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## Sustained Achievement Award

On 5 February 2011, a celebratory afternoon tea was held to award Pam Albany the inaugural "Sustained Achievement Award". Ian Scott, Ann Williamson and Rebecca Ivers enjoyed a lovely afternoon with Pam and her husband and presented Pam with her award on behalf of the Australian Injury Prevention Network. Further details of the nomination can be found on page 2 and 3.



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## President's Report

Welcome to the first newsletter of 2011. Since the last newsletter we have had an award ceremony for Pam Albany, sent out the first of our electronic bulletins to members to keep you abreast of latest developments, and we have been working hard behind the scenes organising the 2011 AIPN conference.

The conference will be held in Brisbane in November 2011 and it will be an inspiring and action packed meeting. We have a full line up of keynote speakers, local and international, and we look forward to seeing members there.

We are developing a series of position papers including papers on subjects including Aboriginal injury, mobility scooters, cycle helmet legislation and water safety. These will be used as the basis for advocacy going forward so please let me know if you would like to contribute to any of these or if you have suggestions for others.

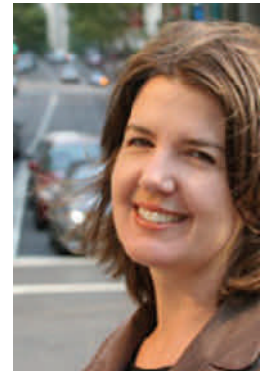
We are always looking for volunteers to draft these papers so if you would like to play a part, please get in touch. Any contribution, big or small, is welcome!

Please feel free to contact me directly with any comments or suggestions about what the AIPN can do for you, the members. If you didn't receive your electronic bulletin you may not be a current member so please check your membership status and also encourage your colleagues to sign up!

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## Pam Albany—saying thanks with stories, memories, photos

Many colleagues will know Pam Albany. It may be through her work on home safety with the WA National Safety Council, establishing and running the Injury Program at WA Health, setting up and running the 1st and 2nd National Injury Conferences in Australia and the 3rd International Conference on Injury Prevention (Melbourne 1996) through the AIHW, running the NSW Injury Prevention Unit and contributing to Commonwealth State injury prevention and the establishment of the National Injury Prevention Council, or as manager of the Motor Accident Authority injury unit.

It may have been in her work assisting/driving the setting up of the WA Injury Control Council (1990), the AIPN (1996), the Australian Safe Communities Foundation and Injury Risk Management Research Centre (UNSW). It may have been through her work with WHO in Mongolia, Laos PDR, Cambodia and Vietnam, on the WHO World Report on Child Injury Prevention as a visiting Fellow at CDC, consulting in Asia, Europe and America.

In any case, Pam's health is finally making her slow down. If you have stories, memories and photos of Pam, her work colleagues are putting these together as acknowledgement and thanks for Pam and Chris and their family. If you have them please contact AIPN or send to [ianscott@virtual.net.au](mailto:ianscott@virtual.net.au) or call +61 400713709.

Ian Scott

## AIPN Award for Sustained Achievement

### SPECIAL AWARD FOR SUSTAINED ACHIEVEMENT: Pam Albany

Pam Albany has been a tireless campaigner for injury prevention over many years. Following 15 years of experience in teaching, Pam worked for the National Safety Council and joined the Western Australian Health Department to work on health promotion and safety. She was the driving force behind work that brought substantial changes to child drowning rates in WA. Following this Pam worked for the National Injury Surveillance Unit (AIHW) in Adelaide - with responsibility for the conduct of an International Injury Prevention Meeting of 1100 delegates. She later took over responsibility for the Injury Prevention and Health Promotion function of the NSW Health Department. In this job Pam established the NSW Falls policy, undertook National Injury Prevention development work, undertook four studies into trauma in Aboriginal communities, supported efforts to reduce the burn rate of children, worked with the Department of Sport and Recreation to prevent drowning at beaches and in swimming pools, worked to reduce poisonings and consumer product trauma, and was responsible for the establishment of the Injury Risk Management Research Centre at the University of NSW. This was achieved while maintaining strong input into national injury prevention initiatives and policy. Pam also undertook World Health Organization consultancies in Mongolia, Laos PDR, Cambodia and Vietnam and was also a consultant for the WHO Child Injury Report.

Over her working career Pam has been a “people person”. This has been evident in her work which has had a strong focus on enabling people to work together for injury prevention and control. She also played a leading role in the establishment of the Australian Injury Prevention Network and actively supported a number of Presidents in their work. She has been instrumental in both advocacy and capacity building for injury prevention in Australia. **In recognition of her services we therefore nominate Pam Albany for an Australian Injury Prevention Network Special Award for Sustained Achievement.**

Rebecca Ivers, President AIPN 2011-  
Ann Williamson, President AIPN 2008-2010  
James Harrison, Ian Scott and Jerry Moller



## AIPN Conference Update

### Injury Prevention Conference 2-4 November 2011

The Australian Injury Prevention Network (AIPN) and the Queensland University of Technology's Centre for Accident Research and Road Safety - Queensland (CARRS-Q) are pleased to invite you to be part of the premier injury prevention conference for Australia and the Asia Pacific, to be held at the Brisbane Convention and Exhibition Centre in Queensland, 2-4 November 2011.

