

Dear AIPN Members

There is good news and bad news.

The good news is that NSW Health has announced the appointment of Professor Caroline Finch as the new Director of the NSW Injury Risk Management Research Centre at the UNSW. The Centre, a joint partnership between NSW Health, the Roads and Traffic Authority and the Motor Accidents Authority was established to provide excellent risk management advice and research to government agencies and the community. The Centre already has the most advanced collection of risk factor/ incidence data of its kind in Australia, and has commenced the task of linking data sets between

Health's inpatient collection and the RTA's road crash data base. The appointment of Professor Finch is likely to see this capacity further enhanced and a more broadly based profile developed for the Centre.

Professor Finch is widely regarded both nationally and internationally as one of Australia's leading injury epidemiologists. In addition, she has a background in non communicable diseases epidemiology, biostatistics, public health interventions and clinical trials. She has had over 11 years experience in injury research and



this has been disseminated widely through more than 130 authored publications in peer-reviewed journals, book chapters, and government reports.

She is best known for her work in sports injury prevention but she has also undertaken significant work in general injury surveillance, road safety, occupational safety, trauma systems,

monitoring of injury/trauma outcomes and health promotion strategies for injury prevention. Her most recent sports injury research has focussed on methodological advances in sports injury surveillance, evaluations of the effectiveness of sports injury prevention measures and assessing attitudinal and behavioural barriers towards

sports safety. Crucial to the success of her work has been the establishment of strategic, collaborative research partnerships. She is looking forward to translating the methodologies and approaches she has developed in this work to other areas of injury risk management in New South Wales.

The bad news is that Caroline has already indicated that she will be less able to commit to her work on the AIPN Executive. She will be missed.

QISU Safe Communities News

"Safer and More Supportive Communities" is one of the five current priorities of the Queensland Government. A number of Safe Communities have been developing in Queensland and we currently have five active communities at various stages of development and a number of communities preparing to embark on the process.

In the past few years, Queensland Injury Surveillance Unit (QISU) has played a pivotal role in supporting the development of these communities. To this end, an Options Paper has been developed, authored by QISU and supported by Queensland Health and Department of Emergency Services in order to identify the future support and coordination requirements for the emerging Queensland Safe Communities. Through a consultative process, a number of key activities were defined, and the following recommendations were made.

- A Safe Communities network is supported and strengthened to provide better cooperation, collaboration and capacity building, and that this option is implemented and developed by the state government partnering agencies.
- Consideration is given to the establishment of a Safe Community Support Centre for the Safe Communities Program in Queensland
- The Safe Community Support Centre be co-located or amalgamated with an established NGO overseen by an advisory or steering group including representatives of the Safe Communities.

For further information regarding the process, future directions or a copy of the completed paper, please contact;

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Register NOW! Book your travel ASAP!

15-17 September 2004, Mackay, Queensland

7th Australian Injury Prevention Conference

2nd Pacific Rim Safe Communities Conference:

In Warm, sunny, Queensland!!!

For Bookings contact the Conference Secretariat:

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For the booking form, go to the Web page:

www.nisu.flinders.edu.au/aipn/conference2004

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[Http://www.flinders.edu.au/aipn](http://www.flinders.edu.au/aipn)

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Left to Right: Richard Franklin, Chris Costa, Stan Bordeaux, Marilyn Lyford, Dale Hanson, and Rebecca Mitchell. Absent: Aleks Natora, Caroline Finch and Rebecca Dennis.

7th World Conference on Injury Prevention and Safety Promotion

We would like to invite you to Vienna 2004 !

**Where: Vienna, Austria, Europe Austrian Convention Center
When: June 6-9, 2004**

Target participants:

This Conference is intended for professionals and organisations involved in all aspects of the prevention, control and research related to violence, suicide, unintentional injury, safety, and security. These include researchers and practitioners in the domain of safety, experts on regulation and legislation, coroners, politicians, health professionals, physicians, medical examiners, business and industry, product designers, engineers as well as representatives of community, consumer and victim organisations. A special invitation is extended to participants from developing countries.

