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SECTION NEWS:

Notes from the Chair

The ICEHS Section welcomes Maggi Gunnels as our new electronic newsletter editor. Maggi is taking over from Steve Marshall who has provided extraordinary service to the Section this year as both Co-Chairman of the Scientific Program Committee and e-news editor. Thank you Steve for making a difference for all of us. And welcome to Maggi who brings both creativity and experience to the position.

The Scientific Program Schedule for the APHA annual meeting has been posted on the APHA web site (see below). Please make special note of the following changes from previous years: The Section's first Business Meeting will be bright and early at 6:30 AM on Monday, November 11th. This year we are introducing a "New Members' Breakfast" as part of the business meeting. Our section has a strong and proud tradition of providing enthusiastic encouragement and support to new members and those who have recently entered the field of injury science. When making your travel plans to Philadelphia, please plan to arrive in time to participate in all of the Section's activities. Other events to put on your APHA calendar are the ICEHS social hour on Monday evening at 6:30 (featuring the ICEHS section band!) and the second business meeting on Tuesday November 12 at 6:30 followed immediately by the awards dinner.

Congratulations to our newly-elected Section Officers, especially to Anara Guard the incoming Chair-Elect, and sincere thanks to all candidates.

ICEHS Chair-Elect:

Anara Guard, MLS

ICEHS Secretary-Elect:

John Lundell, BS, MA

ICEHS Section Council:

Karen Liller, PhD, Eds, MA

Maria Segui-Gomez, MD, MPH, ScD

ICEHS Governing Council:

Linda Degutis, DrPH

I look forward to seeing you in Philadelphia,

Be Safe,

Cathy

- Cathy Gotschall, ICEHS Section Chair cgotschall@nhtsa.dot.gov

The 2002 Annual meeting calendar for ICEHS activities and scientific presentations is posted on the website.

<http://www.icehs.org/annual.htm>

The Membership Committee Seeks New Chair and Co-Chair

Are you interested in becoming more involved with the ICEHS section? The Membership Committee seeks a new chair and/or co-chair. General responsibilities include up-dating membership roster, organizing and setting up the ICEHS booth at the annual APHA meeting, and sending letters to new members. If interested in learning more about the position, please contact Ronda Zakocs by telephone (617-638-5835) or by e-mail. (rzakocs@bu.edu)

Membership Committee Requests your Input for ICEHS Booth

What materials/handouts would you like to see displayed at the ICEHS booth at the APHA Annual Meeting this year? Please forward any suggestions about injury-related organizations' brochures, journals, books, or statistics to Ronda Zakocs (rzakocs@bu.edu). We are especially interested in any documents that describe the field of injury prevention. - Ronda Zakocs, PhD

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Attention Musicians: The ICEHS ad hoc music committee is going to perform at the section's social hour in Philadelphia and if you play an instrument or sing, join the fun. The plan is to have a five or six song repertoire of upbeat happy music, things like Bill Bailey, Alexander's Ragtime Band, Saints Go Marching In, possibly a gospel song that we could do Dixieland style that should not be offensive to anyone's religious proclivities like Just A Closer Walk With Thee, etc. If you would like to join the as yet un-named group, contact Steve Luchter at sluchter@earthlink.net no later than October 5. Let Steve know what instrument(s) you play, or if you sing what range you're comfortable with. He'll prepare arrangements as needed and hopefully get parts out beforehand. There may even be time for one rehearsal.

- Steve Luchter

ICEHS Annual Awards Dinner

Section members and any other interested injury prevention practitioners are encouraged and welcome to attend the ICEHS Annual Awards Dinner to be held at 7:30pm on Monday, November 11th in Philadelphia. This year's dinner will be at the historic Pennsylvania Academy of the Fine Arts (see www.pafa.org), only a few blocks from the Pennsylvania Convention Center, and is co-sponsored by the Firearm Injury Center at the University of Pennsylvania and Traumalink at the Children's Hospital of Philadelphia. Attendance is \$47 in general and \$30 for students and includes dinner.

To reserve your place, attendance fees can be forwarded to 829 Blockley Hall, University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, PA 19104-6021 (checks should be made out to Charles Branas). Also, please specify any vegetarian food requirements. We look forward to seeing as many of you as possible at this year's dinner. – Charlie Branas

The Spirit of 1848 e-mail group is circulating this petition "in the hope that you will sign it, and also distribute it to your APHA friends and associates..."

