Indigenous Injury Prevention Symposium

Don’t forget registrations are now open for the Australian Injury Prevention Network (AIPN) Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Injury Prevention Symposium, to be held at The George Institute for Global Health, Sydney on Friday 26 July.

This one-day symposium will highlight achievements and innovation in Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander injury prevention, as well as provide an opportunity to discuss future direction in policy, research and action.

The aim of the symposium is to promote and facilitate a better understanding of best practice in Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander injury prevention, and to support partnerships between stakeholder organisations and communities to improve the quality of health and lifestyle in all Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples.

The event will attract a range of delegates including community workers, health professionals, educators, researchers, policy makers and Aboriginal Health Workers.

Abstract submissions close Friday 31 May 2013. For further information please download the abstract submission guidelines.

Registrations are also open and can be processed via the symposium registration form. Registration fees are as follows, and include all symposium materials and catering:

AIPN Member $50
Non Member $75
Student $40

11th Australasian Injury Prevention and Safety Promotion Conference

We are pleased to announce that planning for this year’s AIPN conference is fast progressing and some of the program details are available to announce.

The conference will be held 11 – 13 November in Freemantle, WA and will feature 2.5 days of conference sessions, and a half day of optional workshops on the afternoon of the 13th.

The organising committee are delighted to announce the first of a number of keynote speakers - Karyn McCluskey, Director, Scottish Violence Reduction Unit. With a background in policing throughout England and Scotland, Karyn established the Scottish Violence Reduction Unit (VRU) within Strathclyde Police in January 2005 with the aim of developing a strategy that would bring about sustainable reductions in violence within the region. In April 2006 the Scottish Executive (now Government) extended the VRU’s remit nationwide, thus creating a national centre of expertise on violence prevention. The VRU’s fundamental tenet is that “violence is preventable – not inevitable”.

The conference program will include over 100 plenary and parallel presentations, interactive poster sessions and dedicated networking opportunities including those aimed at students, AIPN members and the WA Regional Networking Group, covering the interests and needs of both researchers and practitioners. A number of prizes will also be awarded including best oral presentation (policy and practice); best oral presentation (research); best poster; best student presentation and people’s choice poster.

A variety of social activities are being arranged including a welcome breakfast on the first morning and a conference dinner to be held on Tuesday 12th November. Both events are included in the full registration costs which start at $750 for AIPN members. Full registration details and updated program information will be available from the conference website over the coming weeks.

The conference is grateful to the support of our confirmed sponsors, the Department for Communities (WA), Australian Safe Communities Foundation and Victorian Safe Communities Network.

We encourage you to visit the conference website for further details, and to register your interest in the conference to ensure that you receive regular updates.

Competition - Name the New AIPN E-newsletter!

To celebrate the relaunching of the AIPN e-bulletin, we are inviting members and supporters to suggest a new name for the publication. Designed to complement Injury Incidence, the quarterly newsletter of the Network, this e-bulletin will be distributed in the months between each newsletter.

So, if you have a fantastic and creative suggestion for the e-newsletter title, we would love to hear from you! As a thank you from the Network, the winning author (or team) will receive a $50 Coles Myer gift voucher and eternal glory via acknowledgment in a future edition of the e-bulletin and newsletter.

Competition closes Friday 21 June 2013! Submit your entries to secretariat@aipn.com.au. Entries will be judged by the AIPN Executive and are open to all Network members.
New Reports and Findings

**Australasian College of Road Safety Conference**

The 2013 Australasian College of Road Safety Conference will be held in Adelaide at the National Wine Centre of Australia on Thursday & Friday, 7–8 November 2013 with a welcome reception on the evening of Wednesday 6 November.

The Conference provides a valuable opportunity for participants to hear about the latest developments in road safety and have discussions with leading researchers, senior policy makers and experienced practitioners. Emphasis is placed on networking, information sharing and the translation of road safety research and policy into practice.

In addition to general papers on various road safety topics, this year’s conference will contain a special stream on what influences the public perception of road safety problems and the issues that need to be discussed if we are to make significant progress in reducing road trauma over the next decade.

For further information, visit the [Conference Website](http://www.qshelter.asn.au/conference2013).

