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**EDITOR'S NOTE:**

**The next 2004 ICEHS E-News distribution date is January 20<sup>th</sup>. Please send your submissions no later than January 15<sup>th</sup> in Word (attachment) to ([MGunnels@nhtsa.dot.gov](mailto:MGunnels@nhtsa.dot.gov)).**

## **SECTION NEWS**

### **NOTES FROM THE CHAIR**

It was wonderful to see so many of you in San Francisco last month and to be welcomed as your new Chair. There were a number of fine examples of cross-section collaboration at the annual meeting. Someone from the MCH section wants to work with us on a violence committee or workgroup. The International Health section sent a representative to one of our business meetings to establish a formal liaison with ICEHS.

I also want to build bridges with the ATOD section this year. Having worked in the field of substance abuse in the last three years, I can tell you that injury prevention has a lot to offer our colleagues. There is no equivalent to the injury pyramid, for example, in trying to get a handle on the toll that drugs and alcohol take on the population. Many ATOD preventionists are not familiar with the Haddon matrix, or with prevention framed as primary, secondary and tertiary. There also are a number of relevant policy issues that affect both fields. Stay tuned for more on this in future newsletters!

This is a good time to grow the section, and it is my happy duty to increase membership, strengthen the committees, and seek out each of your participation. As we move beyond the nuts and bolts of running the section, I would like us to do some strategic planning. Let's find out why some of the leading lights in injury prevention are not active section members. Why do so few of the state public health associations have any injury control committees or activities? There are a lot of competing interests for our time and dollars: how do we make the case that APHA and ICEHS are "worth it"?

I care passionately about information: the accuracy of it, how to communicate it effectively, how to get the right message to the right people. I will be using all the various means available to the section to communicate with you in the coming year: this newsletter, conference calls, the website ([www.icehs.org](http://www.icehs.org)), email. I invite you to contact me with any concerns, questions or issues you have. Please introduce yourself to me, tell me what you want out of your section membership and how *you* plan to become involved. One of the best ways to get involved is to join a committee. Please read the "Call for Committees" elsewhere in the newsletter and jump right in!

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## **2003 APHA ICEHS SCIENTIFIC PROGRAM: SMASHING SUCCESS STORY**

**A**

### **Report from 2003 Scientific Program Committee Injury Control and Emergency Health Services Section American Public Health Association**

The 2003 scientific program committee was initially co-chaired by Steve Marshall, Anna Waller, and Beth Moracco. However, early in the year it became clear that Beth Moracco needed to reduce her time commitment to the committee. J. Michael Bowling served as co-chair for the initial period after Beth left, followed by Renee Johnson, who joined the committee as co-chair in the Fall.

#### **We believe that the APHA annual meeting should be the premier forum in the United States for the presentation of research data on injury control.**

It should be noted, however, that there is an ever-increasing number of injury-related meetings, both nationally and internationally, that essentially compete for the same audience.

In order for APHA/ICEHS to maintain its standing, we feel that it is important to continuously improve the quality of the ICEHS scientific program. To that end, the previous year's program (2002) featured a number of changes to the traditional ICEHS format:

- fewer speakers per oral session (4 instead of 5)
- more time for audience questions and discussion
- more sessions organized around a particular theme or topic (fewer “catch-all” sessions)
- one invited session on a topic deemed to be of broad public health significance
- more co-sponsorship by ICEHS of injury content in sessions offered by other Sections/SPIGs/Caucuses
- more co-sponsorship of ICEHS sessions by other Sections/SPIGs/Caucuses

We have largely followed this model with the 2003 program. In 2003, we accepted 27% of submitted abstracts as oral (compared to 34% in 2002), and another 40% as posters (44% for 2002), for an overall acceptance rate of 66% (78% for 2002). These figures do not include the latebreaker sessions, do not include abstracts transferred to other sections (n=7), and do not include the Technology Theater session. The reduction in the percentage of abstracts accepted was largely due to the fact that more abstracts were submitted in 2003 than in 2002 (176 versus 158). In addition, APHA reduced the number of ICEHS oral sessions from 16 in 2002 to 15 in 2003.

