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It is never too late to be what you might have been.

- George Eliot

EDITOR'S NOTE:

The next 2004 ICEHS E-News distribution date May 25th.
Please send your submissions no later than May 15th in
Word (attachment) to: (MGunnels@nhtsa.dot.gov).

SECTION NEWS

NOTES FROM THE CHAIR

I'm very pleased that the section was able to field contested slates for all leadership openings. Not every section has been able to do this, nor have we always accomplished it in the past. My hearty thanks to the hard-working Nominations Chair, Janet Holden, and to all who put their names forward and offered to run for election. Unlike some elections, we promise no negative campaigns, no barrage of political advertisements, and no Supreme Court involvement! Now it will be up to section members to cast your ballots next month.

As always, I welcome your involvement with and opinions of the section. Why did you join? What do you hope to get out of it? Where do you think we should be heading? E-mail me your thoughts.

- Anara Guard

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2004 CALENDAR: DON'T MISS THESE DATES!

Please note the upcoming dates and deadlines for APHA and ICEHS. Watch future issues of the newsletter and your email for details.

MAY 30 ABSTRACT NOTIFICATIONS.

JUNE ELECTIONS—DON'T FORGET TO VOTE! WE DO HAVE CONTESTED SLATES FOR ALL
POSITIONS.

AUGUST ELECTION RESULTS!
LATEBREAKER ABSTRACTS AND POSTERS DEADLINE.

NOVEMBER 6-10, 2004 ANNUAL MEETING, WASHINGTON DC

- Anara Guard

MEMBERS MAKING NEWS!

Don't miss ICEHS Archivist Les Fisher's upcoming publications in the June issue of the *American Journal of Public Health* and in a forthcoming issue of *Injury Prevention* (commentary on community-based programming).

Also, our Action Board representative Charlie Branas (U Penn) along with section members Therese Richmond and William Schwab have a new journal article in the March-April issue of *Public Health Reports*: "Firearm homicide and firearm suicide: Opposite but equal."

And, member David Hemenway (Harvard SPH) has published a book with the University of Michigan Press: *Private Guns, Public Health*. As section member Craig Zwerling (U of Iowa) said: "The United States is suffering from an epidemic of firearm injuries. In this thoughtful and clearly written book, David Hemenway presents a masterful review of the scientific literature on firearm

injuries and suggests a wide range of potential policy interventions, most of which are acceptable to the great majority of Americans and many of which are acceptable to most NRA members as well. This book will raise the discussion of this serious public health problem to a higher plane." The book may be ordered through any bookseller.

Any news in your life? Promotions? New and exciting jobs?

Send your tidbits to: MGunnels@nhtsa.dot.gov

NEWS and MEETINGS

NATIONAL OCCUPATIONAL RESEARCHERS CONVENE IN MAY 2004

PLEASE JOIN US!!

2004 SYMPOSIUM

**The National Occupational Research Agenda (NORA):
Health and Safety Priorities for the 21st Century**

**Sponsored by the Midwest Center for Occupational Health and Safety
National Occupational Research Agenda (NORA) and
Occupational Safety and Health Research (OSHR) Programs
University of Minnesota**

CLICK ON <http://www.cpheo.umn.edu/NORA> to register and submit abstracts now.

Purpose: Promote dissemination of research on the National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH) National Occupational Research Agenda (NORA) priorities, including: traumatic injury (unintentional and intentional); occupational health services research; exposure assessment; musculoskeletal disease syndromes; organization of work (<http://www2.cdc.gov/nora/default.html>)

Audience: State, regional, and national participants - Investigators from academic, public sector, and industry settings, university faculty and graduate students from across the country who are interested and engaged in occupational health and safety research will convene to consider national priorities and initiatives in this symposium format.

Dates: 2004: May 26 (evening) and May 27(all day)

**Location: University of Minnesota, Minneapolis, Minnesota
(<http://www1.umn.edu/twincities/index.php>; <http://www.minneapolis.com>)**

- Sue Gerberich

THE PUBLIC'S HEALTH AND THE LAW IN THE 21ST CENTURY

ANNOUNCING A UNIQUE CONFERENCE

The Public's Health and the Law in the 21st Century
The Sheraton Colony Square Hotel
Atlanta, GA
June 14-16, 2004

The U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and the American Society for Law, Medicine & Ethics are cosponsoring this third annual public health law conference — focusing on law as a tool for better community health. This conference is for everyone who shapes and applies law as a public health tool: public health practitioners, physicians and nurses, elected officials, attorneys and judges, emergency response and law enforcement officials, educators, researchers, students, and many others. The unique program features plenary sessions, 25 concurrent sessions, three short courses, and three workshops devoted to legal issues and innovative legal tools relevant to public health emergencies and to a wide spectrum of current and emerging public health challenges. Confirmed keynote speakers include William H. Foege, MD, MPH, Fellow, Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation, William S. Duffey, Jr., U.S. Attorney, Northern District of Georgia, and Georges C. Benjamin, MD, Executive Director, American Public Health Association. CME, CLE and other continuing education credits will be available. To register and to access additional information, please visit *Co-sponsored by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's Public Health Law Program and the American Society for Law, Medicine & Ethics, this third annual conference is for:*

- Public health practitioners
- Physicians and nurses
- Attorneys and judges
- Elected officials
- Emergency response and law enforcement professionals, and
- Educators, researchers, and students in public health law.