**Queensland Shelter’s conference, Housing in the 21st Century**

Queensland Shelter will host Housing in the 21st Century conference, an opportunity to explore innovation in affordable housing developments and how these will impact on your organisation and community. The conference will examine emerging trends in housing covering four streams: opportunities in affordable housing provision, sustaining tenancies, tenant and service user perspectives, and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander housing. We are on the cusp of major stock transfer and the Queensland Government is considering other significant reforms to housing assistance. Join us for this important conversation about shaping housing assistance in the 21st Century.

Queensland Minister for Housing and Public Works, Tim Mander MP is confirmed to open the conference. Plenary speakers include: Federal Opposition Spokesperson on Housing, Senator Marise Payne; Dr Lucy Burgmann, NSW Federation of Housing Associations; Professor Vivian Milligan AHURI, Dr Alice Clark, Shelter SA with more speakers to be announced!

There are membership discounts available to all Q Shelter members. If you are not a member or would look to renew your membership contact 07 3831 5900 or email kym.lawrence@qshelter.asn.au

**Where:** Brisbane Convention & Exhibition Centre, Merivale St, South Brisbane

**When:** Wednesday, 12 June & Thursday, 13 June 2013


**2013 3M-ACRS Diamond Road Safety Award - Entries Now Open**

Entries are now open for the prestigious 2013 3M-ACRS Diamond Road Safety Award.

The 3M-ACRS Diamond Road Safety award calls for any road safety practitioner from the public or private sectors to submit highly innovative, cost-effective road safety initiatives/programmes which they have recently developed that stand out from standard, everyday practice and deliver significant improvements in road safety for the community.

An individual Team Leader from the winning project will receive a trip to the USA to attend the 44th ATSSA Annual Convention & Traffic Expo in 2014 at San Antonio and to 3M Global Headquarters in Minnesota USA. This individual will also present on their winning entry and international trip at the following ACRS Road Safety Conference in 2014. The winning entry will be announced at the 2013 ACRS Road Safety Conference Dinner on Thursday 7 November 2013, where all eligible members of the winning project will be presented with the 3M-ACRS Diamond Road Safety Award.

For more information, download the [Award Flyer](http://www.qshelter.asn.au/conference2013).

Entries closed 5pm Friday 13 September 2013.

**International Conference on Alcohol, Drugs and Traffic Safety - Program now available**

The International Council on Alcohol, Drugs and Traffic Safety (ICADTS) is pleased to invite you to their 20th international conference, to be hosted by the Queensland University of Technology’s Centre for Accident Research and Road Safety – Queensland (CARRS-Q). The Conference is a global forum at which all those involved in road safety research, policy, education, enforcement and injury prevention, particularly from the fields of drugs and alcohol, can meet with researchers, academics and professionals to discuss and present on the latest work being undertaken in these areas.

T2013 Conference Chair and CARRS-Q Director Professor Barry Watson said “despite illegal blood alcohol concentration limits being in place for over 25 years, and the dangers of drug driving becoming increasingly recognised, impaired driving remains one of the major causes of death and injury on our roads”.

Drink driving has been on the enforcement radar for over 40 years and the dangers of drug driving are well recognised, yet there’s a rising new face on impaired driving - designer drugs.

Many organisations already have alcohol and other drug screening programs that test employees’ urine and oral fluid to evaluate whether they can safely perform at work. Yet new designer drugs are arriving at an unprecedented rate, and are much more difficult to detect, presenting a constant challenge for drug monitoring programs.

A special session entitled "Designer drugs: The new face of drug abuse", being held in conjunction with the T2013 Conference later this year, will profile synthetic cannabinoids as the new face of drug abuse, investigate the epidemiological background on the latest new drugs in Europe, present case studies on driver intoxication, and unveil new ways for screening and confirmation of the presence of these new drugs in drugged drivers.

For more information, visit the [Conference Website](http://www.qshelter.asn.au/conference2013), or download the [Conference Program](http://www.qshelter.asn.au/conference2013).

**New Reports and Findings**

**Obesity and injury in the National Hospital Morbidity Database**

The Australian Institute of Health and Welfare have recently released a new report into obesity and injury, both of which are major health burdens on society. This report studies the feasibility of using the National Hospital Morbidity Database to investigate the relationship between obesity and hospitalised injury in Australia. The database does not currently provide a reliable basis for measuring obesity among admitted patients or for assessing the characteristics of injury cases with obesity. Inclusion of height and weight information in
Preventable bloodstream infections highest at major hospitals

Australia's biggest public hospitals account for a disproportionate share of reported bloodstream infections caused by the potentially deadly bacteria *Staphylococcus aureus* that patients sometimes develop while receiving hospital care.