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The cover letter and petition reads can be found at:
<http://home.attbi.com/~mlyon01/articles/ridgepet.doc>

Respectfully Submitted,

Cathy Gotschall

Commentary from Les Fisher, ICEHS Section Archivist

HISTORICAL EVENTS IN THE FORMATION OF THE INJURY CONTROL AND EMERGENCY HEALTH SERVICES SECTION OF THE AMERICAN PUBLIC HEALTH ASSOCIATION

The Injury Control and Emergency Health Services (ICEHS) Section of the American Public Health Association provides a forum to foster, develop, and improve injury control and emergency health services research, programs, and activities within the framework of the overall goals of the Association. Our section has over 500 members representing practitioners, direct health care service providers, researchers, epidemiologists, administrators and public policy makers.

By nearly every measure, injury ranks as one of the nation's most pressing health problems. Injury control practitioners use the word injuries rather than accidents. Accident implies a chance event, whereas injury signifies the damage caused by the events. Injuries result from unintended events such as car crashes, falls or drowning and from intentional acts such as interpersonal violence and suicide. Every year, more than 150,000 people die from an injury. Death is only one indicator of the impact that injury makes; for every person who dies from an injury, three people are injured. We can not begin to quantify the pain and suffering caused by injuries -- the pain of losing a loved one, the agony of extensive rehabilitation services for people with brain and spinal cord injuries and the unrealized potential and contributions from those who die from an injury.

While these statistics can seem overwhelming, practitioners and researchers in the field of injury control have made great strides in reducing injury morbidity and mortality since the early 1900s. The Injury Control and Emergency Health Services Section has been an important player in the growth of injury control. The American Journal of Public Health has served as a forum for ideas and actions for injury control researchers, practitioners and teachers by reporting conferences and publishing journal articles that have assessed injury data, offering policy options and reported effective management of programs.

For now, I will track and comment from my own published work over some 40 years in the field, my manuscripts and historical time line. - LF

(Note(s): The Historic Time Line is appended at the end of e-news, edited from: Reducing the Burden of Injury. Advancing Prevention and Treatment. Institute of Medicine, Washington 1999.). More commentary will follow in the next issue of ICEHS e-news. - MG

GENERAL NEWS:

Special Issue, Journal of Safety Research - Call for Senior Transportation Safety and Mobility Papers

There are more than 25 million people age 70 years or older in the United States. From 1990 to 2000, this segment of the population grew nearly twice as fast as the total population. In 1999, there were 18.5 million older licensed drivers--a 39% increase from the number in 1989. Older drivers made up 10% of all licensed drivers in 1999.^a

In an effort to promote studies addressing concerns of an aging population, the editors of the *Journal of Safety Research* have arranged an exceptional editorial team made up of representatives from the University of Michigan Transportation Research Institute, AAA, Texas Transportation Institute-The Texas A&M University System, the Highway Safety Research Center-University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill and the National Safety Council to develop a special issue devoted entirely to senior transportation safety and mobility and its effects on safety and health.

This special issue will use a holistic approach to identify and collect current knowledge in order to fill in research gaps in this population and to provide an outlet for discussion for safety researchers and practitioners. Critical topics in this forum include: (a) General research on safety of driving and mobility; (b) Driving and mobility and their effects on health and quality of life; (c) alternative transportation solutions; (d) Engineering, infrastructure, and environmental factors as they affect safety and mobility; (e) Physical limitations and medical conditions; (f) Guidelines, policies, enforcement, evaluation of programs, and licensing regulations; (g) Other pertinent topics related to this population's mobility and the resulting safety and health implications.

Full-article submissions are due no later than December 2, 2002.

Our editorial team and advisory group will review all submissions.

Studies should conform to accepted scientific procedures, including the use of adequate control groups and a variety of outcome measures, when appropriate. The article should be prepared in accordance with the editorial style of *The American Psychological Association* (APA) and include the following sections: (a) Abstract; (b) Introduction; (c) Problem; (d) Method; (e) Results; (f) Discussion; (g) Summary; and (h) Impact on research, practice and policy.

Regardless of the outcome of the study, the author(s) should report the results in such a way as to provide the most useful guidance to safety and health professionals. Papers will be peer reviewed.

Papers should be formatted as described in the "Information for Contributors." Manuscripts should be sent in triplicate along with a file of the article, tables, and figures on diskette to the editorial office: Katie Porretta, Managing Editor, Journal of Safety Research, National Safety Council, 1121 Spring Lake Drive, Itasca, IL USA 60143-3201 (fax 630-285-0242, phone 630-775-2323, e-mail porrettk@nsc.org). Please do not fax or e-mail original submissions. – Katie Poretta

^aSource: National Center for Statistics and Analysis. (2001). Traffic Safety Facts 2000—Older Population. Washington, DC: National Highway Traffic Safety Administration.

The Playskool Travel-Lite Crib

Chicago GSB professor Linda Ginzler has developed a brand new case, written by journalist David Ziven, entitled "The Playskool Travel-Lite Crib." Thanks to a generous grant from the Kemper Foundation, this Case is in the public domain. It is available free of charge and can be copied as needed. You can download your copy at

<<http://www.chicagocdr.org/cases>>.

