

1st European Conference on
Injury Prevention and Safety Promotion
25 - 27 June 2006, Vienna, Austria

CALL FOR REGISTRATION AND ABSTRACTS



CHALLENGES AND SOLUTIONS FOR A SAFER EUROPE



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THE SAFETY CHALLENGE

Over the last few decades the issue of safety has gained significant importance in both the eyes of European citizens and in the agendas of Europe's politicians. To date these concerns have focused largely on collective violence and terror, while a greater threat to the welfare and safety of Europe's citizens is at large in the form of accidents and interpersonal violence in the community. The risk of death and severe injury is particularly high in such diverse settings as home and leisure, road traffic, workplaces and community violence.

Injuries are actually the leading cause of death in children, adolescents and young adults and a major cause of death at old age. National estimates indicate that up to one-tenth of disability retirements and an equivalent of sick leave days are caused by injuries.

Beyond the great personal sufferings and the huge financial burden to health care and the welfare systems, injuries often affect the whole family, emotionally, structurally and financially. In addition, the burden of injury is unequally distributed across the region. Also within countries there are marked differences with economically and socially vulnerable groups being at greater risk.

RESPONDING TO THE CHALLENGE

Based on the above knowledge, injury prevention and safety promotion have been identified by both the European Union (EU) and the World Health Organization (WHO) as a major priority in the decades to come.

In line with these developments, the 1st European Conference on Injury Prevention and Safety Promotion is being organised in response to the European Commission's initiative to have a Communication and Council Recommendation on this issue being adopted in 2006, see <http://www.eurosafe.eu.com/csi/eurosafe.nsf/news>.

The conference will also contribute to the follow up of the Resolution (EUR/RC55/R9) on 'Prevention of injuries in the WHO Euro region', adopted by the European Ministers of Health in the Regional Committee meeting of the World Health Organization's Regional Office for Europe. Both the draft EC-Recommendation and the WHO Resolution call on Member States, and in particular their Ministries of Health, to ensure proper national plans and infrastructure for injury prevention are established.

SOLUTIONS THAT WORK

We can be more effective in reducing the huge toll of accidents and injuries to society because:

- there is ample evidence of proven effectiveness in prevention measures that are still not yet widely applied throughout the European region: injuries can be prevented;
- most of these measures have also been proven to be cost effective, and the benefits of preventing injuries often outsize the cost of safety measures to 10 times; and
- because even in countries with a good track record with respect to safety, there remain ample opportunities for further improvements and health gains to be achieved, as too often injury risks are unevenly distributed and affect, in particular, poorer communities.

To be able to apply the solutions that work, we need to pull our forces together to champion the cause of safety promotion and injury prevention and create sustainable collaborations among the various European safety sectors and stakeholders. This is essential because nowadays decisions on safety policies and safety measures are being taken more and more within the European context.

CONFERENCE OBJECTIVES

The main objectives of the conference are to:

- make the injury issue visible on the public health and consumer protection agenda, and in related policy domains in Europe;
- to profile the impact of injuries on society and the huge benefits attainable by its reduction;
- highlight evidence of good practices and successful safety promotion programmes that result in reducing the burden of injury;
- increase the involvement of relevant stakeholders (government, civil society, private sector and academia);
- empower public health and consumer safety professionals to mainstream injury prevention and safety promotion to relevant policy domains and to provide leadership to national programmes for injury prevention and safety promotion; and to
- reinforce European networks for safety promotion and assist all Member States in establishing national policies and structures for injury prevention.

ISSUES TO BE ADDRESSED

- consumer safety;
- safety of children and adolescents;
- safety for seniors;
- vulnerable road users;
- sport injuries;
- work safety;
- family violence;
- youth violence; and
- suicide prevention.

The conference will also look into cross sectional issues such as:

- enhanced European injury data sharing;
- understanding common risk factors such as alcohol abuse and deprivation;
- developing a knowledge base for good practices in injury prevention;
- improving methodologies for effective risk communication; and
- networking and national plan development.

WHO SHOULD ATTEND?

All who wish to play a part in working together to tackle injury prevention in Europe. The 1st European Conference will address key agents that can help to create a safer Europe. These are:

- Senior policy makers in government, public (health/safety) institutes and non-governmental organisations (interest groups representing exposed risk groups or victims);
- Regulators, enforcers, standardisers, designers, product and business compliance experts;
- Private sector representatives, business, health professionals, consumer protection officers, injury prevention experts, safety promotion practitioners, and researchers; and
- Representatives of agencies and representative bodies at European level that have a vested interest in safety promotion such as consumer safety, road safety and safety at work.

The conference will enable policy makers, injury and safety experts and NGO's to share the evidence as regards the impact of the injury issue on today's society and solutions for creating a safer world.

It encompasses all relevant safety domains such as in road traffic, home and leisure, work and violence prevention.

CALL FOR ABSTRACTS

Take the opportunity of sharing your experience in safety promotion with leading stakeholders in Europe. Make a short presentation about how you applied general safety principles and methodologies, or ways you adapted good practices to help to make Europe a safer place. In particular abstracts are welcomed that identify the challenges in injury prevention and provide lessons for implementing actions on injuries in diverse settings and regions in Europe. The topics of the presentations should relate to the main objectives of the conference and more specifically to the priorities and actions as identified in the EC draft Communication and the WHO Resolution (see above).