Conference objectives:

- 1. Strengthen injury prevention as an integral part of national and international public health policies and programmes;**
- 2. Exchange most recent scientific findings and practices in all fields of injury prevention and safety promotion;**
- 3. Increase synergy and foster partnerships between professionals working in all levels of injury prevention and safety promotion;**
- 4. Encourage outcome oriented research and improve the transfer to evidence based practice;**
- 5. Highlight the current international injury prevention milestones and global campaigns, specifically in violence prevention, road safety and child safety;**

6. Facilitate the participation of experts from low-income countries through scholarships.

Conference sessions:

The conference will include plenary sessions on topics of concern to all professions (e.g., the influence of the media on the safety of populations; the role of policies and laws) and state-of-the-art presentations focusing on their respective fields. Additionally, parallel session will be organised around the following conference themes:

- **Violence Prevention**
- **Suicide Prevention**
- **Road Safety**
- **Work Safety and Health**
- **Child and Elder Safety**
- **Safety in the Home and Institutions**
- **Sports, Leisure Time Safety**
- **Product Safety**
- **Trauma Management**
- **Disaster and Terrorism Preparedness, Civil Protection**
- **Safe Communities**

Participants will also have opportunities for direct involvement by giving oral presentations, poster displays, video submissions, satellite meetings and exhibits. A call for abstracts and fees is provided on the website:

www.safety2004.info

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Perth, 2003: the Southern Hemisphere celebrates ISCAIP's first decade

To coincide with ISCAIP's 10th anniversary, Australasian members conducted a roundtable discussion at the 1st Asian/6th National Conference on Injury Prevention and Control in Perth on 17 March 2003. This was to complement the northern hemisphere celebrations being held in Paris in April.

Ian Scott, Jan Shield and Joan Ozanne-Smith presented issues for discussion with the 30+ participants, while Jean Simpson and Sue Wicks acted as rapporteur and recorder respectively. The purpose of the roundtable was to acknowledge the successes of the past decade and longer, to explore the challenges for the next decade - the work still to be done, the emerging issues - and how injury prevention professionals may have to work in the future to continue to make gains.

The discussions indicated that future directions could potentially include:

1. Broadening the focus to better integrate intentional injuries and interpersonal violence into the broader injury prevention agenda
2. Building the skills of implementation to complement those of research
3. Promoting the unique expertise of injury prevention to other sectors, eg justice and welfare, to assist them in grappling with issues such as analysis of data, research and evidence, delivery of interventions, and evaluation
4. Focusing on the broader interests of the child through building a safety culture in homes and schools where safety can best be determined
5. Planning strategically at all levels of public policy to ensure adequate resourcing and recognition for injury prevention
6. Developing workforce and career opportunities by embedding injury prevention training into the curricula of a range of professions
7. Promoting safety as something to be valued, shifting the perspective from harm minimisation/injury prevention to health and safety promotion, and focusing on what can be done rather than what can't.

Reported by Jan Shield, Ph. 03 9603 8280.



But wait, more Perth Conference photos!!!



Associate Professor James Harrison, 2002 Special Award for Sustained Achievement



Dr Dale Hanson, 2002 Award for Meritorious Achievement in Practice



Dr Lesley Day, 2002 Award for Meritorious Achievement in Research



Wendy Watson, awarded the 2003 Student Bursery



Helen Myers, awarded the 2003 Student Bursery

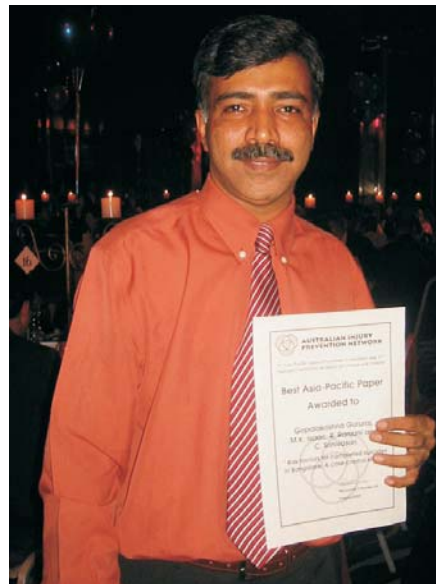


Rebecca Dennis, awarded the 2003

Photos from Dale Hanson



Jenny Blitvich (above), G Kieth McElroy and Brian Blanksby, Best Poster - The role of skill in the prevention of shallow water diving spinal cord injury.