"The Playskool Travel-Lite Crib" is particularly relevant to discussions of such topics as injury prevention, business ethics, and crisis management. Please forward this note to any individuals who you think may be interested. In addition, please consider posting the information on "The Playskool Travel-Lite Crib" to any appropriate listserves to which you may subscribe.

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POSITION ANNOUNCEMENT

Research Associate, UC Davis Health System, School of Medicine, Department of Epidemiology & Preventive Medicine, in Sacramento, California.

The Violence Prevention Research Program is conducting a national search for a Research Associate. As you can see from the job announcement below, we're interested in candidates with advanced training and previous experience in violence prevention research. It's an opportunity to work in a small, committed group on innovative projects.

Candidates can obtain further information and submit inquiries directly through the UC Davis's human resources Web site, at http://hr.ucdmc.ucdavis.edu/jobs/sacto_sra.htm

- Garen Wintemute

POSITION DESCRIPTION: JOB# 5918-S / EXTERNAL / Staff Research Associate III / \$3123.92--\$4951.17 Monthly / FFD September 12, 2002. This is a full time career position located in the UC Davis Health System, School of Medicine, Department of Epidemiology & Preventive Medicine, in Sacramento, working hours are 8:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m., Monday-Friday. This classification is represented by a union.

Responsibilities: This position serves as a research staff member for the Violence Prevention Research Program. The incumbent will act as lead investigator for selected firearms violence research projects, and provide significant independent and creative contributions to the design, execution, analysis and publication of other research projects. Serve in a leadership capacity for a staff of postgraduate and undergraduate researchers and assist in proposal development and writing. Develop and implement an array of research techniques in three distinct scientific disciplines (epidemiology, public health, and criminology), requiring experience in all areas.

Requirements: Prior experience as a lead investigator in violence research including at least informal supervision of research personnel. This must include prior publication as first or collaborating author, or a Violence-related research article in a peer-reviewed journal. Knowledge and skill in epidemiology, statistics, firearm violence prevention, violence prevention generally, and criminology. A doctorate or master's degree in epidemiology or another subject related to these fields is required. Knowledge of general and analytic research methods, including cohort and case-control studies and evaluation research. Knowledge of statistical methods for hypothesis testing and statistical inference. Experience managing large datasets. Ability to write computer programs which will facilitate data acquisition management, analysis and presentation. Knowledge of analysis procedures for censored data. Knowledge of the PC-SAS statistical program, FoxPro data management system, Epi_info data management system, Excel, WordPerfect or Word in its most current version, Harvard Graphics and/or PowerPoint. Demonstrated ability to access, comprehend and utilize contents and structure of databases frequently used in VPRP research. Special Requirements: Must pass the California Department of Justice security clearance. Must be able to work overtime, including evenings and weekends. Must be able to travel to participate in off site activities. THIS POSITION IS SUBJECT TO A CRIMINAL BACKGROUND INVESTIGATION.

Appendix: Historic Time Line (Les Fisher, ICEHS Section Archivist)

The Time Line shows the dynamic growth of our field. The events listed along this timetable are only a few of the seminal events that have shaped the history of our section and offer guidance and strength for the future.

Bold Items in the Time Line, below, represent key happenings in road safety in America. Those ***bold and italicized*** are from a broader time line in Reducing the Burden of Injury, for which Mr. Fisher's earlier work served as a base :

Special thanks to section archivist Les Fisher (Safety and management consultant, 97 union Ave South; Delmar NY, USA, 12054) for helping compiling, by 1990, these materials and timeline information below, also as a base for NAS /OM Burden of Injury Report (1999 - see credits below) and related history IC videos of key events, values and personalities. (UNC -ICC) - LF

Historic Time Line

- 1924** ***Cadillac offers first car with safety windshield glass equipment as a standard.***
- 1913** ***US Congress charters National Safety Council.***
- 1932** **Maryland is first US State to introduce mandatory car inspections.**
- 1937** **Godfrey publishes one of the first U.S. statements on the need for public health involvement in "accident" prevention, in AJPH.**
- 1943 APHA Committee on Administrative Practice appoints a subcommittee on "accident" prevention.
- 1945** **APHA Subcommittee on "Accident" Prevention develops program guidelines for accident prevention.**
- 1950** **American Academy of Pediatrics forms Committee on "Accident" Prevention. and Poison Control.**