No other conference of this stature focuses on law – a traditional element in public health practice and policy -- as a tool for better health through prevention.

The unique program features plenary sessions, 25 concurrent sessions, three short courses, and three workshops devoted to legal issues and innovative legal tools relevant to public health emergencies and to a wide spectrum of current and emerging public health challenges.

Conference participants will be eligible for CME, CLE and other continuing education credits. Registration is online at <http://www.aslme.org/conferences> where a detailed agenda and information on twenty “conference collaborating organizations” and other conference details also are available.

http://www.aslme.org/conferences/cdc_04/index.php.

HARBORVIEW INJURY RESEARCH COURSE, SEPTEMBER 2004

Injury Research Methods Course Offered

The Harborview Injury Prevention and Research Center is offering an intensive one-week course designed to provide participants with the necessary skills and knowledge needed to conduct injury prevention research including study design, developing research questions, using injury literature, evaluating injury research studies, and working with human subjects. The course will be offered **September 20-24, 2004**, on the University of Washington campus. Course instructors include Peter Cummings, Frederick Rivara, David Grossman, Thomas Koepsell, Christine Beahler, and Helen McGough.

This course is appropriate for emergency physicians, trauma surgeons, healthcare providers, traffic safety and public health personnel, and epidemiologists with an interest in injury prevention. The course syllabus can be found at <http://depts.washington.edu/hiprc/epi590/index.htm>.

For more information, please contact Jim Stretch at 206. 685.6403 or via email at jstretch@ese.washington.edu or Marni Levy at 206.521.1249 barni@u.washingto.edu.

- LuAnn D'Ambrosio

DOT RELEASES PRELIMINARY 2003 HIGHWAY FATALITY ESTIMATES

NHTSA annually collects crash statistics from 50 states and the District of Columbia to produce the annual report on traffic fatality trends. The final 2003 report, pending completion of data collection and quality control verification, will be available in August 2004. Summaries of the preliminary report are available on the NHTSA web site at:

<http://www.nhtsa.dot.gov/hot/pressdisplay.cfm?year=2004&filename=FFARSrIs404.html>

JOHNS HOPKINS SUMMER INSTITUTE COMING IN JULY 2004

Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health Summer Institute

The Center for Injury Research & Policy 13th Annual Summer Institute:

Principles and Practice of Injury Prevention **July 11-16, 2004**

Baltimore, Maryland

This one week intensive training program is offered each summer to a class of 60 students interested in studying injury prevention and control. This year, the Institute is being held in July at the Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health. The Institute uses a problem-solving paradigm to organize lectures, discussions and small group activities. At the beginning of the week, students are given an injury problem of particular relevance or interest to them. Lectures subsequently address behavioral, biomechanical, environmental, epidemiological, legislative, policy and community partnership approaches to injury prevention and control. Throughout the week students utilize the skills, tools and knowledge gained from the presentations and interaction with the faculty to develop strategies for addressing real world injury problems. Students who choose to attend the Institute for academic credit will be evaluated on their participation in group exercises and a final paper. For those who do not choose to apply for academic credit, a certificate of attendance is distributed at the end of the week. CHES credits are also available.

Please see the Center's Website for additional information about the Summer Institute:
http://www.jhsph.edu/InjuryCenter/summer_institute/index.html

For a schedule and application please contact:

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- Amy Woodward

HEALTH IN THE UNITED STATES 2003

NEW Health, United States, 2003 Web Site Features

Two new features to help locate data on the Health, United States, 2003 web site are now available.

Data are grouped by population subgroups

<http://www.cdc.gov/nchs/products/pubs/pubd/hus/trendtables.htm#selected>

... and organized by an expanded list of topics

<http://www.cdc.gov/nchs/products/pubs/pubd/hus/trendtables.htm> .

- Mitchell B. Pierre

AND DON'T MISS WHAT'S NEW AT THE CDC

Dear Injury Prevention Colleagues,

We invite you to read about the latest news for injury prevention by clicking on the link to the current edition of What's New at CDC's

Injury Center on our website at

<http://www.cdc.gov/ncipc/whatsnew/whatnew.htm>.