Gapalakrishna Gururaj (above), MK Isaac, R Ranjani and C Srinivasan, Best Asia-Pacific Paper - Risk Factors for completed suicides in Bangalore: a case



Nadine Levick, Best Oral Paper - Ambulance transfer safety and crashworthiness: International advances addressing hazards and risk in the environment.

The Victorian Safe Communities Network held their AGM, Network Meeting and Practitioner Workshop on Wednesday 4 June 2003, at Royal Children's Hospital, Melbourne. A new Executive was elected for the next term.

About the Workshop: Planning Healthy and Safe Community Environments.

The workshop brought together the best of crime prevention through environmental design, SEPA (supportive environments for physical activity), and road safety in land use planning. It was a "one stop shop" integrating the three strands for designing safer and healthier communities of the future.

Papers:

Design to reduce crime and violence and increase community participation

Jan Ryan - Senior Policy Officer at Crime Prevention Victoria, Department of Justice, gave a presentation on Safer Design Guidelines for Victoria, a package developed at the request of local government and through a partnership involving Crime Prevention Victoria, Department of Sustainability and Environment, local government and Victoria Police.

The aim of the package is to provide a consistent set of guidelines that are to be included in Victoria's Planning Framework.

Councils create healthier communities: leading the way

- Nick Matteo, Health & Human Services Strategic Planner, City of Yarra
Since the mid 1980s there has been a growing body of work indicating that the well being of individuals and communities are influenced by the balance of social, physical, economic and cultural factors.

Nick provided the audience with some insights on how Councils acting at a local level can embrace a holistic approach to act as community builders and to create environments for communities to prosper.

Vic Roads presented New guidelines on Design to improve road safety

Every 4 hours someone is injured on a local street by a vehicle. VicRoads has prepared a guide for town planners and traffic engineers to help them design safer urban environments and reduce road trauma in local streets.

Collaborating to get health and safety higher up on the land use planning agenda at local and state level

Bernadette George has worked as a project consultant for the Heart Foundation's Supportive Environments for Physical Activity project for the past six years. Because of the synergies between planning and health, the Heart Foundation puts a priority on planning for walkable communities, active transport, and urban planning that creates environments that support people to be active every day.

The SEPA project aims to increase environmental support and opportunities for people to be physically active in their daily lives. The desired outcome is an environment that encourages all people, from the slowest pedestrian to the learner cyclist, to be out and about in their local communities. The fundamental principle underpinning SEPA is effective collaboration between all levels of government, health and other agencies and the community at large, to assist people to live healthy lives.

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Inaugural Annual Conference

9.00 - 5.00pm Friday 31 October 2003
Darebin Arts and Entertainment Centre,
Preston

"The Victorian Safe Communities Network invites people who are working to make local communities safer, to come together and share your ideas, insights, and the lessons learned over the past year or two. The focus is on effective practice and sustainable programs"

Call for Presentations closes 25 August 2003

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More WHAT'S ON

The 2003 Canadian Injury Prevention and Safety Promotion Conference, is in Ottawa, 23-25 November 2003. It will combine unintentional injury, violence and suicide prevention in a safe communities context.

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Or try

The NSW Injury Risk Management Research Centre at UNSW is running an Introduction to Injury Risk Management Short Course on 21-25 July.

For information on enrolment, venue and cost, please email irmrc@unsw.edu.au or
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DEADLINES FOR NEWSLETTER CONTRIBUTIONS IN 2003.

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