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Greetings from your new ICEHS Section Newsletter Editors, Corrie Peek-Asa and John Lundell at the University of Iowa Injury Prevention Research Center. We are pleased to help share important information among the members of our section. Please send articles for future issues to John 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

Rather than my usual report from the Chair, I thought I would rather highlight the movie Crash as it speaks to both intentional and unintentional injuries and what lies at the root of both. The following was co-authored by myself and my colleague at Prevention Institute, Jasmine Syedullah.

CRASH: Injuries are Not Accidents

Violence, racism and fear collide against the backdrop of America's city of dreams, Los Angeles, painting a portrait of our collective inability to deal with difference. The movie Crash describes the culture crash in our "nation of immigrants". Early in the film, Don Cheadle's character, a disillusioned member of the LA Police Department poses a theory that the frequency of crashes in LA is due chiefly to the fact that we long for interaction with one another. His point is broader than car crashes. In a culture of cars, cubicles, and on-line communities the public spaces for actual interaction are quickly becoming nostalgic memories, or corporate sponsored replicas of the same.

This movie is a montage of events that highlight how everyday interactions can become magnified and even brutal. This is especially true under the pressure cooker of racial prejudice – which heats virtually every interaction with further misunderstanding. You have to wonder if in Cheadle's reference to our desire for interaction, racism serves as a main ingredient, turning everyday occurrences into violence between cultures. The same heat that fuels racism, first of Whites towards Blacks, soon reveals itself in every interaction between ethnic groups: Asian on Black, Black on White, Arab on Latin. And it results in too many cases of violence. Although exaggerating the frequency and implying everyone is a racist --- as the film shows a stream of caricatures and humiliation at nearly every turn, the movie is both authentic and unrelenting. Crash invites us to walk a day and a half in the shoes of the other, the strangers, the revered and the feared.

We are left to question, will the hatred stop? Will the violence it produces stop? Violence in all its tragic manifestations builds throughout the story leaving us to cringe in our seats shaking our heads. Is there another way to interact without crashing?

The expression "injuries are not accidents" was coined in injury prevention work to point out that crashes and other injuries are in fact predictable and preventable. (That's why we use the word crashes and never say auto *accidents*). You can see this movie and think "its inevitable-people are just mean, and racial and ethnic groups will always misperceive, distrust and misunderstand one another". Or you can see the importance of the hopelessness, anger and despair, the stereotyping of the 'other' which has become the norm, and it's clear that by unlearning this stereotyping - these crashes don't need to happen.

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***Injury Prevention* Editor's Choice Online Webinar Series 2005**

The Center for Injury Research and Control at the University of Pittsburgh is pleased to announce our collaboration with the Editor of *Injury Prevention*, Dr. Barry Pless, in co-hosting ***Injury Prevention* Editor's Choice Online Webinar Series 2005**. These monthly online, live, interactive seminars aim to present timely and high-quality injury control research addressing a spectrum of research topics for both intentional and unintentional injuries. This seminar is scheduled for Friday, July 8th, 2005 and is entitled:

“PEDIATRIC FARM INJURIES INVOLVING NON-WORKING CHILDREN INJURED by a FARM WORK HAZARD: FIVE PRIORITIES for PRIMARY PREVENTION”

Presented by

William Pickett, BSc, MSc, PhD
Associate Professor
Department of Emergency Medicine and
Department of Community Health and Epidemiology
Queen's University, Kingston, Ontario, Canada

Friday, July 8th, at 2:00 p.m. Eastern Daylight Time
EDT is 4 hours behind Coordinated Universal Time (UTC)

Please follow this URL for further information:
<http://www.circl.pitt.edu/home/webinars/pickett.mht>

Note: Recordings of previous seminars in this series can be played from the Past Seminar Page:
http://www.circl.pitt.edu/home/past_seminars.htm

~ Hank Weiss

MEASURING THE BURDEN OF INJURY CONFERENCE – MEETING ANNOUNCEMENT AND CALL FOR ABSTRACTS

The 6th International Conference on Measuring the Burden of Injury will be held on April 1, 2006 in Durban, South Africa as an associated conference to the 8th World Injury Conference. The program will include sessions covering data and measurement issues, the costs of injury, utility based methods, and field reports and other topics. One page abstracts should be submitted to the conference organizer no later than August 26, 2005. The registration fee for the conference will be US\$ 100 if received prior to January 3, 2006, US\$ 125 if received after that date. Submit abstracts and request the complete announcement package from the conference organizer, Mr. Stephen Luchter, e-mail sluchter@earthlink.net, phone 703 536 3082, mail Applied Injury Science, 1909 N. Westmoreland St., Arlington, Virginia 22213 USA. For information about Durban see <http://durban.kzn.org.za/durban/>, for information about the conference hotel see www.bluewatershotel.co.za.