- 1955** McFarland publishes *Epidemiological Principles Applicable to the Study and Prevention of Child Accidents* in *AJPH*.
- 1956** *First annual Stapp conference on the biomechanics of crashes.*
- 1957 APHA policy statement urges health agencies to assume an active role in all types of "accident" prevention programs.
- 1959** **Insurance Institute for Highway Safety founded.**
- 1960** **APHA publishes public policy statement recommending that "accident" prevention be recognized as a major public health problem.**
- 1961** **APHA publishes Accident prevention: The Role of Physicians and Public Health Workers. *Journal of Trauma begins.***
- 1963** **Haddon publishes "injury matrix" concept paper.**
- 1964 Injury Prevention training offered in 11 schools of Public Health.
- 1965** **Ralph Nader published Unsafe at Any Speed.**
- 1966** **National Highway Safety Bureau (later National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, NHTSA) established to set car safety standards in 1968.**
- 1966** **National Research Council report: *Accidental Death and Disability: The Neglected Disease of Modern Society* is published.**
- 1968 The Federal Gun Control Act passed by Congress
American Trauma Association Established
Lapbelts in all seated occupants are installed by the four major manufacturers of US automobiles.
- 1969** **Accident Analysis and Prevention and, also, the Journal of Safety Research begin publication.**
- 1970 The Federal Poison Prevention Packaging Act passed.
- 1970 National Institutes on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism established.

- 1970 National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health established.
- 1972 The Federal Flammable Clothing Act passed.
- 1972 Consumer Product Safety Commission established.
- 1973 EMS Act passes US Congress.**
- 1974 General Motors produces first air bags.
Congress mandates 55 mph national maximum speed limit.
National Association of Governor's Highway Traffic Safety Representatives established.
- 1976 National EMS/ PCC law passed with limited funding.
- 1973 National Center on Child Abuse and Neglect established.
- 1978 US State of Tennessee first worldwide to mandate child passenger safety law.**
US RID (Remove Intoxicated Drivers) established.
- 1979 Federal Division of Maternal and Child Health (DMCH) of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services established (designated as a Bureau later).
- 1979 *Promoting Health/Preventing Disease: Objectives for the Nation* published.
- 1979 Center for Disease Control (CDC) establishes a violence epidemiology branch to track incidence of interpersonal violence.
- 1980 First population-based and emergency room based injury surveillance system implemented in two states.
Mothers Against Drunk Driving (MADD) established.
- 1981 First National Conference on Injury Control, sponsored by the Johns Hopkins University and CDC.**
- 1982 CDC publishes *Injury Control Implementation Plan for State and Local Governments.*

- 1983** MCHB publishes *Developing Childhood Injury Prevention Programs: An Administrative Guide for Maternal and Child Health (Title V) Programs*.
- 1984** Congress establishes the Emergency Medical Services for Children program.
New York State enacts first US seat belt law.
- 1985** Every state has passed legislation requiring the use of child safety seats.
- 1985** *Injury in America: A Continuing Public Health Problem* published by the Committee on Trauma Research.
- 1985 Surgeon General's workshop on "Violence and Public Health."
- 1986** CDC awards five academic centers \$2 million to address research on injuries.
- 1986 MCHB awards demonstration funding to address violence prevention.
- 1986** **Minimum Drinking Age passed by Congress.**
- 1987** **Launch of the National Safe Kids Campaign.**
- 1987** **First *Injury In America* Conference, (as partnership with CDC and NHTSA).**
- 1988** *Injury Control, a follow-up to Injury In America* published.
- 1988 CDC established the National Center for Injury Prevention and Control.
- 1988** **Surgeon General's workshop on drunk driving.**
- 1988** *The Future of Public Health* released by the Institute of Medicine.
- 1989 *Injury Prevention: Meeting the Challenge* published as a supplement to the American Journal of Preventive Medicine.
- 1989** Release of *Cost of Injury*, a report to Congress.

1990 ***Healthy People 2000 - National Health Promotion and Disease Prevention Objectives*** report published.

1990 **E-coding mandated by six states.**

1991 WHO Helmet initiative begins.

1992 California Wellness Foundation begins a 5 year Violence Prevention Initiative.

1993 President Clinton declares violence to be a public health emergency.

1995 **Injury Prevention begins publication.**

1997 **E-coding mandated in 17 states.**

1997 **Institute of Medicine National Committee on Injury Prevention and Control holds public meeting in Washington DC.**

2001 Funding of National Poison Control Center Enhancement Act
11/15/01 revision.

Credits Note: Above bold **italics are items published in:** Reducing the Burden of Injury: Advancing Prevention and Treatment. Richard C.J. Bonnie, Carolyn E. Fulco, Catharyn T. Liverman, editors; Committee on Injury Prevention and Control , Division of Health Promotion and Disease Prevention, Institute of Medicine, 1999. That publication used the other listings in the above original chart as prepared by Les Fisher , Archivist, Injury Control and Emergency Health Services Section, American Public Health Association, 1990, Safety /Management Consultant, 97 Union Avenue, South. Delmar, New York, 12054 . fisher166@juno.com

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