As in 2002, we dedicated one of the oral sessions to an invited session and recruited expert speakers from the field of injury control. The section leadership was invited to submit ideas for the topic, and the theme of “translating research into practice” was selected. Liz McLoughlin and Kim Ammann Howard jointly conceptualized the session, recruited the speakers, and will moderate the session. Also, as has been traditionally done in previous years, we allocated one oral session to the ICEHS data sub-committee, co-chaired by Liz McLoughlin, Lee Annest, and Lois Fingerhut.

This year, there were sufficient numbers of technology-orientated abstracts for us to build a technology-dependent session and transfer it to the APHA technology theater. The technology theater is a dedicated venue in the main conference facility that supports presentations that require the use of technology, such as VCRs, web interfaces, multimedia, etc. There is increasing use of technology to implement injury interventions and disseminate injury data, and we hope that ICEHS will continue to have a presence in the technology theater in the future. Sessions in the technology theater do not count against ICEHS's allotment of sessions.

Co-sponsorships continued to grow this year, with ICEHS sessions attracting up to 7 co-sponsors. In addition, ICEHS co-sponsored more of the APHA program than we have ever done previously. Looking at the level of co-sponsorship of ICEHS sessions, it is clear that the issue of violence prevention is a theme that links many of APHA's Sections/SPIGs/Caucuses.

The latebreakers sessions were once again programmed by Nelson Adekoya. As with the regular submissions, the number of abstracts submitted was greater than in 2002. Nelson has programmed the latebreakers for the past 4 years and plans to continue in 2004.

The quality of any scientific program depends in large part on the quality of the review process. To this end, we depend on a reviewer database that lists contact information and expertise areas for all our reviewers. This database was developed by the 2001 program committee, but it is badly in need of an update. During the Fall, we developed an expertise area checklist that we are asking all reviewers to complete. This checklist has already been emailed to all reviewers on the 2003 list. There is also interest from the Section in compiling such a database for all ICEHS members.

Our experience in two years as co-chairs of this committee was that teamwork was an important element of success. We encourage future program committees to continue with the model of having several co-chairs, located at the same institution, who work collaboratively on the program.

It has been a rewarding two years and we thank ICEHS for the opportunity to serve as the scientific program committee co-chairs for 2002 and 2003.

- The 2003 Scientific Program Committee Co-chairs  
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## 2004 ICEHS STUDENT PAPER COMPETITION

**Purpose of the Student Paper Competition:** The purpose of the Injury Control and Emergency Health Services Student Paper Competition Award is to foster and reward quality research efforts among students involved in the field.

**Background:** The Student Paper Competition was implemented at the 1992 Annual Meeting of the American Public Health Association. In 2004, one or more awards will be presented for the 13th time.

### **Requirements for Submitting Applications and Criteria for the Award:**

Applicants must submit an abstract *according to the APHA abstract guidelines published for the ICEHS* (to the person/address identified). Along with their abstract, applicants must submit a letter stating the school and program in which they are enrolled, the degree pursued, the expected date of completion, and the name of their advisor; applicants who have completed their programs within the last year, and have not previously presented the same data at a professional meeting or published the data, are welcome to participate. Following notice of acceptance of the abstract for either oral or poster presentation, by the Scientific Program Chair, applicants must send a completed manuscript, organized and presented according to standard journal format (e.g., *American Journal of Public Health, American Journal of Epidemiology, Annals of Emergency Medicine*, or other pertinent peer-reviewed journal) and four blinded copies that are to be received by September 01; submit your application to *Dr. Gerberich*, as identified below. **With the submission of the final paper, a statement signed by the advisor must identify any co-authors involved and the proportion of effort contributed by the student; the student must be identified as the primary author.**

The reviews for this competition will be conducted by at least three external peer-reviewers. It is anticipated that one or more awards will be presented at the annual meeting of the American Public Health Association meeting.

Students must be primary or secondary members of the ICEHS Section of APHA to participate in this competition. Membership must be confirmed prior to the annual American Public Health Association meeting. – *Sue Gerberich*

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## **ICEHS WEB AREA FOR MEMBERS ONLY**

A new section of the ICEHS website has been created for Section Members Only. Instructions for accessing it (the username and password) were included in the email that accompanied this issue of the newsletter.

If you didn't receive the message with the members-only information, please contact Anara Guard, the section chair ([anara@jointogether.org](mailto:anara@jointogether.org)). We need to update your contact information in our database. The instructions for gaining access the private section will be sent to you right away once we have your correct email address.