The April 2004 edition includes--

CDC Observes World Health Day: Family Road Safety, April 7, 2004

<http://www.cdc.gov/ncipc/whatsnew/whatnew.htm>

Injury Center Director Sue Binder, MD, Announces Retirement

<http://www.cdc.gov/ncipc/whatsnew/whatnew.htm#announcements>

New Funding Announcements Released

<http://www.cdc.gov/ncipc/whatsnew/whatnew.htm#funding>

CDC, Association of Schools of Public Health (ASPH) Offer Six Injury Internships

<http://www.cdc.gov/ncipc/whatsnew/whatnew.htm#internships>

CDC, Society for Public Health Education (SOPHE) Offer Student Fellowship In Injury

<http://www.cdc.gov/ncipc/whatsnew/whatnew.htm#fellowship>

CDC's Injury Center Investigates New Year's Eve Celebratory Gunfire Deaths in Puerto Rico

<http://www.cdc.gov/ncipc/whatsnew/whatnew.htm#epi-aid>

April Is Sexual Assault Awareness Month

<http://www.cdc.gov/ncipc/whatsnew/whatnew.htm#sexual-assault>

April Is Child Abuse Prevention Month

<http://www.cdc.gov/ncipc/whatsnew/whatnew.htm#child-abuse>

Second Edition of State Injury Indicators Report Released

<http://www.cdc.gov/ncipc/whatsnew/whatnew.htm#publications>

Bibliography of Behavioral Science Research in Unintentional Injury Prevention Now Available

<http://www.cdc.gov/ncipc/whatsnew/whatnew.htm#bibliography>

TBI Data Collection Information Compiled to Help States Build Data Systems

<http://www.cdc.gov/ncipc/whatsnew/whatnew.htm#tbidata>

CDC Describes Homicide Trends and Characteristics--Brazil, 1980-2002

<http://www.cdc.gov/ncipc/whatsnew/whatnew.htm#brazil>

Journal's Special Supplement Focuses on Prevention of Youth Violence

<http://www.cdc.gov/ncipc/whatsnew/whatnew.htm#youth>

American Journal of Health Behavior Publishes Special Issue on Injury Prevention

<http://www.cdc.gov/ncipc/whatsnew/whatnew.htm#special-issue>

CDC's Injury Center, Office of Justice Programs' Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention (OJJDP) Release Study of Juvenile Suicides

<http://www.cdc.gov/ncipc/whatsnew/whatnew.htm#suicides>

Injury Center Authors Nominated for CDC's Charles C. Shepard Science Award

<http://www.cdc.gov/ncipc/whatsnew/whatnew.htm#work>

CDC's Injury Center Wins Distinguished Technical Communication Award

<http://www.cdc.gov/ncipc/whatsnew/whatnew.htm#communication>

3rd National Sexual Violence Prevention Conference Releases Session Topics, Opens Registration

<http://www.cdc.gov/ncipc/whatsnew/whatnew.htm#conference>

Audio Conference and Web Seminar to Focus on Youth Violence Prevention
and Public Health

<http://www.cdc.gov/ncipc/whatsnew/whatnew.htm#seminar>

Injury Center Director Presents CDC's Vision for Research, Programs to
Injury Coalition

<http://www.cdc.gov/ncipc/whatsnew/whatnew.htm#injury-coalition>

Call for Abstracts: Society for Medical Decision Making's 26th Annual
Meeting

<http://www.cdc.gov/ncipc/whatsnew/whatnew.htm#abstracts>

Monthly updates are ongoing.

- Sandra Bonzo

WORLD INJURY 2004 CONFERENCE IS FAST APPROACHING

Time is drawing near for the 7th World Conference on Injury Prevention and Safety Promotion will be held June 6 -9 2004 in Vienna, Austria, Europe. Information about the conference can be found on the website < <http://www.safety2004.info/> >.

Take a moment to browse the website and note all the satellite meetings taking place!

Sincerely yours,

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NEW NATIONAL ACADEMIES PRESS POISON PREVENTION PUBLICATION

<http://books.nap.edu/catalog/10971.html>

Take a moment to browse on-line and review the new report from the Institute of Medicine of the National Academies. "Forging a poison prevention and control system" claims that poisoning is a much larger public health problem than has generally been recognized. The authors describe the specific activities and resources needed to create a national system for comprehensive poison prevention and control. The report calls on Congress to amend the current Poison Control Center Enhancement and Awareness Act of 2004 to provide sufficient funding for the proposed new national system. ICEHS Archivist Les Fisher reports that "one of the recommendations of the report is to establish and fund poison control coordinators in health departments" "that was done some 60 years ago to help handle center reported stats !"

- Les Fisher