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Greetings from your new ICEHS Section Newsletter Editor John Lundell at the University of Iowa Injury Prevention Research Center. I am pleased to help share important information among the members of our section. Please send articles for future issues to me at *john-lundell@uiowa.edu* . Also thanks to Bella Dinh-Zarr and her colleagues at AAA for agreeing to distribute this electronic newsletter.

SECTION NEWS

Notes from the Chair

Hello everyone-

The first thing I would like to say as new Chair for the ICEHS is Thank You! Thank you for all the hard work everyone has done through the years to make this section strong. Like the saying goes, every act is like a ripple on the water and it is through our combined efforts that we can make waves.

It is a great honor and quite humbling experience to take over a new chair. Particularly, when following in the footsteps of great Injury Prevention Leaders. As new Chair, my goal is to help make this year a very productive one. There are three areas I would like to target with the help of everyone. The first area is student participation. I recall learning about the ICEHS only after working in child passenger safety for a few years. I don't want that to happen to other students. This is a matter of awareness. I did not learn of the ICEHS until after I had committed to the field of injury prevention. Our approach for this year is to introduce the students to injury prevention through knowing the ICEHS. It may be ambitious, but I know that there are great future leaders for injury prevention, who have not considered this path in school. The second approach, like last year, is to strengthen our ties with other sections. Many of our interest can overlap with other sections and together are bound to make a better job. Last, but not least, I would like to bring in members of other professions, such as medicine, nursing, law and law enforcement to name a few. Since injury prevention is such a broad field, I feel is necessary to tap into the wealth of knowledge other fields can provide us.

Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions, concerns or suggestions. Every idea counts. I look forward to working with all of you this coming year.

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ICEHS Section Officer Nominations Needed

It's that time to find amazing people to run for various offices in the ICEHS leadership. We are looking for at least two persons to run for each of the following positions:

- Chair-Elect
- Secretary-Elect
- Section Councilor
- Governing Councilor

That means eight people in total. Please consider running yourself, or asking someone you know who is a current ICEHS member to run. Pasted below is the nomination form. **Please return to Larry Cohen (larry@preventioninstitute.org) by Feb 20th so that it can be sent to APHA by the Feb 28th deadline.** Descriptions of the positions can be found on the APHA website. We really need everyone to pitch in- run, recommend someone- help spread the word

~Larry Cohen



2006 APHA ICEHS Section Elections Nomination Form for Section Officer Candidates

Please note that all candidates must be current APHA & Section members as of February 1, 2006 and all three steps must be completed in order to be eligible for section elections.

Step I: Please check the section office desired.

Section:

ICEHS

Office:

- Chair-Elect
- Secretary – Elect
- Section Councilor
- Governing Councilor

Step II: Please complete personal information.

Name of nominee and degree/credentials :
(Degrees should appear from last to first- PhD, BA, AA)

Membership # and Exp. Date:

Nominee's current position/job title:

Nominee's current place of employment:

Nominee's Contact Information

Work address:

Phone:

Fax:

Email:

Step III: Professional Experience Summary / Candidate's Statement

Below please write a candidate's statement. The summary statement should be **200** words or less and will not be edited for content so please submit the information as you would like it to appear.

- **Section Leadership Positions and/or Activities:**
- **Other APHA Leadership Positions and/or Activities:**
- **Other Health Related Leadership and/or Activities:**
- *What skills would you bring to this position?*
- *What would you like to accomplish in the desired position?*

Send form to Nomination Chair no later than Monday, February 20, 2006

Nomination Chair:

Larry Cohen

Email address:

larry@preventioninstitute.org

New AAA Report on Teen Crashes

Your attention is drawn to a report recently released by the AAA Foundation entitled “Teen Crashes- Everyone is at risk” that addresses fatal motor vehicle crashes involving 15-17 year olds. A PDF version can be found at:

<http://www.aaaexchange.com/Assets/Files/200611814220.TeenDriversRisk2.pdf>

~Erich Daub

Call to Participate in ICEHS Networking Project

Please consider becoming a part of the ICEHS Networking Project. This project was discussed in detail during our time together at the 2005 annual meeting, and both leadership and members-at-large showed excitement for moving ahead. The ultimate goal of the Networking Project is to facilitate relationships between ICEHS student members (as well as any new members) and those already engaged in the field of injury prevention and emergency health services. We would also like to coordinate in-person meetings between new and established members at our receptions during the APHA annual conferences.