The conference will be a multi-disciplinary event featuring representatives from all facets of injury prevention including research, teaching, practice and policy. Conference topics are expected to cover a variety of issues including falls and ageing; childhood injuries; indigenous injury prevention and safety; road traffic injuries; rural injuries; safe communities; sport-related injuries; suicide and violence; work-related injuries; and water safety.

The conference is expected to attract over 250 delegates including health professionals, researchers, medical practitioners, local, state and commonwealth government officers, workplace health and safety professionals and other interested people.

This conference plays an important role in bridging the gap between research, policy and practice, and both supports and influences the injury prevention profession in this country. The continuity of the conference series over the last 14 years, the links the conferences maintain between researchers, policy makers, and practitioners, and the standards of excellence the conferences achieve, each make these conferences a "must attend" opportunity for anyone interested in the field.

This conference is about Partners in Prevention – acknowledging collaboration, new research and success in injury prevention, but it is also about translating knowledge into practice. The conference presents new opportunities for developing professionals and students and as ever, we continue to discover new ways to reduce the incidence of injury-related harm.

Confirmed keynote speakers include:

- Associate Professor Adnan Hyder, Director, International Injury Research Unit, Johns Hopkins School of Public Health
- Professor Hank Weiss, Director, Injury Prevention Research Unit, University of Otago
- Professor Jean Shope, Director, Center for Injury Prevention among Youth, University of Michigan
- Dr John Orchard, Adjunct Associate Professor, School of Public Health, University of Sydney
- Professor Ross Young, Director, Institute of Health and Biomedical Innovation, Queensland University of Technology

For further information, and to submit an abstract for the conference, visit [www.injuryprevention2011.com](http://www.injuryprevention2011.com)

Clare Murray



### **10th National Conference on Injury Prevention and Safety Promotion**

2-4 November 2011 | Brisbane Convention and Exhibition Centre

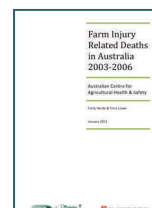


# Injury Prevention Publication News

## New Report

Herde, E. And Lower, T. (2011). Farm Injury Related Deaths in Australia 2003-2006.

[http://www.aghealth.org.au/tinymce\\_fm/uploaded/fs\\_docs/farm\\_injury\\_related\\_deaths\\_australia\\_200306.pdf](http://www.aghealth.org.au/tinymce_fm/uploaded/fs_docs/farm_injury_related_deaths_australia_200306.pdf)



## New ABS Releases

3303.0.55.001—Causes of Death, Australia: Doctor Certified Deaths, Summary Tables, 2009.

<http://www.abs.gov.au/ausstats/abs@.nsf/mf/3303.0.55.001?OpenDocument>

6324.0—Work-Related Injuries, Australia, 2009-10.

<http://www.abs.gov.au/ausstats/abs@.nsf/Latestproducts/6324.0Main%20Features12009-10?opendocument&tabname=summary&prodno=6324.0&issue=2009-10&num=&view=>



## Special journal issue - Accident Analysis and Prevention

Accident Analysis and Prevention announces a call for papers for a special issue addressing On-Road Studies of Road User Behaviour. The purpose of this special issue is to consider the extent to which on-road studies using vehicle instrumentation have been used to advance knowledge across the areas of road safety research.

Deadline for submissions: 30 September 2011.

For further information on this special issue please visit the following website:

<http://journals.elsevier.com/00014575/accident-analysis-and-prevention/1/147-news/114-call-for-papers-special-issue-on-road-measurement-of-road-user-behaviour/>



## Special journal issue - Safety Science

Safety Science announces a call for papers for a special issue addressing Situation Awareness and Safety. The aim of this special issue is to present contemporary research focussed on situation awareness and safety in complex sociotechnical systems.

Deadline for submissions: 30 September 2011.

For further information on this special issue please visit the following website:

[http://www.elsevier.com/locate/S0950-9851\(11\)00000-0](http://www.elsevier.com/locate/S0950-9851(11)00000-0)



## 2010 Mortality Data Workshop—Slide presentations Released

Slide presentations from the 2010 Mortality Data Workshop are now posted on the AMDIG website:

<http://www.nchirt.qut.edu.au/consultancy/amdig/workshops/2010-ImprovingInvestigatingandUsingMortalityData.jsp>

## WHO resolution on child injury prevention

### WHO's Executive Board adopts resolution on child injury prevention

27 January 2011

During its 128th Session, the World Health Organization's Executive Board discussed a draft resolution on child injury prevention. Member States expressed strong support for the resolution, and the inclusion of child injury prevention within the child survival agenda. There were many strong statements of support from members of the Executive Board. Included amongst these were statements from China and the United States, which both made reference to the fact that it will be difficult to achieve Millennium Development Goal 4 to reduce child mortality in some countries without addressing child injury. Seychelles, speaking on behalf of the countries of the WHO African Region, added that investments and efforts made in immunization programmes and other infectious disease programming stand to be undone if children are to die a few short years later from injury. The statements from these three nations are illustrative only; globally the entire discussion was very supportive.

