



ROAD RESEARCH

Newsletter of the RTIRN¹

A network for the reduction of the global burden of road traffic injuries, particularly in low and middle income countries, through the promotion, conduct and utilization of research

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MESSAGE FROM THE SECRETARY

Dear Colleagues!

What a pleasure to note that by the time you read this newsletter, we will be in the midst of celebrating the World Health day 2004. "Road safety is no accident" is indeed a great motto promoted by our WHO colleagues and we all should be actively disseminated in our countries. Please let us know of the activities and events you have conducted or are planning to hold in connection with World Health Day in your country. Also, please send us your brochures, leaflets, papers and other materials so that we can help you disseminate them to colleagues around the world. We look forward to a great movement in all countries to highlight the toll of road traffic injuries and attract appropriate investment.

Best wishes,

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PARTNER PROFILE



Dr. Wilson Odera is an Associate Professor and Dean, School of Public Health, Moi University, Kenya. He obtained his medical degree from the Minsk Medical Institute and followed this with an MSc in Community Health from the London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine and a PhD in Epidemiology and Policy from the same institution. He served as the District Medical Officer, Ministry of Health, Kenya from 1979-1990.

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Still actively involved in the academic field, he teaches both undergraduate medical and postgraduate MPH students.

Dr. Odero has worked extensively in collaboration with organizations such as WHO and DFID on various traffic injury research and training programs. As a consultant to the WHO's Department of Violence and Injury Prevention he worked on various injury prevention and control projects including working on the preparation of the World Report on Traffic Injuries. Dr. Wilson Odero currently serves as the Secretary General of the Injury Prevention Initiative for Africa. He can be contacted by email at: iphmu@africaonline.co.ke

WORLD NEWS

..... *Road Safety Workshop, Ilorin, Nigeria*

A workshop on road traffic injuries and prevention is being organized the Trauma Unit of Ilorin Teaching Hospital, and the WHO Country Office to commemorate the launch of WHO's World Report on Road Traffic Injuries Prevention (WRR TIP) on World Health Day. The workshop will commence on the 7th till the 9th of April 2004. There will be four sessions with topics including the magnitude of the problem in Nigeria, specific injuries sustained, problems encountered and interventions; practical demonstration of pre-hospital care by critical rescue and prevention strategies. Participants expected include legislators at state and federal levels with stakes on road traffic injuries, administrators at local, state and federal levels concerned with road traffic injuries, corporate organizations and safety departments, road engineers, doctors and nurses interested in emergency care, car industries and insurance organizations. For further information, contact

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

..... *Conference*

The International Society for Child and Adolescent Injury Prevention (ISCAIP) will be hosting the 6th ISCAIP conference on childhood injury and global death on Saturday, 5th of June 2004 between 8.30 and 18.00. The conference will precede the world conference on injury prevention and safety promotion. It will take place at the Austrian Convention Center, Hall L, Vienna, Austria.

The sessions will discuss childhood injuries in the developing world, with a focus on the burden of disease, poverty and inequity issues as well as early intervention efforts. Childhood injuries in

European continent will also be addressed and this session will be co-hosted with the European Child Safety Alliance.

There will be a business meeting exclusively for ISCAIP members only following the sessions. It is advised that reservations be made by the 7th of May 2004 for participation. Further information contact: bettinajones@blueyonder.co.uk .

..... *Business Meeting*

The Injury Prevention Initiative For Africa (IPIFA) will hold a working meeting on Monday, the 7th of June 2004 at the Austria Center, Vienna, during the Safety 2004 conference. For more information please contact: Ronald Lett via email at: lettcnis@yahoo.com or Wilson Odero at iphmu@africaonline.co.ke

..... *Conference Program now available*

The preliminary program and call for registration of the 7th World Conference on Injury Prevention and Safety Promotion is now available. It contains updated program structure, speakers, list of committee members and information on satellite meetings. It can be obtained online at: http://www.safety2004.info/pdf/safety2004_pre_programme.pdf.

..... *RTIRN Business meeting*

The RTIRN will be holding a satellite conference during the 7th World Conference on Injury Prevention and Safety Promotion, titled: Interventions for Road Traffic Injuries in Low Income Countries on Wednesday, June 9 2004, from 15:30 pm - 18:30 pm.

Conference objectives include:

- Disseminate results of pilot studies on intervention testing
- Discuss the technical considerations for intervention testing in low income settings
- Inform priorities for research on interventions in low income countries

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PUBLICATIONS

Ghaffar Abdul, Hyder AA. Tayyeb Masud. The Burden of Road Traffic Injuries in Developing Countries: The 1st National Injury Survey of Pakistan. *Public Health (2004)118, 211-217*

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