Our first step is to compile a list of those who are interesting in being involved in this project. If you have experience and/or wisdom to share about working in the field, and are interested in helping students or new members understand the practical link between academia and the “real world” of injury prevention, please provide us with the information requested below. The information collected will be compiled into a list of members who are willing to be contacted by others in ICEHS.

If you are a student or new member of ICEHS, and would appreciate the wisdom of someone who has “been there,” or would just like to get to know others in our section, please let us know and you will be the first that we contact once we have established a list. We will be focusing on this project throughout the year and hope to have the first of our connections made prior to the 2006 annual meeting in Boston.

Please send the following information to Kathleen Ferguson Carlson, ICEHS co-Student Liaison, at ferg0114@umn.edu.

- **Name**
- **E-mail address**
- **Alma Mater**
- **Current or past employment**
- **Current or past ICEHS-related topics of interest**

Please do not hesitate to contact me with any questions, comments, or further ideas. Thank you for your help in making this a successful networking project.

~Kathleen Ferguson Carlson

APHA Annual Meeting Call for Abstracts

The American Public Health Association's CALL FOR ABSTRACTS for the 134th Annual Meeting to be held in Boston, Massachusetts on Saturday, November 4, 2006 -- Wednesday, November 8, 2006 is now open for submissions.

We invite you to submit your abstract and assist APHA in continuing to provide the highest quality public health educational programming.

Abstracts are welcome in any area of public health, including those that incorporate the meeting theme of "Public Health and Human Rights."

Abstracts will be accepted through the APHA web site, <http://apha.org/meetings>

You do not have to be a member of the Association to submit an abstract, however, if your abstract is accepted you must become an Individual member and register for the meeting.

The deadlines for abstract submission is between February 13-17, 2006 depending on which Section, Special Interest Group (SPIG) or Caucus you submit to. A complete list of deadlines is available on the APHA web site. The submission deadline is at MIDNIGHT (PST) on the due date as listed on the Call for Abstracts.

Submitters will be notified via email on or about June 1, 2006 whether their abstract was selected.

~Billie Weiss

“Moving Upstream Together” Conference

The Ontario Prevention Clearinghouse invites you to register, before February 14, 2006, for:

Moving Upstream Together: Partnering for Ontario's Future Health and Well-Being
February 21-22, 2006

89 Chestnut, University of Toronto

www.opc.on.ca

Spending your working hours running from one project or crisis to the next?

Tired of putting out fires?

No time or energy to reflect on the big picture?

Finally, on February 21 - 22, a conference that will help us take a collective step back to reflect on what's working...and what's not...in Ontario.

Whether you are in health promotion, social services, child development, community or public health, poverty, housing, education, inclusion, or disease prevention, we face a common challenge. We need to find ways to “move upstream” and prevent health and social problems before they happen.

This is more important now than ever! The federal election on January 23 has shown that we must find new ways to talk about the big picture---and work together!

OPC is celebrating 20 years of putting health promotion into action. Join us February 21 - 22 to celebrate this milestone anniversary and to plan the work we will need to undertake, as we move upstream together.

Highlights from this affordable and bilingual 2-day conference:

Keynote Address

Charles Pascal, Executive Director of the Atkinson Charitable Foundation, will speak about what Roy Romanow calls 'the mother of all policy tools': the new Canadian Index of Wellbeing. Come hear how the Index will help foster a common vision and contribute to social engagement and policy change to improve the quality of life for all Canadians.

OPC's 20th Anniversary Celebration Reception

A special evening event to honour 20 years of achievement in promoting health for all in Ontario.

Concurrent Dialogues

- Can we change the system? How?
- Where are the determinants of health?
- Breaking out of silos: The critical need for partnership
- Access alone is not enough: Solutions for Francophone communities
- How the private sector can help us paddle upstream

Roundtables

Designed as a conversation café, roundtables will identify winnable wins, do-able strategies and critical factors that lead to success. Examples of 'upstream' programs, projects and partnerships will inspire an open dialogue so that participants can take away key lessons.

