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Indigenous Injury Prevention Symposium

Don't forget registrations are open for this week's 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.

Registrations 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

The Australian Injury Prevention Network (AIPN), Kidsafe WA and the Injury Control Council of WA are pleased to invite you to be part of the 11th Australasian Conference on Injury Prevention and Safety Promotion to be held at the Esplanade Hotel, Fremantle, Western Australia, 11 - 13 November 2013.

The Conference will be a multi-disciplinary event featuring representatives from all facets of injury prevention including research, teaching, practice and policy. Themes will be varied and cover topics such as road and transport safety, falls and ageing, child safety, water safety (including drowning), workplace/OH&S, Aboriginal and TSI, sport and recreation, rural and remote injury prevention and more.

Over 100 oral and poster presentations will be included in the final program, as well as a number of invited keynote speaker addresses including:

- Karyn McCluskey, Director, Scottish Violence Reduction Unit;
- Professor Fiona Wood AM, Director of Burn Service of Western Australia, Burn Injury Research Unit, University of Western Australia, and
- Professor Colleen Hayward AM, Pro-Vice Chancellor (Equity and Indigenous), Kurongkurl Kaitlin, Edith Cowan University's Centre for Indigenous Australian Education and Research;
- Emeritus Professor John Pearn AO, RFD, School of Medicine, University of Queensland.

The Conference is expected to attract over 200 delegates from around Australia and the Asia Pacific, including health professionals, researchers, local, state and Australian government officers, professionals and practitioners. Delegates will have the opportunity to share knowledge, form or extend networks and explore local attractions.

Click [here](#) to view the draft conference program.

Registrations are now open, with early-bird rates open until 28 September. We encourage you to register early by visiting the online registration page [here](#).

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](#).

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](#).

Entries closed 5pm Friday 13 September 2013.

International Conference on Alcohol, Drugs and Traffic Safety - Day registrations 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](#), or download the [Conference Program](#).

New Reports and Findings

First draft of outcome document from High-level Meeting on Disability and Development released ahead of negotiations – WHO

As discussions regarding the post-2015 Development Agenda gain momentum, the international community has a critical opportunity to ensure the inclusion of disability in the emerging global sustainable development agenda. On 23 September the United Nations General Assembly will convene a High-level Meeting on Disability and Development at the level of Heads of State and Government, with the overarching theme "The way forward: a disability inclusive development agenda towards 2015 and beyond."

The High-level Meeting will result in an action-oriented outcome document in support of the aims of the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (CRPD) and the realization of the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs). The first draft of the outcome document is based on the input gathered through months of extensive consultations: regional, targeted and web-based.

For more information visit the [United Nations](#) website.

WHO report highlights violence against women as a 'global health problem of epidemic proportions'

Physical or sexual violence is a public health problem that affects more than one third of all women globally, according to a new report released by WHO in partnership with the London School of Hygiene & Tropical Medicine and the South African Medical Research Council.

The report, *Global and regional estimates of violence against women: Prevalence and health effects of intimate partner violence and non-partner sexual violence*, represents the first systematic study of global data on the prevalence of violence against women - both by partners and non-partners. Some 35% of all women will experience either intimate partner or non-partner violence. The study finds that intimate partner violence is the most common type of violence against women, affecting 30% of women worldwide.

The study highlights the need for all sectors to engage in eliminating tolerance for violence against women and better support for women who experience it. New WHO guidelines, launched with the report, aim to help countries improve their health sector's capacity to respond to violence against women.

Click [here](#) for more information or to download the full report.

ACCC warns of dangerous quad bike practices

The Australian Competition and Consumer Commission is urging quad bike users to ride safely after new research found unsafe riding practices are common. The consumer research of 125 recreational quad bike users was conducted in early March 2013 and commissioned by the ACCC.

"Injuries and deaths relating to quad bike use have significantly increased over the last few years. In 2012, there were 18 reported quad bike-related deaths," ACCC Deputy Chair Delia Rickard said.

“Close to 30 per cent of these deaths were of children under 15 years of age, which is frightening considering that children should never be on a quad bike designed for adults.”

The research found that almost a quarter of users surveyed rode with someone accompanying them on the same bike. As most quad bikes are made for one person only, this practice can severely compromise user and passenger safety.

Visit the ACCC [website](#) to download a copy of the full report.

Planning the Future of Injury Prevention in Australia

An opportunity is available for those with knowledge, experience and passion about the future of Injury Prevention in Australia to participate in the first in a series of workshops to be held across Australia. Be part of the early action!

When: Friday 13 September 2013, from 10am – 4pm

Where: Monash Injury Research Institute, Collins St, Melbourne

Cost: \$30 to cover venue, morning and afternoon tea and lunch. If your ability to attend is affected by this cost, please contact the organisers.

Purpose:

- review current national injury plan, which expires in 2014
- highlight achievements
- discuss mechanisms to raise the profile commensurate with the size of the public health issue
- discuss inclusions and processes for the development of new national Injury Prevention Plan(s)

How to register for the Injury Prevention Special Interest Group (IPSIG) workshop:

You are also able to register for and attend this meeting as a stand-alone event but will need to do so from the PHAA Annual Conference website. Please go to the PHAA website at the following link: http://www.phaa.net.au/42nd_Annual_Conference.php

Fill out your personal information and then click 'continue'. Do not complete any of the conference registration pages - just click on 'continue' until you are on the SIG workshop registration page. This workshop is called the Injury Prevention SIG workshop.

If you have any questions regarding the registration process, please contact the PHAA Secretariat on (02) 6285 2373.

For suggestions on inclusions for this discussion or other enquiries, please contact [Patsy Bourke](#) or [Richard Franklin](#) Co-Convenors of the PHAA IPSIG.

New Journal welcoming submissions

A new journal in the field of transport health has been announced, to be edited by Dr Jennifer Mindell.

The Journal of Transport and Health is devoted to research on the many interactions between transport and health; for example,

- the various impacts of transport on health and inequalities
- road danger and its reduction
- factors affecting transport choices
- synergies between sustainability and health impacts of transport
- economic and health impact assessments
- policies that promote or discourage healthy and sustainable transport modes, transport systems and communities.

Journal of Transport & Health is affiliated with the [Transport and Health Study Group](#) (THSG) further information can be found on the Journal's [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

20th International Council on Alcohol, Drugs and Traffic Safety Conference

25-28 August 2013
Brisbane, QLD, Australia
Website: <http://t2013.com/>

Australasian Road Safety Research, Policing and Education Conference

28-30 August 2013
Brisbane, QLD, Australia
Website: <http://www.rsrpe2013.com.au/>

14th International Falls & Postural Stability Conference

9th September 2013
Bristol, United Kingdom
Website: <http://profane.co/event/>

Global Summit on Child Injury Prevention

19-20 September 2013
Columbus, Ohio, USA
Website: <http://www.nationwidechildrens.org/2013-global-child-injury-summit>

International Lifesaving Federation World Conference on Drowning Prevention

International Lifesaving Federation World Conference on Drowning Prevention
19-22 October 2013
Potsdam/ Berlin, Germany
Website: <http://www.ilsf.org/events/2013-ils-world-conference-drowning-prevention>

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@eurosafeu.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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