



International Society for Child and  
Adolescent Injury Prevention

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**Welcome** to the introductory newsletter for ISCAIP. It is our hope that this newsletter will evolve as time goes on. It would be wonderful if all members would contribute to it, and make it a lively, regular feature.

On Sunday, December 26<sup>th</sup> 2004 , a wave the likes of which fishermen had never seen hit the coasts of several countries in the South Asia region. It was the greatest natural disaster in recent years and became a global tragedy as many of the countries affected were tourist centres with several visitors from other parts of the world. It has taken 3 months for those affected to slowly return to their lives and raised issues like 'disaster management' in the minds of many. It seems an appropriate time for organizations with an interest in injury prevention and control – such as ISCAIP - to be more involved in being a resource for those in need.

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***ISCAIP: A Reminder for all!***

The **International Society for Child and Adolescent Injury Prevention (ISCAIP)** is an association created a decade ago by motivated professionals to address the issue of injuries in children. ISCAIP has a dedicated membership interested in addressing childhood injuries through research, policy development, and implementation of programs. With over 10 years of experience, ISCAIP intends to promote evidence based actions for the reduction of childhood injuries around the world.

**ISCAIP BOARD:**

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**Injury Prevention Editor:**

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A Board, comprising the President, Secretary, and members from the various regions, governs ISCAIP. The editor of the journal *Injury Prevention* is an ex-officio member of the Executive Board. In addition, multiple committees allow for the

active involvement of committed members

With this background, ISCAIP's **goal** is to promote a reduction in the global burden of injuries to children and adolescents through international collaboration. The **specific objectives** of ISCAIP are to:

- Provide a multidisciplinary forum for global dialogue
- Assist in providing advocacy at national and international levels
- Foster national and international injury prevention initiatives
- Stimulate the translation of research findings into programs and policies
- Facilitate collaborative and interdisciplinary international research

Membership in ISCAIP provides access to:

- An informative website ([www.iscaip.net](http://www.iscaip.net))
- Database of international child and adolescent injury prevention experts
- Access to international child and adolescent safety community
- An internet discussion group that promotes dialogue around pressing issues regarding injury (ISCAIP/yahoo groups)
- Buddy system: Experienced injury prevention professionals linked with those new to the field
- Regional and international meetings with reduced registration for ISCAIP-organized events
- Notifications of grants and funding opportunities
- Discount for on-line or print subscription to the journal "*Injury Prevention*".

Membership in the Society is open to any person with an interest or involvement in the prevention or treatment of injuries to children and adolescents. Injury prevention is a multidisciplinary endeavor and the ISCAIP membership reflects a broad range of interests and expertise. Members include health practitioners, pediatricians, researchers, educators, engineers, architects, legislators, public safety professionals, media, students and representatives from the private sector or government institutions. The Society is equally interested in having participation from both the developed and the developing world.

For membership information please visit the website [www.iscaip.net](http://www.iscaip.net) or contact Parvathy Menon, [menonp@email.chop.edu](mailto:menonp@email.chop.edu)

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**To join the ISCAIP list serve** on Yahoo Groups first go to the following website <http://health.groups.yahoo.com/group/ISCAIP/> and click on the "Join this Group" icon. If you have a Yahoo ID and password "Sign In", if you do not then you can "Sign Up" for a new Yahoo ID. Once you have logged on using your Yahoo ID you will be asked to complete a form to request membership to the ISCAIP list serve. Once you have submitted this form, the ISCAIP moderator will approve the request and you will have access to ISCAIP on Yahoo Groups. Please note, the moderator will only approve membership requests to the list

serve if the person requesting membership is already a member of ISCAIP.

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### ***ISCAIP and Communications!***

ISCAIP is in the process of putting together an effort to improve communications. The following members have volunteered their time: ***Rebecca Ivers from Australia, Alison Macpherson from Canada, Ian Scott an Australian currently in Europe. Mike Hayes from the UK is assisting the group and Anu Bose from India is the liaison with the Board.*** Some of their suggestions:

(1) making sure that news/coming events were posted to the list serve; (2) starting a register of trials/studies relevant to child injury and placing these on the web site (with news in this area also going to the list serve); (3) providing information about funding agencies with information on new projects funded on the list serve; (4) a section on the web site of basic start up tools for injury prevention work; and (5) a collecting documents useful in planning child injury prevention.