Closing Plenary Address

Come hear panelists who are young, active and visionary. These bright lights of the future will share 'upstream', out of the box ideas about what we can all do to create social and policy commitments for prevention and health promotion.

Registration

Your voice is required! Break out of your silo! If you're an anti-poverty activist, come talk to a bank VP; if you're a child care worker, come talk to a senior bureaucrat; if you're a municipal councilor, come talk to an Aboriginal leader. We all have things to learn from each other. We all learn by doing. Let's do it February 21 - 22, 2006!

Don't delay, register today! Registration deadline: Tuesday, February 14, 2006
Please visit www.opc.on.ca

Hotel and Travel Deals

Take advantage of great discounts by reserving your accommodation and travel arrangements with our conference partners – see the conference website for more details (www.opc.on.ca).

Marketplace

We invite delegates to participate in the informal marketplace by bringing with printed material/giveaways showcasing their organizations, projects, and initiatives that support the conference theme of "Moving Upstream Together". For a list of table themes, please see the conference website (www.opc.on.ca).

Subsidies

To ensure a broad representation from Ontario's diverse populations and large geographic area, limited funds are available to help offset conference registration, travel, and accommodation costs for conference

attendees. Last date for form submission is February 3, 2006. - please see the conference website for more details and to request a subsidy (www.opc.on.ca).

Contact Us:

"Moving Upstream Together" Conference
c/o Ontario Prevention Clearinghouse
180 Dundas Street West, Suite 1900, Toronto ON M5G 1Z8
Phone: 416.408.2249 ext 224 or 1.800.397.9567 ext 224
Fax: 416.408.2122
Email: movingupstream@opc.on.ca
Website: www.opc.on.ca (keep checking as all the exciting conference details unfold)

~Larry Cohen

New Reports and Books:

TRB Report: Cost-Benefit Analysis of Providing Non-Emergency Medical Transportation

The Transit Cooperative Research Program of the Transportation Research Board (TCRP/TRB) has recently published in PDF format an executive summary and also the entire final report of a project entitled "Cost-Benefit Analysis of Providing Non-Emergency Medical Transportation". I served as a member of the project's advisory panel and felt it may be of some interest to our emergency health system section members as it addresses the over utilization of EMS services for routine health services. Basically the researchers were trying to make the case that increased resources put towards higher levels of public transportation will a.) Increase the nation's health by improving access by transportation-challenged individuals to routine and preventive health services; and 2.) Decrease the burden on EMS providers currently serving these non-emergent trips. The link to these reports is: http://www.trb.org/news/blurb_detail.asp?id=5787

~John Lundell

Injury Prevention and Public Health: Practical Knowledge, Skills, and Strategies, Second Edition

Tom Christoffel, JD, Susan Gallagher, MPH

The first edition of this comprehensive text was published in 1999. It has recently been updated and published as a second edition. The authors address essential injury prevention knowledge, skills, and practice strategies useful to those in the field, students, and advocates. From the back cover: "It is the first book I recommend to students or public health practitioners for an introduction to the field of injury control. -David Hemenway" For more information, visit [Jones and Bartlett Publishers](#).

~Renee Johnson

Injury Prevention for Children and Adolescents: Research, Practice, and Advocacy, edited by Karen Liller

The book **Injury Prevention for Children and Adolescents: Research, Practice, and Advocacy**, edited by Karen Liller, offers a comprehensive resource for academicians and practitioners alike, putting "faces" on the injuries described. This volume presents the most up-to-date research, practice, and advocacy efforts focused on the major child and adolescent injuries, emphasizing the need for researchers and practitioners to work together in their comprehensive efforts that include education, engineering, and legislative/enforcement strategies. Highlights include chapters on: Hazards associated with nursery products, youth suicide and prevention efforts, the newest findings related to child and adolescent injury costs, firearm injuries, motor vehicle injuries, applying a developmental and ecological framework to injury and violence prevention, home injuries, adolescent employment: relationships to injury and violence, childhood agricultural injuries, sports and recreational injuries, water-related injuries, and child Abuse and neglect. Authors of all chapters are known experts in the field of injury prevention and control.