Following a number of proposed amendments - many of which either directly strengthened the resolution or made it more comprehensive - the resolution was adopted by the Executive Board on 24 January 2011. The resolution will now pass to the next session of the World Health Assembly (WHA) in May 2011 with the recommendation that it be adopted by the WHA.

The resolution may be further amended during the WHA, but currently calls for Member States to: prioritize the prevention of child injury and ensure necessary intersectoral coordination mechanisms are established or strengthened; ensure funding mechanisms for public health programmes for child survival or child health cover child injury prevention; and implement as appropriate the recommendations of the WHO/UNICEF World report on child injury prevention, among others. The resolution also requests the Director-General of the World Health Organization to: collaborate with United Nations organizations, international development partners and NGOs to establish a mechanism for communication and coordination of child injury; facilitate the adaptation of child injury prevention interventions from developed to developing settings; and support capacity building, data collection, and emergency care within Member States, among other initiatives.

For further information, please contact Dr David Meddings ([meddingsd@who.int](mailto:meddingsd@who.int)).

#### RELATED LINKS

WHO child injuries and violence

[http://www.who.int/violence\\_injury\\_prevention/child/en/](http://www.who.int/violence_injury_prevention/child/en/)



## Decade of Road Safety

### Decade of Road Safety 2011 - 2020—Global Launch on May 11, 2011

Officially proclaimed by the UN General Assembly in March 2010, the Decade provides a framework to countries and communities to increase action to save lives on the world's roads.

"I call on Member States, international agencies, civil society organizations, businesses and community leaders to ensure that the Decade leads to real improvements. As a step in this direction, governments should release their national plans for the Decade when it is launched globally on **11 May 2011.**"

Mr Ban Ki-moon, UN Secretary-General

[http://www.who.int/roadsafety/decade\\_of\\_action/en/index.html](http://www.who.int/roadsafety/decade_of_action/en/index.html)

Symbol of the Decade



UN Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon (right) receives the road safety tag from HE Fuad Al-Hinai, Permanent Representative of the Sultanate of Oman to the UN



### A new National Road Safety Strategy for Australia—2011 - 2020

In line with the Decade of Road Safety, public comment on the draft Australian National Road Safety Strategy 2011-2020 is open until 18 February 2011.

The draft National Road Safety Strategy 2011-2020 contains a range of initiatives and interventions in four key areas - Safe Roads, Safe Speeds, Safe Vehicles, and Safe People.

The draft strategy outlines broad directions for the future of Australian road safety, proposed initiatives for the first three years and a range of options for further consideration as the strategy progresses. Transport and roads agency Chief Executives invite your feedback on any aspect of the strategy.

**The consultation period has been extended and closes on 18 February 2011.**

Following this consultation period, the draft strategy will be reviewed and finalised for consideration by the Australian Transport Council (ATC). The Council includes all Australian state and territory government Ministers with responsibility for transport.

Details can be found on the website:

[http://www.infrastructure.gov.au/roads/safety/national\\_road\\_safety\\_strategy/index.aspx](http://www.infrastructure.gov.au/roads/safety/national_road_safety_strategy/index.aspx)



## Upcoming Events

### **Young people, risk and resilience: The challenges of alcohol, drugs and violence conference**

7-8 March 2011

Melbourne, Australia

Website: <http://www.aic.gov.au/events/aic%20upcoming%20events/2011/vscn.aspx>

### **IOC World Conference on Prevention of Injury & Illness in Sport**

7-9 April 2011

Monte Carlo, Monaco

Website: <http://www.ioc-preventionconference.org/index.php>

### **World Conference on Drowning Prevention**

10-13 May 2011

Danang, Vietnam

Hosted by the International Life Saving Association

Website: <http://www.worldconferenceondrowningprevention.org/>

### **9th Road Safety Forum International Congress**

30 June 2011

London, UK

Website: <http://www.roadsafetyforum.org/events/annualconference.aspx>

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

6-9 September 2011

Falun Municipality, Darlarna, Sweden

Website: [www.falun.se/safecom2011](http://www.falun.se/safecom2011)

### **Australasian College of Road Safety Conference**

1-2 September 2011

Melbourne, Australia

Website: <http://www.acrs.org.au/activitesandevents/2011conference/>

### **Australasian Road Safety Research, Policing and Education Conference**

6-9 November 2011

Perth, Australia

Website: <http://www.roadsafetyconference2011.com.au/>

### **World Injury and Safety Promotion Conference**

1-5 October 2012

Wellington, New Zealand

Website: <http://www.conference.co.nz/worldsafety2012>



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## JOIN AIPN

The Australian Injury Prevention Network welcomes people from a wide range of backgrounds who have an interest in injury prevention and safety promotion.

The AIPN offers 5 membership types covering most individual and corporate needs.

**To apply for or renew your membership, please go to the website to download a membership form or complete your application online.**

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## CONTRIBUTIONS

Do you have any articles, news, stories or information on injury prevention research, publications or activities?

For inclusion in the May edition of the newsletter, please submit any articles, news or stories to the newsletter editor by **30 April 2011**.

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