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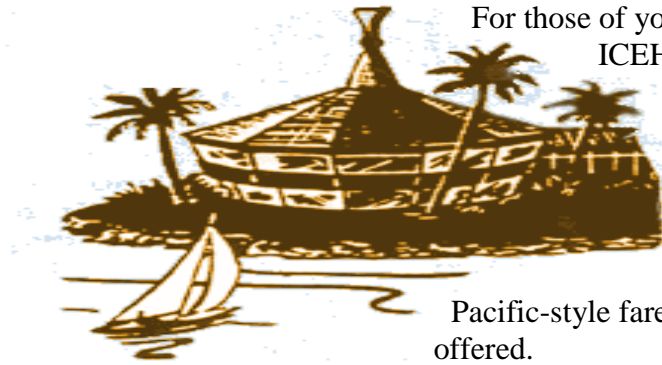
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Greetings from your new ICEHS Section Newsletter Editor John Lundell at the University of Iowa Injury Prevention Research Center. I am pleased to help share important information among the members of our section. Please send articles for future issues to me at john-lundell@uiowa.edu.

Notes from the Chair

Our Chair Joyce Pressley is currently out on travel but extends her best wishes to the ICEHS membership. She encourages everyone to make their plans now to attend the APHA Annual Meeting and participate in ICEHS-related activities.

Reserve Your Tickets Now for the Annual ICEHS Awards Dinner



For those of you in San Diego during the APHA meeting, our annual ICEHS awards dinner on Tuesday, October 28th is not to be missed! Join us as we recognize colleagues for their outstanding contributions to our field. This year's celebration dinner will be held at a long-standing San Diego favorite, the Bali Hai restaurant. The Bali Hai is a Polynesian tiki temple, complete with bayside patio and spectacular views of San Diego bay and city skyline. South Pacific-style fare, including vegetarian options and a cash bar, will be offered.

Transportation between the restaurant and convention center will be available by water taxi. Land taxi and personal vehicles are additional options.

Please reserve and pay for your ICEHS awards dinner tickets in advance, as we will have to give a final head count prior to the meeting. Cost is similar to previous years at \$49 for ICEHS members and their spouses, and \$60 for non-ICEHS members and their guests. Student dinner fees are \$35 for ICEHS members and \$60 for non-members. (Students can join the student assembly and one additional APHA section, such as ICEHS, at no additional charge over the basic student APHA membership fee.) Again, members of other APHA sections can join an additional section, such as ICEHS, for a cost of \$30.

Please reserve your tickets with Kathleen Carlson, section Secretary. Payments and/or questions can be directed to the following address:

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~Kathleen Carlson

Second Annual ICEHS Book Raffle in Development

We enjoyed so much excitement with our first book raffle during last year's meeting we thought we would make this an annual event! Similar to last year, books will be on display at the ICEHS booth in the exhibition center, and raffle tickets will be sold to raise funds for the section. Winning tickets will be drawn during the ICEHS Awards Dinner; however, participants need not be present to win!

Please help make this year's book raffle another success. If you are the author of a public health, injury, or emergency health services-related book, and would be willing to donate a copy to the section, please contact Kathleen Carlson, ICEHS Secretary, at ferg0114@umn.edu.

~Kathleen Carlson

The ICEHS Booth Needs YOU!

Thanks to those of you who have already volunteered to help staff the ICEHS booth at APHA! If you haven't already signed up, please email Nancy Nachreiner (nachr001@umn.edu) to reserve a time that fits your schedule. Prime timeslots are still available, and any time you can contribute will help! This is a great way to meet and greet fellow members, and to recruit new members.

Here are the details:

ICEHS members will staff Booth #2516 at the 2008 American Public Health Association conference.

Booth hours are: Sunday (10/26) from 2:00 p.m. to 5:30 p.m., Monday (10/27) from 9:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., Tuesday (10/28) from 9:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., and Wednesday (10/29) from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

In addition, if you are interested in booth set-up or tear-down, please let me know. Members can sign up prior to the conference by e-mailing Nancy Nachreiner at nachr001@umn.edu, or by dropping by the ICEHS booth. This is a great opportunity to spread the excitement about our section!

~Nancy Nachreiner

“Each One, Reach One” APHA Membership Campaign

The APHA “Each One, Reach One” membership campaign is underway. Current members are encouraged to provide names and contact information of potential new members to the membership office (email: yvonne.kazim@apha.org or mail: APHA Membership Department, c/o Each One, Reach One, 800 I St. NW, Washington, DC, 20001). APHA will then send a packet of information to these prospective members.

For each name of a potential member you submit, you will receive an entry into a drawing for a free one-year membership renewal. In addition, a second drawing will be held for those newly submitted names; they will also be eligible for a free year of APHA membership. For more information, call the APHA membership office: 202-777-2484. Members who participate in the campaign will receive a ribbon to wear at the Annual Meeting, and their names will be published.