The latest National Health Performance Authority report shows that of the 1,725 cases of *S. aureus*, or "Golden Staph", bloodstream infections across 352 public hospitals, 82% were at major hospitals. However, these hospitals only accounted for 64% of monitored patient bed days.

The report, *Hospital Performance: Healthcare-associated Staphylococcus aureus bloodstream infections in 2011-12*, also highlights variations in infection rates between similar hospitals and suggests there may be differences in hospital reporting methods and possible under-reporting.

Among major hospitals with more at-risk patients, the rate of healthcare-associated *S. aureus* bloodstream infections was four times higher in some hospitals than others. In the other group of major hospitals, those with fewer at-risk patients, the rate of infection was more than 15 times higher in some hospitals than others.

View the full report for free [here](#).

**Kidsafe Queensland Wins International Safety Media Award**

Kidsafe Queensland won SILVER in the Film category at the 4th International Safety Media Awards honouring powerful injury prevention media campaigns at the WHO Safety 2012 World Conference on October 4th in Wellington, New Zealand.

The purpose of the competition is to recognise excellence in safety and injury prevention messages, and to share evaluation of the effectiveness of the messages. The television commercial was designed to raise awareness of, and strategies to prevent, driveway runovers.

View the final commercial [here](#).

**ANZ Falls Prevention Society Upcoming Seminars**

The Australian and New Zealand Falls Prevention Society will be holding two 1-day workshops in mid-June.

The first workshop, to be held at the Victorian State Library on Thursday 13 June, will focus on the prevention of hospital falls. Researchers from the Centre of Research Excellence in Patient Safety are currently conducting the world’s largest hospital falls prevention project—the 6-PACK trial. In undertaking this project there has been many learnings about the challenges and facilitators to achieving successful falls prevention in the hospital setting. This seminar has been developed to provide clinicians and quality staff with up-to-date information on best practice for minimising falls and related harm in hospitals.

The second workshop, to be held at Monash University’s Alfred Centre on Friday 14 June, will provide participants with the skills and tools they require to effectively identify people at risk of falls and prescribe targeted and effective exercise to reduce this risk and have a positive impact on their bone mineral density.

For more information, or to register, visit the ANZ Falls Prevention Society [website](#).

**AIPN Injury Incidence Newsletter**

Do you have a project or some research you’d like to share? Some new or emerging policy issues that impact on injury and its prevention? Please consider contributing an article to the next Injury Incidence. Articles can be forwarded to: secretariat@aipn.com.au or newsletter@aipn.com.au

**Other Upcoming Events**

**ICSMSS 2013: International Conference on Sport Medicine and Sport Science**
27-28 June 2013
Paris, France
Website: [http://www.waset.org/conferences/2013/paris/icsmss/](http://www.waset.org/conferences/2013/paris/icsmss/)

**20th International Council on Alcohol, Drugs and Traffic Safety Conference**
25-28 August 2013
Brisbane, QLD, Australia
Website: [http://t2013.com/](http://t2013.com/)

**Australasian Road Safety Research, Policing and Education Conference**
28-30 August 2013
Brisbane, QLD, Australia

**14th International Falls & Postural Stability Conference**
9th September 2013
Bristol, United Kingdom
Website: [http://profane.co/event/](http://profane.co/event/)

**Global Summit on Child Injury Prevention**
19-20 September 2013
Columbus, Ohio, USA

**International Lifesaving Federation World Conference on Drowning Prevention**
19-22 October 2013
Potsdam/ Berlin, Germany
Canadian Injury Prevention and Safety Promotion Conference
6-9 November 2013
Montreal, Canada
Website: http://www.injurypreventionconference.ca/

EuroSafe One Day Symposium
The use of injury data for driving health and consumer policies and actions at local, national and EU-level
13 November 2013
Brussels, The Netherlands
Email: secretariat@eurosafe.eu.com

Tenth World Conference on Brain Injury
19-23 March 2014
San Francisco, California, USA
Website: http://www.internationalbrain.org/?q=node/190

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