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***** LETTER FROM THE EDITOR*****

Welcome to the thirty-ninth issue of Safe Community Weekly News, the electronic Safe Community Weekly News is edited by the Norwegian Safety Promotion Centre—a WHO CC Affiliated Safe Community Support Centre on behalf of Safe Communities Network.

WHAT IS NEW AT SAFE COMMUNITIES?

In this issue:

COURSE: Global Burden of Injury, Karolinska Institutet, Stockholm, Sweden

INITIATIVE: Queensland Safe Community Support Centre, Australia

EMPLOYMENT: Postdoctoral Fellow/Research Fellow, University of NSW, Australia

CAMP: 1st African Burns Camp, Johannesburg, South Africa

4th International Course

Global Burden of Injury

A Course at Ph.D. – Level

1 Credit

Stockholm, Sweden

19 - 23 April 2004

Course Leader: Associate Professor Lucie Laflamme

Application Deadline: 31 January 2004

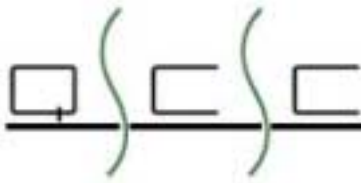
Course information:

<http://www.phs.ki.se/csp/pdf/Global%20Burden%20of%20Injuries%202003.pdf>

Application form:

<http://www.phs.ki.se/csp/pdf/Application%20form%20global%20Burden%20of%20Injury%202004.pdf>

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Initiative:

The Mater hospital has partnered with QISU and Safe Communities to establish the Queensland Safe Communities Centre (QSCSC). The QSCSC will promote a Safe Communities model based upon the WHO Safe Communities model. This is consistent with the vision for the Australian Safe Communities Foundation. The QSCSC is a response to the recommendations requested through the Options paper.

Recommendation 1: 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. (Queensland Health is actively pursuing this with monthly teleconferences.

Recommendation 2: Consideration is given to the establishment of a Safe Community Support Centre for the Safe Communities Program in Queensland.

Recommendation 3: 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.

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Vacancies:

**Postdoctoral Fellow/Research Fellow
NSW INJURY RISK MANAGEMENT RESEARCH CENTRE**

Positions at the Injury Risk Management & Research Centre within the sports injury prevention area at the NSW Injury Risk Management Research Centre. These positions are currently advertised on the UNSW website. Full details of how to apply will be able to be found at <http://www.hr.unsw.edu.au/employment.htm>

The NSW Injury Risk Management Research Centre (IRMRC) is an independent research centre of the University of NSW. The Centre is a collaborative initiative of NSW Health, the Roads and Traffic Authority, the Motor Accident Authority and the University of NSW. Applications are invited for appointment as Postdoctoral Fellow/Research Fellow (depending on qualifications and experience). The successful applicant will help to develop a program of research into sports injury prevention/epidemiology and prevention of other musculoskeletal injuries, such as falls in the elderly. The applicant will also contribute to the broader academic research activities of the Centre.

Essential criteria: a PhD or equivalent qualification and proof of exceptional research capacity in an area relevant to sports injury prevention and epidemiology. Appointment as a Research Fellow will also require a substantial body of published research, and a proven capacity for self-directed research. Excellent data analysis and communication skills. Understanding of equity and diversity principles.

Desirable criteria: refereed publications, history of successful grant applications and experience closely related to sports injury prevention, sports medicine or sports science. Understanding of community level sport.

This is a fixed term position for up to three years, with a possibility of further extension subject to further funding. For further information contact Professor Caroline Finch on (02) 9385 5361 or c.finch@unsw.edu.au

Applications close 5th December 2003.

1st African Burns Camp, Johannesburg, South Africa

September 29th to Oct 4th, 2003



Prepared by the World Burn Foundation for the Burns Camp Coalition by Bernhard Heitz and Stephen Williams

The World Burn Foundation (WBF) became involved in this camp after being contacted by Rodney Eksteen, a paramedic from Johannesburg. Our purpose was to assist with the initial funding and share knowledge of camp programs from our past experiences in other countries. World Burn Foundation personnel who attended the camp were Bernhard Heitz, CEO and President, Stephen Williams, CFO, Denise Hurley, Director Australia, and Tina Romanowski, Director Germany. This report contains input from all parties.



As this was the first camp a coalition was formed between several groups and individuals to make the best effort in ensuring this would be a success and a great experience for all attendees. The coalition was comprised of Eco-Access, Medics Against Paediatric Injuries (MAGPI), Children of Fire, and The World Burn Foundation. Different, and well coordinated, responsibilities were given to each group. Eco-Access had the experience of running camps for the disabled and dealt with the administrative issues surrounding the camp and were represented on site by Colin Lee. Children of Fire organised the children who attended and volunteers from the Umashesha and were represented by Bronwen Jones. MAGPI were responsible for coordinating the effort and raising funds under the guidance of Rodney Eksteen. The WBF were in attendance to share knowledge, assist where possible, and help in funding the camp.

The camp was attended by 13 children from various areas of South Africa, such as Cape Town, Newcastle, and Johannesburg, who had suffered a serious burn trauma, four "Mainstream" children aged 14 to 18 years, and nine volunteers, the "Umashesha", from the Alexandra Township. Total Body Surface Area (TBSA) damaged varied with the children but in all cases was significant. Two were in wheelchairs and five had amputations at some level.

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