~ Steve Luchter

Wisconsin Medical Journal Devotes Two Issues to Injury Prevention

Many states and regions have medical journals that can serve as a way to disseminate injury research findings and highlight injury issues. These journals can also be an effective tool to establish and support injury control and prevention partnerships between health care providers, public health leaders, and community organizations. The articles that appear in these journals are also widely disseminated in the local and state media outlets, with print, radio, and television audiences.

In summer 2004 an announcement went out from the Wisconsin Medical Society regarding their interest in devoting one of the issues of the Wisconsin Medical Journal to injury prevention. The mission of the Wisconsin Medical Journal is to provide a vehicle for professional communication and continuing education of Wisconsin physicians. The Wisconsin Medical Journal traditionally designates a theme for each edition and issues a request for original manuscripts based on this theme. The last injury theme issue, which focused on youth violence prevention, was published in 2002.

Faculty and staff from the Injury Research Center at the Medical College of Wisconsin along with researchers and other public health practitioners from the University of Wisconsin-Madison, the Wisconsin Department of Health and Family Services, and other injury prevention community organizations submitted so many articles, editorials, and other review papers that the journal added a second injury prevention issue to follow immediately the first. A total of 28 peer-reviewed articles, editorials, and other papers were published in both injury prevention issues, with other injury prevention articles accepted for publication but postponed for a fall 2005 publication in the Adolescent Health edition. Article topics from these two injury prevention editions include study results from fall prevention programs for both youth and adults, an evaluation study of graduated licensing policies, a study assessing the burden of homicide and suicide among Wisconsin's youth, along with several epidemiologic studies on recreational injuries.

For each injury prevention edition, the Wisconsin Medical Society sent out press releases to all media outlets in the state announcing the publications of these articles. Media response was overwhelming for some of these articles. Coverage of the articles on fall injuries among older adults and the burden of homicide and suicide on Wisconsin youth was particularly widespread, with radio, television, and newspapers picking up these stories across the state. The Injury Research Center of the Medical College of Wisconsin purchased additional copies of both injury prevention editions and distributed them to local health departments, injury control and prevention advocates, as well as key legislators working on injury prevention policies in the state legislature.

The Wisconsin Medical Journal is seen as a credible source of public health information to help communities and policy makers advocate for prevention programs and policies at the local and state level. Please visit the Wisconsin Medical Society's website for more information about the journal, as well as links to the articles in the journal.

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http://www.wisconsinmedicalsociety.org/health_news/wmj_archive.cfm

~ Nancy Nachreiner

Online Webinar Series 2005: Injury Control Research Grand Rounds

The Center for Injury Research and Control at the University of Pittsburgh is pleased to announce our **Online Webinar Series 2005: Injury Control Research Grand Rounds**. These monthly online live Webinars aim to present timely and high-quality injury control research addressing a spectrum of research topics for both intentional and unintentional injuries. The 2nd seminar of this series is scheduled for Tuesday, July 19th 2005 and is entitled:

“NATIONAL TRAUMA REGISTRIES: An OVERVIEW of the NATIONAL TRAUMA DATABANK and the NATIONAL TRAUMA REGISTRY for CHILDREN”

Presented by

John Fildes, MD

Vice Chair, Department of Surgery
University of Nevada School of Medicine, Las Vegas, NV

And

Laura Cassidy, PhD

Research Assistant Professor, Department of Biostatistics
University of Pittsburgh, Graduate School of Public Health, Pittsburgh, PA

Tuesday, July 19th, 2005 at 2:00 p.m. Eastern Daylight Time

EDT is 4 hours behind Coordinated Universal Time (UTC)

Please follow this URL for further information:

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~Hank Weiss

CDC Research Agenda Development Update

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry (CDC) would like to update you on its efforts to develop the first ever, agency-wide public health research agenda. We value your contribution to this process and greatly appreciate your interest.

Many of you were able to attend one of our four Public Participation Meetings in March, where we received valuable feedback from you and other partners, scientists and citizens on the “Draft Starter List of Research Priorities.” We also solicited additional comments from meeting participants and other members of the public through our Web site. We are using this feedback and comments to transform the Draft Starter List into a Public Comment Draft of the Research Agenda.

As you may recall, we originally planned to publish the Public Comment Draft of the Research Agenda in June 2005. However, we have received many more comments on our Draft Starter List than we expected. Because we are committed to careful review and consideration of each comment, it has taken us longer to produce the Public Comment Draft than expected. We now expect that our Public Comment **Draft will be available in September or October of 2005**. Once we finalize the publication date, we will notify you in advance by email of the date and ways to comment on the Agenda. You can also check our Web site at <http://www.cdc.gov/od/ophr/cdcra.htm> for news and updates. If you have further questions or comments, please don't hesitate to contact me by phone or email.

We very much appreciate your continued support to help us complete this groundbreaking Agenda!