As always the strongest contribution ISCAIP members can make to information exchange is to make use of the ISCAIP list server to post information, ideas and to start discussion. Please send these to Ian : [scotti@who.int](mailto:scotti@who.int)

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### **CALENDAR of EVENTS**

#### **Best Practice Risk Assessment in Consumer Safety**

21 – 22 April 2005. The conference, being held in Edinburgh, Scotland, will provide an overview of risk assessment procedures applied in settings that have much in common with consumer safety. The ultimate objective of the conference is to promote best practices for risk assessment based on shared procedures for risk assessment within the EU, including the new members as well as future members, and based also on information sharing with other major trade regions in the world. More information: <http://www.ecosa.org/csi/ecosa2003.nsf/news>.

#### **2005 (US) National Injury Prevention and Control Conference**

9 – 11 May 2005. The theme of this conference to be held in Denver, Colorado, is "Injury and Violence in America: Meeting Challenges, Sharing Solutions. Further details: <http://www.cdc.gov/ncipc/2005conference>.

#### **Canadian Multidisciplinary Road Safety Conference**

5 – 8 June 2005, Fredericton, New Brunswick. Further information: <http://www.carsp.ca/cmrrsc.htm>.

#### **19th International Technical Conference on the Enhanced Safety of Vehicles Conference (ESV)**

6 – 9 June 2005. Washington D.C.. Visit [www-esv2005.nhtsa.dot.gov](http://www-esv2005.nhtsa.dot.gov).

### **14th International Safe Communities Conference**

13 – 15 June 2005, Bergen Norway. Further information: [www.safebergen.com](http://www.safebergen.com).

### **1st World Congress on Sports Injury Prevention**

23 – 25 June 2005, Oslo, Norway. The 1st World Congress on Sports Injury Prevention will provide an overview of how injuries in sports can be effectively prevented. The Second Announcement and programme are now available at the conference website [www.ostrc.no/congress2005](http://www.ostrc.no/congress2005).

### **13th International Conference on Road Safety - Road Safety on Four Continents**

5 – 7 October 2005, Warsaw, Poland. The conference, which is organized by the National Swedish Road and Transport Research Institute (VTI), with active involvement of GRSP (Global Road Safety Partnership), FERSI (Forum of European Road Safety Research Institutes), TRB (Transportation Research Board), CSIR of South Africa and ECTRI (European Conferences of Transport Research Institute), will address the transfer of road safety knowledge and implementation, consider whether first world answers fit third world problems; and exchange evaluated good practices. The deadline for paper submissions is 15 April 2005. For more information: <http://www.vti.se/RS4C>.

### **3rd Asian Regional Conference on Safe Communities**

19-22 October 2005, Taipei, Taiwan. Further information: [www.safe2005.com.tw](http://www.safe2005.com.tw)

### **3rd New Zealand Injury Prevention Conference**

2 - 4 November 2005, Wellington, New Zealand. "Living and playing safely in Aotearoa New Zealand" is the theme of this meeting. Visit [www.ipn.org.nz](http://www.ipn.org.nz) for more information.

### **3rd (Canadian) National Conference on Injury Prevention and Control**

6 – 8 November 2005, Halifax, Nova Scotia, Canada. The theme is "Evidence to Action '05: Injury, Violence and Suicide Prevention". For further information and to submit an abstract (closing date 30 April 2005) visit [www.injurypreventionconference.ca](http://www.injurypreventionconference.ca).

### **8th World Conference on Injury Prevention and Safety Promotion**

2 - 5 April 2006, Durban, South Africa. (Note change of dates and venue). Further information and key dates: [www.safety2006.info](http://www.safety2006.info).

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