~Nancy Nachreiner

Call for Comments on Proposed Move from ICD-9 to ICD-10

On August 15th, the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services announced a proposed rule to require health care providers to shift to a new, greatly expanded health care coding system beginning in October 2011. The proposed rule would require a move from the clinical modification of *International Classification of Diseases, Ninth Revision* (ICD-9) to the *International Classification of Diseases, Tenth Revision* (ICD-10). At last, the first hurdle to the implementation of ICD-10-CM has finally been passed. **The public comment period is now open and will be until October 21.** . The proposed rules appear in the Aug. 22 *Federal Register*:

<http://frwebgate2.access.gpo.gov/cgi-bin/PDFgate.cgi?WAISdocID=0149753664+1+1+0&WAISaction=retrieve>

On page 1 (page 49796 of the Federal Register) you will find specifics on how comments will be accepted. Addressing the specific requests for public comment in addition to other comments will be particularly useful. To find the actual requests, search "comment" in the Federal Register notice (it's only 38 pages). I think that individual /organizational comments are going to be useful especially if they do not each say exactly the same thing.

~Lois Fingerhut

Call for Information on Prevention of Injury Due to Wheel Chair Crashes

Ann Mahony, Chair-elect of APHA's Alcohol Tobacco and Other Drugs (ATOD) section, has expressed an interest in receiving information about preventing injury among wheelchair bound persons. In particular, she is interested in wheelchair safety in nursing homes and assisted living facilities. She has collected a significant number of anecdotal stories of wheel chair "crashes" among residents in nursing homes and assisted living facilities that occur when a wheel chair resident inadvertently collides with a non wheel chair resident producing such injuries as broken hips, feet, and arms. If you have any information on training or interventions that could be implemented to minimize these events this please send it to Ann Mahony at agmahony@aol.com.

~Joyce Pressley

Call for Abstracts: SAVIR National Meeting



The 2009 Society for Advancement of Violence and Injury Research National Meeting in Atlanta, Georgia is being co-sponsored by the National Center for Injury Prevention and Control, the Emory Center for Injury Control, and SAVIR.

Conference Date and Location: The meeting will be held March 5-6, 2009 in Atlanta; with a Pre-Conference workshop March 4, 2009; and an Opening reception March 5th, 2009 at the Carter Center

Theme: "From Discovery to Practice: Innovative Translational Approaches to Injury Prevention and Care"

Please join us as our distinguished group of nationally and internationally noted speakers lead us in engaging sessions focused on injury research and translational methods. The conference target audience includes injury researchers and those with a close association with injury research, including epidemiologists, biostatisticians, engineers, economists, psychologists, clinicians, other health professionals, and students.

Abstracts for violence and injury research findings on all injury topics are sought.

Abstract Deadline: Friday, October 31st, 2008 at 5pm EST

Abstract Instructions: http://www.emorycenterforinjurycontrol.org/abstract_info.php

Abstract Submission Form: http://www.emorycenterforinjurycontrol.org/abstract_submit.php

Information on the conference is posted at: www.emorycenterforinjurycontrol.org

~Billie Weiss

Emergency Nurses Association Releases Elder Fall Prevention CDs

The ENA Injury Prevention Institute/EN CARE has two healthy aging programs (on CD-ROM) available for sale to health care professionals and paraprofessionals that address Falls Prevention and Safe Medication Use among the older adult population.

Each program contains:

- Health Care Educational Module
- Community-based PowerPoint Presentation
- Printable Brochures
- Assessment Tools and Resources

For more information and to order your copy visit

http://www.ena.org/ipinstitute/institute/healthy_aging/default.asp

~Oksana Kurylak

New Tool for Accessing National ED Injury Visit Data

The Office of Analysis and Epidemiology Injury Team at NCHS is very pleased to announce the release of a new data access tool that will allow researchers to readily download and analyze injury visit data from the National Hospital Ambulatory Medical Care Survey- Emergency Department component. Li-Hui Chen developed this module with assistance from the Office of Information Services team. We hope you will find it useful. Please be sure and send feedback to nchsinejury@cdc.gov. Please direct technical questions to Li-Hui Chen (eyx5@cdc.gov). Our plan is to develop similar modules for other national surveys.

The tool can be found on the Injury home page <http://www.cdc.gov/nchs/injury.htm> and on the Injury Emergency Department page http://www.cdc.gov/nchs/about/otheract/injury/injury_emergency.htm

~Lois Fingerhut

POSITION ANNOUNCEMENTS

Physical Activity/Sports Injury Epidemiology Faculty Position - University of Pittsburgh

The Department of Sports Medicine and Nutrition (SMN) in the School of Health and Rehabilitation Sciences at the University of Pittsburgh is seeking candidates for a full-time faculty Assistant Professor position outside the tenure stream. The position will have research responsibility to the [Department's Neuromuscular Research Laboratory](#) (NMRL) and will include some teaching and advising responsibilities in the Graduate Studies Programs in Sports Medicine. The Department offers a Master's degree concentration in sports medicine and a specialization in sports medicine in the Rehabilitation Science PhD program.