There also are appendices on injury timelines, resources, and data charts from the National Center for Injury Prevention and Control, CDC.

~Joseph O'Neil

The American Public Health Association and The Surface Transportation Policy Project Coalition
Invite You to Participate in a Special Workshop
Amarante's Sea Cliff, 62 Cove Street, New Haven, CT
February 9-10, 2006

Moving from the Margins to the Mainstream: "Using the Federal Surface Transportation Law To Meet the Mobility Needs of Your Community"

The Surface Transportation Policy Project (STPP) and its national coalition partners invite you to **participate with other key leaders in a regional workshop**. In this interactive workshop, you will **learn to use federal surface transportation law, including recent changes under SAFETEA-LU**, to expand transit, increase pedestrian and bicycle travel, improve safety of all system users and conform transportation investments to the context of your community.

The workshop will give you the **insights and face-to-face opportunities to forge strategic partnerships** that can more fully support your advocacy in your community, region and state. We invite you to join with other community leaders to move transportation reform from the margins to the mainstream.

This workshop is all about helping you advance needed reforms. Maximizing the power of the law means, in part, that strong, sustained coalitions must actively engage many leaders in your community – many of whom have not always been at the transportation table.

The workshop is an opportunity for **relationship building with traditional and non-traditional transportation partners**. Those relationships and the skill-building workshop sessions will prove pivotal in shaping and implementing a transportation system that supports what you want for your community. Workshop sessions are designed to give advocates new perspectives on how federal law can enable your vision for the future. The workshop is also part of a broader strategic initiative to advance transportation reform in states and regions throughout the United States. To further this effort, STPP is producing a SAFETEA-LU User's Guidebook that will serve as the core background material for the workshop sessions. Taken together, the guidebook, workshops, and post-workshop activities are part of an effort to support you and your workshop colleagues in carrying reform activities back to your respective states. Beside STPP coalition representatives, each workshop will involve elected officials, including mayors, and leaders from academia, foundations, the private-sector and civic community, and aging services professionals.

Workshop sponsors include a cross-section of public and private entities in the STPP community, and represent community, professional and modal expertise. Workshop partners currently include: AARP, American Public Health Association, American Public Transportation Association, American Public Works Association, American Society of Landscape Architects, ATU, Congress for the New Urbanism, Rail-to-Trails Conservancy and Smart Growth America. In addition, the U.S. Department of Transportation, through the Federal Highway Administration and the Federal Transit Administration, are sponsors of the workshop.

Ready to take part in the workshop? **Take the first step now.** Confirm your interest with your organizational sponsor by contacting Alan Baker at alan.baker@apha.org. **Beginning Tuesday, January 10**, please go to www.transact.org/2006workshops and **register on-line** for the conference. Items to keep in mind:

- There is **no registration fee** for participation in the workshop.
- Once you register on-line, you will be sent confirmation of your registration along with a listing of hotel options nearby the workshop.
- Each participant is **responsible for his or her own travel, accommodations and dinner** expenses connected with the workshop.

- Get started by making your travel and accommodation plans. The workshop will begin at 10:30 a.m. on February 9th and finish up by 4:00 p.m. on February 10th.

Prior to the workshop, you will be sent **materials to review in advance** of your arrival at the workshop. The success of the workshop will depend in part on **your active participation in the process**. To that end, please read your materials carefully and come ready to share with and learn from colleagues in your community and region.

~Andy Lincoln

Archivist's Attic: Where has our historical use of the media, "The Fourth Estate" made any significant difference in evidenced based leadership systems for injury control?

