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Australian Injury Prevention Network E-Bulletin September 2013

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;
- Holly Hedegaard, National Centre for Health Statistics;
- 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](#).

Planning the Future of Injury Prevention in Australia

The AIPN, together with the Injury Prevention Special Interest Group of the Public Health Association (PHAA-IPSIG), is pleased to co-host the first in a series of workshops on reviewing the current injury prevention plan, which expires in 2014.

The first workshop will be held in Melbourne on Friday 13 September 2013, whilst the next workshop will be held at the AIPN conference in November, in Fremantle. Future workshops are planned for Adelaide, Brisbane and Sydney. If you have knowledge, experience and a passion about the future of Injury Prevention in Australia, the AIPN welcomes you to be part of the early action. This is our chance to have a say, and to make a difference in the next national plan.

It is our collective responsibility to describe a way forward for injury prevention in Australia, so the AIPN Executive Committee strongly encourages you to participate in at least one of these workshops.

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)

Program:

The program is now available to [download](#).

How to register:

You are 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.

AIPN Indigenous Symposium a Great Success

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Around 50 people gathered together in Sydney on Friday 26 July for the first AIPN Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Injury Symposium, hosted by the George Institute.

Organised by the AIPN Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Injury Sub-committee, the session was aimed at bringing together researchers, practitioners, policy makers and community members to open dialogue about working together effectively. Presentations covered a range of different topics – from the inspiring Shane Phillips from Tribal Warrior talking about community engagement to Professor James Harrison launching the

AIHW report "Injury of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people due to transport: 2005-06 to 2009-10". We were also thrilled that Sheila Kavanagh was able to travel to Sydney to present on the South Australian Aboriginal Burns Program, and great to have the Australian Indigenous HealthInFonet present too (<http://www.healthinfonet.ecu.edu.au/>).

There is clearly an interest in the area and we are looking at holding this on a bi-annual basis, potentially over two days to allow greater discussion and debate.

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Injury Sub-committee members are Erica Davison, Francine Eades, Bruce Loo, Kathleen Clapham, Marilyn Lyford and Rebecca Ivers.

Photo: Marilyn Lyford, Anomie, James Harrison and Kate Hunter

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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 close 5pm Friday 13 September 2013.

New Reports and Findings

WHO begins online consultation on the disability action plan

As part of the process of developing an action plan to ensure better health for people with disabilities, WHO has launched an online consultation process until 11 October 2013. The draft action plan is available on WHO's website in Chinese, English, French, German, Spanish and Russian with Arabic coming soon. The draft action plan will also be available in international sign language.

The online consultation is open to everyone interested in improving health outcomes for people with disabilities. People with disabilities, disabled peoples' organizations (DPOs) and civil society organizations (CSOs) are particularly encouraged to submit their views on the draft plan, as are international development agencies and professional organizations and service providers involved in the delivery of rehabilitation services.

For more information view the [Online consultation](#) and [Draft action plan](#).

WHO launches manual aimed at strengthening road safety legislation in support of the Decade of Action for Road Safety 2011-2020

Comprehensive road safety legislation-which incorporates evidence-based measures and strict and appropriate penalties, backed by consistent, sustained enforcement and public education-has been proven to reduce road traffic injuries and fatalities. Released today by WHO, Strengthening road safety legislation: a practice resource manual for countries describes methods and provides resources that practitioners and decision-makers can use for enacting new laws or amending existing ones as part of a comprehensive road safety strategy.

The Global status report on road safety 2013: Supporting a decade of action revealed that legislation on five known KEY risk factors for road traffic injuries (speeding, drink-driving, and the non-use of motorcycle helmets, seat-belts and child restraints) is incomplete in the majority of countries and

that current laws are often inadequately enforced, particularly in low- and middle-income countries. The report revealed that only 28 countries (covering just 7% of the world's population) have comprehensive laws on these five risk factors.

More work needs to be done to improve road safety legislation globally, and meet the target of the Decade of Action for Road Safety 2011-2020 which aims to raise from 15% to 50% the number of countries worldwide that have comprehensive legislation on five key risk factors. This manual recommends a stepwise approach to assessing and improving legislation relating to these risk factors, as well as post-crash care.

The manual, which was funded by Bloomberg Philanthropies as part of the Global Road Safety Programme, can be downloaded [here](#).

International Product Safety Conference comes to Australia

The AIPN is delighted to announce that this year Australia is hosting the [International Consumer Product Health and Safety Conference](#) on the Gold Coast, 9 - 10 October 2013.

The conference is being hosted jointly by the Australian Competition and Consumer Commission (ACCC) and the International Consumer Health and Safety Organisation (ICPHSO). The ACCC is the Australian Government regulator for general product safety issues: its product safety responsibilities include recommending the imposition of consumer product standards and bans, ensuring compliance with them, taking enforcement action and receiving notifications of recalls and injuries / deaths associated with consumer products.

ICPHSO is a non-profit, volunteer driven organisation dedicated to providing forums for the exchange of ideas and information on health and safety issues related to consumer products that are manufactured and marketed in the global marketplace. Its unique, non-partisan approach to health and safety dialogues draws participation from government agencies, manufacturers, industry and trade association, academia, standards developers, consumer advocates, retailers, testing organisations, and interested individuals.

This is the first such conference to take place in this region and the organising committee are looking forward to an exciting program of events. A full draft agenda is now available on the ICPHSO web site (<http://www.icphso.org/conference/58/files/ICPHSO-Intl-AustraliaAgenda.pdf>).

[Registration](#) is now open with full conference registrations starting at \$400.

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Road Safety Community Engagement Workshop - Program now available

Do you work in the area of community road safety? Are you interested in making your local roads and community safer? If so – save the date of Tuesday 22 October 2013 to attend the [Queensland Road Safety Awards Community Engagement Workshop](#).

Presented by the Centre for Accident Research and Road Safety – Queensland (CARRS-Q) this event will be held at CQU Rockhampton and will be offered free of charge to all delegates. Lunch, morning and afternoon teas will be provided as well as all seminar materials and take home resources.

The provisional workshop program is now available, and features a range of speakers from across community, government, industry and research which will provide some great examples of current road safety projects as well as information on funding and grant opportunities as well as sessions on working with the media and developing effective surveys. You can download a copy of the program from http://www.carrsq.qut.edu.au/grsa/documents/QRSA_2013_Program.pdf.

In order to allow as many people as possible to attend this event, Travel Assistance Grants will be available to attendees living more than 200km from Rockhampton. These grants, funded by the Motor Accident Insurance Commission, will be allocated by an application and selection process and can be submitted at http://www.carrsq.qut.edu.au/grsa/travel_grants.jsp. Applications have been extended and now close Monday 16 September 2013.

Registrations are now open and can be processed at <http://www.carrsq.qut.edu.au/grsa/registration.jsp> and we are encouraging as many people from around Australia to attend.

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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@ajpn.com.au or newsletter@ajpn.com.au

Other Upcoming Events

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
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@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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