Candidates for the position should have a PhD with expertise in physical activity epidemiology or sports injury epidemiology as well as research methodology. Successful applicants will be expected to have a line of or potential for competitive sponsored research in an area consistent with the sports medicine research initiatives of SMN and NMRL. Preferential attention will be given to candidates with a record of scholarship in sports injury prevention and management and or expertise in biostatistics.

Qualified applicants should forward a comprehensive curriculum vitae and three letters of recommendation to:

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~Hank Weiss

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Motor Vehicle (MV) Suicide Crashes

About 20 years ago I submitted an application to the NYS Governor's Traffic Safety Committee to investigate the speculation of suicides and attempts in motor vehicle collisions e.g. in good weather no skid marks, not disease related. (The bulk of car related suicides, from CO exhaust, are excluded from this commentary) My PI contract proposal was not funded; many others were.

There are ICD-10 codes Intentional self-harm by crashing of motor vehicle (X82) as well as one for undetermined intent (Y32), and for homicide (Y03). They are not specific to motor vehicle traffic but to all MV.

In 2005 there were 113 deaths coded to X82, and 26 to Y32 and 38 to Y03. (All codes can be found in the external cause of injury mortality matrix http://www.cdc.gov/nchs/data/ice/icd10_transcode.pdf.) Note: Thanks to Lois Fingerhut, Special Assistant for Injury Epidemiology, NCHS for this information.

It seems presently a not major underlying injury condition and there are many confounding variables (true unintentional injury or falling asleep at the wheel or skidding etc). I don't think it is predictably a major injury priority problem vs. gun and poisonings overdoses; but of certain value for academic and historical leadership or is it?

Decades later, periodically journals (thanks to Anara Guard for locating this recent full journal article, abstracted recently in www.SafetyLit) cite more recent related studies, methodologies, findings , and conclusions - for reconsideration anew from Australian researchers: Murray D. and De Leo D. Suicidal Behavior by Motor Vehicle Collision. Traffic Injury Prevention. 8:244-241, 2008, which surveyed persons with suicide ideations and behaviors on their suicide plans and on prior attempts by MV suicide collisions.

Here in rough summary, (availability to students, of a full copy, is limited to contest submitters -see below) of my two decades ago grant proposal: In New York State during 1988, 70% of all deaths to young adults ages 15-24 were injuries. More than 1200, the predominant injury death, were motor vehicular (MV) related.

Most NYS MV accidents to age group 15-24 took place in rural areas and for analytical purposes are very small for statistical analyses. Therefore, MV morbidity data or near –injury attempts, even without a fine distinction of coding between accidental and intentional - must be analyzed by some set standards of presumed suicide attempt causation: e.g. single car, prior attempts, suicide notes, drug involvements, work record, recent changes in life style, site of living, juvenile records of arrests, seat belt use, previous driving records, etc. which would require pilot on site or retrospective investigations by trained epidemiological investigators. I cite four related professional articles (Phillips, David, 1979, Tabacnick , N, 1973-1978, Edland JF and Grancer A, 1970, and Jenkins J, 1980) on MV related traffic suicides.

In calendar year 1982, 1057 (50%) motor vehicle related accidents involved only one automobile for all age groups. In 1982, 137 (34%) of the 382 adolescent drivers age 16-24. involved in single vehicle fatalities were in that category.

The goals and objectives included a six year profile of selected MV injury reports to the state MV dept for age 15-24, including abstraction of hospital records and preparation of an in-depth investigation protocol. Objective 2: in depth review of hospital admission (SPARCS) data. Objective 3: Prospective epi investigations with me, school systems, hospital emergency departments in at least three priority targeted counties that would be contracted.

I leave it up to our very busy students of public health, preventive medicine and injury control to consider preparing a brief national or state agency critical outline of a Federal or State Agency Request for Grant Proposal with justifications on the importance of the “cutting edge?” research (or What's wrong with this picture? So prepare a parallel dissent with evidence on a 'waste of time or insignificance' – citing some prior archetypical research or practices from other related suicide work) that includes a chosen research question/ hypothesis; a statement of 3-4 sources for an historical, current and any review literature search; one or two major parameters for evaluation of a key (for only the first major objective) outlined applied research (ideally, with some interventional ideas- i.e. not just 'more perfect studies and research needed) methodology plan (and a fallback, option plan B, gradient process should that original plan not later shown to be efficacious), a rough budget with short justifications parameters, and/or an broad overview for a grant evaluation tool to evaluate applications.. all in a broader systems context of where one might apply (and why) for matching/leveraging national –state- local government, insurance or other funding for your (MV) suicide prevention and overall

injury control proposal . . . Teams of students are encouraged to submit, (See attached visual of that Meyer-Briggs team leadership preferences mode). My full original 1980's application is available to review by any student willing to enter this one awardee contest: submit a double spaced, no longer than two pages, proposal - received by me, your archivist, no later than October 15, 2008 (check with your advisor? Bet other things to do!). The only one award that I offer: Some new real world leadership experiences and several archival US injury control, archival commemorative postage stamps. (Seriously!)

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