Upon submission the Programme Committee will review and shortlist potential candidates for poster awards. Candidates will be notified shortly before the conference and their poster presentation will be reviewed during the conference. Awards for 'Best Poster' will be presented at the closing session of the conference.

Abstracts can only be submitted in accordance with the instructions on our website www.eurosafe.eu.com/events and should be sent to the conference secretariat at secretariat@eurosafe.eu.com before March 1, 2006. Confirmation of acceptance for either oral or poster presentations will be sent out before 1st April, 2006.

PRELIMINARY PROGRAMME



SUNDAY 25 JUNE 2006

15.00 - 16.00 Opening session: the challenge

- Welcome by Minister of Health of Austria and the Austrian Presidency of the Europe Union
- For a safer Europe - the EC vision on injury prevention (EC, Health and Consumer Protection)
- The role of Public Health in injury prevention (Regional Director European Office WHO)
- Victims' perspectives (European Federation of Road Traffic Victims)
- Keynote speech on 'Media advocacy for policy change and empowerment of people'

16.00 - 16.30 Poster walk and refreshments

16.30 - 18.00 Concurrent sessions: priority issues

- Child safety
- Prevention of youth violence
- Consumer safety
- Vulnerable road users

18.00 - 18.30 Poster walk

18.30 Reception

MONDAY 26 JUNE 2006

09.00 - 10.30 Concurrent sessions: priority issues

- Adolescents and injury risks
- Suicide prevention
- Sport injuries
- Safety for seniors

10.30 - 11.00 Poster walk and refreshments

11.00 - 12.30 Plenary sessions: solutions that work

- Criteria for examples of good practices
- Transfer and implementation challenges
- The Safe Communities' model: evidence and research needs

12.30 - 14.00 Lunch break and poster walk

14.00 - 15.30 Plenary session: cross cutting issues

- Comprehensive injury information
- Addressing common risk factors such as alcohol abuse and deprivation
- Communication and capacity building
- Developing national programmes and infrastructures

15.30 - 16.00 Poster walk and refreshments

16.00 - 17.30 Concurrent sessions: action on injuries

- Prevention of family violence
- Successes in reducing child injuries
- Safety of consumer services
- Workplace safety

17.30 - 19.00 Business meetings (EuroSafe's Annual General Meeting and other network meetings)

20.00 Conference dinner

TUESDAY 27 JUNE 2006

09.00 - 10.30 Concurrent sessions (continued)

10.30 - 11.00 Poster walk and refreshments

11.00 - 12.30 Concurrent sessions (continued)

12.30 - 13.30 Lunch break and poster walk

13.30 - 15.00 Plenary session: the way ahead

- Keynote speech on 'People's right to safety and to be protected from injury and violence'
- Conclusion from the conference and Recommendations on behalf of conference delegates in view of implementation of EC-Communication and WHO-Resolution
- Creating sustainable structures for exchange and actions
- Closing ceremony

Organising Committee

- Rupert Kissler (chair), Institute Sicher Leben, Vienna
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Conference venue seen from the Johann Strauss Monument

Venue

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Registration

The registration fee is €375 for registration before April 15, €425 after April 15, and for EuroSafe-members €350.

The fee includes:

- Participation in the conference;
- Abstract book and other conference materials;
- Two lunches and, free refreshments during breaks;
- Evening reception on Sunday June 25; and
- Conference dinner on Monday June 26.

Accommodation

Conference participants are advised to make timely reservations as Vienna is a popular tourist and business destination. For hotel suggestions, including hotels at preferential rates, we advise you to consult the Vienna Tourist Board. E-mail: wtv@wien.info; Website: <http://b2b.wien.info/article.asp?IDArticle=i099>

Important Dates

Deadline for abstracts:

March 1, 2006

Deadline early registration:

April 15, 2006

Deadline late registration:

June 15, 2006

Cancellation Policy

In case of cancellation a full refund will be granted (minus €50 administration fee) until May 15. After this date there will be no refunds. However registrations may be transferred to colleagues after consulting the conference secretariat.

About EuroSafe

The European Association for Injury Prevention and Safety Promotion (EuroSafe) is the network of injury prevention champions, dedicated to making Europe a safer place in which to live. Our simple principle of <working together to make Europe a safer place> has created a broad and secure platform at the European level for the parties and stakeholders concerned.

EuroSafe ensures sustainability of initiatives and capacity for actions on injuries in Europe. It builds on networks of expertise and disciplines including public services, non-governmental organisations (i.e. consumers or victims of violence and accidents), business, researchers, public health professionals and safety practitioners. It includes expertise in all relevant safety domains such as in road traffic, home and leisure, work and in violence prevention.

Scholarships

A limited number of free registrations will be made available for delegates from Central and Eastern Europe. Requests should be made in writing, stating the reasons for support and sent by e-mail to the EuroSafe secretariat before March 15.

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REGISTRATION FORM



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