For over 40 years I have published professional journal articles, presented at national lectures and panels, appeared on many television and radio program commentaries and been interviewed in the written press on injury prevention needs and potential impacts. For the last decade, I have routinely expressed opinions in our local written press, *The Times Union*, read by our Albany Capital's politicians and their staffs. My most recent serial piece on Jan 12, 2006, published at www.timesunion.com: "Illegal guns are getting serious consideration" offered kudos for the December 23, 2005, Times Union editorial, 'Action in Albany' (on new state law for illegal guns and shooting and killing police officers) and to its 2004 special series on gun violence; to the state Legislature and governor on the new gun trafficking law. (Full text at: <http://timesunion.com/ss.asp?s=438862&c=OPINION&b=> . For samples of similar historical interviews and opinion pieces see: www.icehs.org Members' Only, my NYS Historical MSS , Part II and III , respectively, intended especially for dialogues by students of injury control, medicine and public health on 'IC leaderships' and the mass medias' roles. For a related full graduate course description on historical injury control systems see my IC Policy Archive MS, also at ICEHS Members' Only.)

But, do my or others' public mass media contacts, make any evidence-base difference in saving lives and limbs? If so, where should we rank and weigh such 'advocacy' in our injury control applied art systems' resources and priorities? Darn if I know- for sure it depends on some parameters, to be tested.

Historically, mass media (shotgun) programs, usually for feeling good whim informational blitzes, were a main (and still are?) component for injury control arts systems (see: Fisher L and Brown TM. .Donald Budd Armstrong and W. Graham Cole: **Early Injury Control Advocates**. Am J Public Health, Jun 2004; 94: 941). Few case control studies of those earlier, very expensive, national, state and local diverse media efforts illustrated any real outcomes for injury control (for related archives see: Robertson LS. Injuries, Causes, Control Strategies and Public Policy Lexington Books. DC Health and Company. Lexington MA. 1983. ISBN: 0-669-04664-7. Library of Congress Catalogue Number: 81-47553; 100-102 and The Final Report of the National Commission on Product Safety .Presented to the President and Congress, June 1970. Library of Congress Catalogue Card Number 76-606753)

I yield to many modern updates on professional opinions and evidence based research studies linking the media and injury control arts to successful outcomes. (See also, just published

at: www.aphabookstore.org : Injury Prevention for Children and Adolescent: Research, Practice and Advocacy , edited by our own section 's leader Karen Liller).

I do know that the 'Fourth Estate', the press, historically, has been a very strong partner for overall favorable changes in public health and injury control systems. From my own history-based judgments and career experiences, the press does moves injury control, but under certain leadership arts systems' principles. What principles seem to work?

Public media efforts in injury control should, I believe to be effective arts, focus with ongoing persistence on specific concrete, tangible, targeted and timely political advocacy manageable gaps or successes.(some run on, huh!) Main objectives should be to reinforce (not just to sensitize one shot) significant specific ongoing public injury control debates of state legislative, Governor's Office and media leaders. Of course, all that combined with one educational advocacy or lobbying seems always better, but not always practical. One strategy that I tend to apply is : "BROS" (belonging, opportunity, recognition and safety) i.e. creating Kudo images of public, mass media editorial and governmental and industrial leaders coalitions to support our field's work and needs. Hey, students help prove my hypothesis!

Does any of all this make any difference? In my career, it has, as we successfully moved forward the need and succeeded in obtaining new injury control laws, regs, technologies, federal funding resources for new impacts in the safety of tens of consumer products and for funding and institutionalizing regional poison control centers, etc. - I/ we did save lives and limbs. (See: Fisher L. Letter to Ed: Community based interventions: less than perfect Injury Prevention. 2004,10:255-256.). Who knows what some limited promising injury control leadership art testing, today, may lead to historical proven leadership, tomorrow.

The Talmud mentions that the process is, many times, the only outcome: Leadership must not necessarily complete the final tasks, but move them forward. Our injury control science should be historically evidenced based; and as feasible, so should our IC arts - including those with the "Fourth Estate".

The above opinions are mine alone.
Leslie Fisher copyrighted 2006

~Les Fisher

POSITION ANNOUNCEMENTS

TRAINING FELLOWSHIPS IN OCCUPATIONAL INJURY EPIDEMIOLOGY! THE UNIVERSITY OF IOWA

The University of Iowa, College of Public Health, has full tuition/stipend supported-fellowships in Occupational Injury Prevention. The program is offered by the University's Heartland Center for Occupational Health and Safety, a NIOSH-funded Education and Research Center. Training activities will be closely coordinated with the Injury Prevention Research Center. Recipients will receive a stipend and tuition and will have excellent opportunities to be trained in cutting-edge occupational injury research. Recipients must apply and be admitted to the UI College of Public Health in the Departments of Epidemiology or Occupational and Environmental Health. Students applying for doctoral training are eligible for fellowship grants.