Currently, you will find links there to Les Fisher's manuscript and to the subscription page for the data discussion Listserv.

*- David Lawrence*

## **DON'T MISS THE ICEHS INJURY DATA LIST\_SERVE**

Have you ever had an injury data question but weren't sure who to ask? Or wanted to discuss an injury data issue but didn't want to wait until the APHA annual meeting? Well, now you no longer have to wait.

At the 2002 APHA annual meeting, the ICEHS data committee, along with roundtable participants, agreed that a data-oriented listserv "just for ICEHS" would serve member needs and keep communication open between annual meetings. The purpose of the ICEHS\_DATA listserv is to provide a forum to discuss injury-related data activities and questions. This list is only open to current members of APHA's ICEHS and is managed by the "injury team" at NCHS.

Those who would like to join the listserv can do so at [www.icehs.org](http://www.icehs.org) (those who are already subscribers **do not** need to resubscribe). Once on the ICEHS home page, click on the Data ListServ button. You will be asked for a user name and a password, enter "ICEHS" (upper case, no quotes) as the user name and "safety1st" (lower case, no quotes) as the password.

Once subscribed you will receive confirmation and welcome emails. If you have any questions or problems, please email Manon Boudreault ([MBoudreault@cdc.gov](mailto:MBoudreault@cdc.gov)) for assistance.

*- Manon Boudreault*

## **2004 CALL FOR NOMINATIONS**

### **Call for Section Leadership Nominations**

For the last two years ICEHS has not had contested elections for Chair and various other leadership positions of the Section. This reflects badly on our membership and our functioning as a viable Section within the Association. Many of you expressed grave concerns about this situation. The current Section Council is determined that this will not happen again and set contested elections for all positions as one of our first goals. This cannot happen without **YOU!** Please consider running for one of the positions below or nominating a colleague. The positions

below constitute a Leadership Council which meets by one hour conference call approximately every six to eight weeks throughout the year and communicates by email at other times. If you have questions about what is involved, call or email Janet Holden, Past Chair and Chair of the nominating Committee, at 708-386-7179, [janetholden@sbcglobal.net](mailto:janetholden@sbcglobal.net).

The positions are:

Chair Elect - The position of Chair is a three year commitment, Chair Elect, Chair and Past Chair. This enables the candidate to become oriented with the duties of the position as well as plan for the commitment professionally. The candidate in the Summer 2004 Elections will become Chair Elect at the conclusion of the 2004 Annual Meeting and Chair in 2005. The Chair provides leadership for Section Activities, including implementation of plans and policies formulated by the Section Council, develops and administers the budget of the Section, represents the Section in all interactions with the national office of the Association, and represents or arranges for the representation of the Section in relationships with other bodies both within and outside of the Association.

Secretary Elect – Similar to the Chair, the Secretary Elect has a year to become oriented to the functioning of the Section and the Association. The Secretary Elect participates in Section Council conference call meetings during the “elect” year and serves as Secretary whenever the current Secretary is unable to do so.

Section Council – There are six Section Councilors. Two are elected each year for three year terms. The duties are flexible, dependent on the availability and interests of the Councilors, and are developed in conjunction with the current Chair. In essence, Councilors “represent the views of the ICEHS Section membership by proposing subjects for consideration and possible action by the Section Council and/or members; identify, interpret and promote the role of the ICEHS Section in contributing to the Association's deliberations and action in relation to matters that are of special concern to the members of the Section; and work with Section Committees in an active capacity as assigned by the Section Chairperson.” (ICEHS Procedures Manual). Summer 2004 candidates would assume their role at the close of the Annual Meeting in 2004. The current Councilors are all from the east and south, with one loan mid westerner. While we would welcome all nominations, we would especially like to hear from those of you in the west.

Governing Council Representative – Representation on the actual governing body of the Association is based on Section size. ICEHS currently has two GC representatives. One is elected each year to serve for a two year term. Nominees should have some knowledge of how the APHA organization works, or have worked on policy and procedures development in other organizations.