Best regards,
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~ Lee Annest

Gun Policy News is Now Free Every Day

Since 1997 Gun Policy News, the international bulletin of firearm injury prevention and small arms proliferation, has been delivered five days a week to core advocates.

Now all subscribers can receive a free daily copy of Gun Policy News Links (GPNL), an E-mail digest of headlines, short abstracts, and links to small arms policy-related articles published in international, mainstream mass media.

The GPNL firearm policy news digest is now also available as an RSS (XML) feed to your news reader, to your blog, or to a 'fresh news every day' page on your own Web site. Each Gun Policy News article -- you can select from about 220 news items each month -- is objectively chosen from a reputable source, and is free of advertising.

With our partners, contributors and supporters, gunpolicy.org and Gun Policy News promote the public health model of firearm injury prevention, and the United Nations Programme of Action on small arms.

To read today's small arms-related news, to view the archive of recent bulletins, to see our list of information partners and sponsors, and to receive our free services in time for full coverage of the UN Biennial in July, please visit: <http://www.gunpolicy.org>

~Larry Cohen

POSITION ANNOUNCEMENTS

Marshfield, Wisconsin

Research Specialist - Injury Prevention

Department: Mfld Clin Rsrch Fnd
Center: Marshfield
Location: Marshfield, WI
Application Deadline:
Position Number: MC050217
Date Posted: 05/02/2005
Schedule: M – F: 8:00 am – 5:00 pm
Hours Per Week: 40
Position Availability: Full-time
Eligible for ERP Bonus: No

Job Description:

The Research Specialist is responsible for carrying out a variety of activities associated with the National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health-funded research program related to childhood agricultural injury prevention. The Research Specialist will also collaborate with other project staff on various projects. Duties include: assists Research Scientist with project planning, implementation and evaluation; applies scientific principles to project design and implementation; assists with preparation of proposals, reports, and manuscripts; searches and summarizes biomedical literature related to project objectives; acquires data and resources from external advisors, consultants and agencies; manages day-to-day responsibilities of multiple research projects simultaneously, including preparation of IRB applications and communication among project team; analyzes data summaries; utilizes computer for data management, written communications, and documentation required by project; and other duties and projects as requested.

Job Qualifications:

Education: Master's degree in public health, health education, health promotion, occupational safety of related field.

Experience: Minimum of two years work experience in areas noted under 'Education' above desirable. Experience working with rural populations is also desirable. Working knowledge of agricultural hazards, child development, and public policy highly desirable.

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~ Christian L. Hanna

NCHS seeks a Staff Fellow for Injury Analytic and Programmatic Activities

NCHS announces an opportunity to join the Office of Analysis and Epidemiology's Special Projects Branch's as a Staff Fellow to work on injury analytic and programmatic activities. The Fellow will be responsible for carrying out epidemiologic analyses primarily using injury data from NCHS surveys and vital statistics files. Results of these analyses will be published in a variety of highly visible forums including the NCHS Injury Data and Resources web pages, in *Health US* and in other publications of the Center and of the Interagency Forum on Child and Family Statistics.

The Fellow will also work with Branch staff on projects involving: (1) the International Collaborative Effort (ICE) on Injury Statistics; (2) the development of injury severity measures that can be used in NCHS datasets; and (3) linking data on injury morbidity to subsequent disability.

In addition to conducting specific research projects, the Fellow will actively participate in ongoing injury programmatic activities. These activities include the provision of information related to injury statistics and measurement methodology to representatives from Federal agencies and non-Federal institutions and developing injury data collection activities within NCHS and throughout DHHS.

The Fellow will be expected to work collaboratively with other staff to prepare reports and manuscripts for presentation at scientific meetings and for publication by NCHS and in scholarly journals.

This assignment requires an individual with a background in injury epidemiology with experience in statistics and in handling large and complex data sets. Data analyses will be performed on both mainframe and PC-based computer systems using standard statistical software packages, primarily SAS. Knowledge of international injury data issues or related work-related experience would be an asset. Experience in responding simultaneously to multiple tasks, often with quick turnaround is required.

Qualifications include a minimum of a Masters degree in epidemiology, public health, or a related field, with related appropriate postgraduate level work experience; a demonstrated interest in research related to injury; excellent quantitative, computing and writing skills; and U.S. citizenship or resident alien status with a permanent visa or other appropriate employment authorization. Fellows will qualify for a salary based on a GS-11/12/13 civil service equivalent depending on salary history, relevant work experience, and education. Fellows will be eligible for benefits such as health and life insurance. All applicants will receive equal consideration without regard to race, religion, color, national origin, gender, sexual orientation, political affiliation, age or any other non-merit factor. The duration of this fellowship is an initial 2-year appointment, with the possibility of renewal.

How to Apply

Interested applicants should send a curriculum vitae and a list of three references to:

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~ Lois Fingerhut