The UI College of Public Health, established in 1998, is a new and growing program with wonderful opportunities for students. This is one of the few training programs in injury control, and a new opportunity to be trained in an important and emerging field.

For more information, please contact Dr. Corinne Peek-Asa at (319) 335-4895 or corinne-peek-asa@uiowa.edu.

~ Corinne Peek-Asa

PREVENTION INSTITUTE: PROGRAM COORDINATOR

We are looking for someone to join our growing team who has experience in and is committed to improving health and reducing disparities through a focus on prevention. This position has responsibility for the development and implementation of projects to advance prevention at local, state, and national levels. Our approach is interdisciplinary in nature, addressing health and social issues such as violence prevention, injury prevention, traffic safety, and nutrition and physical activity promotion. The Institute is particularly committed to reducing disparities in health and safety.

Responsibilities include:

- Supporting ongoing program design, implementation, and evaluation across the organization
- Applying research findings to improve prevention initiatives
- Developing training tools and curriculum
- Conducting trainings and presentations
- Co-authoring concept papers, grant proposals, and articles for publication
- Staff supervision
- Sharing responsibility for administrative and detail work required for project and organization success

Qualifications:

- Creative mind, thriving in a team environment
- Excellent speaking, writing and analytical skills
- Experience in reviewing qualitative and quantitative research

- Comfort in public speaking and training
- Attention to detail
- Commitment to prevention
- Masters degree in relevant field

Applicants of color strongly encouraged to apply

Salary and Benefits:

- 35 - 45K DOE + excellent benefit package and pension plan

ABOUT PREVENTION INSTITUTE:

Prevention Institute is a non-profit national center dedicated to improving community health and well-being by building momentum for effective primary prevention. The Institute's work is characterized by a strong commitment to community participation and promotion of equitable health outcomes among all social and economic groups. Since its founding in 1997, the organization has focused on injury and violence prevention, traffic safety, health disparities, nutrition and physical activity, and youth development.

TO APPLY:

Please email a cover letter, resume, & brief writing sample to jasmine@preventioninstitute.org

~Elizabeth Berger

INJURY RESEARCH FACULTY POSITIONS AVAILABLE

CENTER FOR INJURY RESEARCH AND POLICY
COLUMBUS CHILDREN'S RESEARCH INSTITUTE
CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL, COLUMBUS, OHIO

The Center for Injury Research and Policy located at Children's Hospital in Columbus, Ohio is seeking applicants for two tenure track faculty positions. The Center is expanding its research in the areas of traumatic brain injury, family violence, impact biomechanics, motor vehicle occupant injury, and injury surveillance and epidemiology. Faculty members will have an appointment in the Department of Pediatrics, Ohio State University College of Medicine and Public Health. Joint appointments with other departments and colleges within the university are possible. Applicants should have a doctoral degree in the medical, public health, or related field, and a track record in research productivity. Applicants will be considered at the Assistant, Associate, or Full Professor levels. Applications from mid-career researchers are encouraged. Salary and benefits are very competitive and are based on experience and academic rank. An attractive five-year startup package will be tailored to the faculty member's needs. The startup package includes sufficient funding to purchase equipment and support research staff, postdoctoral fellows, and/or graduate students. Candidates should apply by sending a letter of application, CV, and list of three references to: Gary A. Smith, MD, DrPH, Director, Center for Injury Research and Policy, Children's Hospital, 700 Children's Drive, Columbus, Ohio 43205; telephone (614) 722-2400; FAX (614) 722-2448; e-mail: gsmith@chi.osu.edu.

Children's Hospital, Inc. and The Ohio State University are Affirmative Action/Equal Opportunity Employers. Women, minorities, veterans, and individuals with disabilities are encouraged to apply.

~ Gary Smith