and Shoufeng townships are located. During the 3 hours railing, the participants were able to get acquainted and enjoyed the beautiful east coastline of Taiwan. Then, we took a bus to Farglory Hotel for lunch. After a brief introduction to the safety promotion programs of the two communities, the group were led to Siouguluan River, a famous place for rafting, to see rafts and related equipments that were improved for promoting safety of rafting. The boat company patented several invention items since they joined Fengbin SC program. Shore fishing is another popular water activity in Fengbin, but few anglers would wear a life jacket. The Fengbin SC water safety working group teams up with coast guard to patrol along the coast and persuades the anglers to wear life jacket to ensure their safety.

Next visit site was the well-known Green Tunnel in Shoufeng. The Tunnel was built for stopping trucks go through the community and keeping residents a safe way to home. The Shoufeng SC also plant trees along country roads to narrow the width of the road for reducing motor vehicles' speed and enhancing pedestrians and bicyclists' safety.

**Day 2:** Back to Taipei, the visit focused on safety promotion programs that integrated with leisure and cultural activities in Wenshan district of Taipei City. The Taipei Zoo provides a safe and comfortable environment for tourists, and serves as a transmission media of safety knowledge. The Chih-Nan Temple, the oldest temple in Wenshan District, designed the incense burner in the way that can prevent burn injury. In addition, a traditional amulet with safety message inside is given to the worshiper after praying.

**Day 3:** We took High Speed Rail to Tainan to visit Jinhwa SC. Tight relationship among residents and complete linkage of resources impressed the visitors very much. Children can be good partners in safety education whereas the elderly and disabled can get immediate help when there is a need.

### 2011 Conference on Safe Community Development in Taiwan, April 12

After the 3-day travelling seminar, a conference on SC development and adolescent safety promotion was held in Taipei. Dr. Shu-Ti Chiou, Director of Bureau of Health Promotion, Dept. of Health, welcomed all guests in person and applauded attendants herein for their achievements on safety promotion. More available at: <http://www.safecommunities.org.tw/safecommunity/KMDocs/42214042.swf>

During the conference, Mr. Yan Liu, from China Occupational Safety and Health Association, shared the SC development strategy in China and Mr. Max L. Vosskuhler, Chairman of ISS, WHO CC CSP, provided an effective intervention on banishing bullying. Representatives from Shoufeng ISC, Yen-Ping ISS and Nangang ISC also shared their practical experiences on preventing bullying with the audience.

*Reporter: Jayce Lee, Taiwanese Community Safety Promotion Center*



## 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)

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](mailto:pia.gustavsson@toreboda.se), Gunilla Carlsson: Phone: +46 501 75 50 24, [gunilla.m.carlsson@mariestad.se](mailto:gunilla.m.carlsson@mariestad.se)

## Forthcoming Safety and Injury Conferences

### 2011

#### \*\* 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](http://www.falun.se/safecom2011). Contact: [safecom2011@falun.se](mailto:safecom2011@falun.se)

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

June 16 & 17, 2011, Budapest.

[www.eurosafe.eu.com](http://www.eurosafe.eu.com)

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

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

<http://www.injurypreventionconference.ca>

### 2012

#### 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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