If you would like to run for any of these offices, or suggest someone for the nominating committee to contact, please contact Janet Holden at [janetholden@sbcglobal.net](mailto:janetholden@sbcglobal.net) or 708-386-7179.           - *Janet Holden*

## **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.

FEBRUARY ABSTRACTS DUE.  
DEADLINE FOR AWARDS NOMINATIONS.  
DEADLINE FOR OFFICER NOMINATIONS.  
PROPOSED POLICY STATEMENTS DUE.

APRIL DEADLINE FOR COMMENTS ON PROPOSED POLICY STATEMENTS.

MAY 30 ABSTRACT NOTIFICATIONS.

JUNE ELECTIONS—DON'T FORGET TO VOTE!

AUGUST ELECTION RESULTS!  
LATEBREAKER ABSTRACTS AND POSTERS DEADLINE.

NOVEMBER 6-10, 2004 - ANNUAL MEETING, WASHINGTON DC

*- Anara Guard*

## **NEWS and MEETINGS**

### **NEW INJURY PREVENTION TEXT BY KAREN LILLER**

#### **INFORMATION ABOUT NEW INJURY PREVENTION TEXT TO BE PUBLISHED BY APHA!!**

Karen Liller, PhD, ICEHS Section Councilor, has received notification that her book prospectus on injury prevention for children and adolescents has been approved by APHA. The title of the text is Injury Prevention for Children and Adolescents: Integration of Research, Practice, and Advocacy. Dr. Liller serves as editor of the text and several ICEHS section members are serving as authors/co-authors of the book chapters. The book will contain chapters on the major unintentional injuries and violence-related injuries that affect children and adolescents. This book should fill the void in the availability of new injury prevention texts focused on children and adolescents. The text is unique in that the importance of research, practice, and advocacy efforts will be highlighted and integrated and directions for future work will be discussed. In addition, each chapter will include information about a young person who has survived or not survived a particular injury to better “humanize” the scientific content. The audience for the book includes academicians/students in schools/programs of public health, injury prevention and violence prevention and related centers, and related disciplines, and injury prevention practitioners, especially those who work in coalitions focused on the development and implementation of community-based injury prevention programs. The book is set to be published by APHA within two years.

## **HAVE YOUR SAY ABOUT INJURY AND VIOLENCE PREVENTION TRAINING**

If you work to prevent injury and violence, the National Injury and Violence Training Initiative invites you to "*have your say*" about the training programs and resources that you have found useful. Help us build a clearinghouse for all resources that can assist injury and violence prevention practitioners by responding to our questionnaire. You will not be compensated monetarily, however, your name will be entered into a drawing for a one-year subscription to the journal *Injury Prevention*. While the field of injury and violence prevention is complex and diverse, we believe that we have much to share and learn from one another. In that spirit, we invite you let us know about training programs and other learning experiences in which you have participated; training materials that you or your organization have developed; and suggestions for training resources that you would find beneficial. To participate in this study, please send an email to: [Signup@InjuryEd.org](mailto:Signup@InjuryEd.org)

and/or visit our website <http://www.injured.org> for more information about the Initiative.

- *Karen Demby*

## **NEW INJURY PREVENTION JOURNAL:**

African Safety Promotion: A Journal of Injury and Violence Prevention (ASP) will be published twice a year. Submissions are welcome. Please submit your contributions or any related queries to Professor Mohamed Seedat, Editor-in-Chief, African Safety Promotion: A Journal of Injury and Violence Prevention, PO Box 1087, Lenasia, 1820, South Africa, or via email to: [seedama@unisa.ac.za](mailto:seedama@unisa.ac.za).

- *Anara Guard*

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- *Maggi Gunnels*

## **BARBARA JORDAN HEALTH POLICY SCHOLARS PROGRAM**

The Barbara Jordan Health Policy Scholars Program is Now Accepting Applications for the Summer of 2004 Program. The Scholars Program brings talented African American, Latino, Asian/Pacific Islander and American Indian/Alaska Native college seniors and recent graduates to Washington, DC, where they work in congressional offices and learn about health policy. The application deadline is January 30, 2004.

**Purpose:** The Kaiser Family Foundation established the Scholars Program to honor the legacy of late U.S. Congresswoman Barbara Jordan, who was a Foundation Trustee, and to expand the pool of students of color interested in the field of health policy.

**Structure:** Through the nine-week program (June 1 - July 30, 2004), Scholars gain knowledge about federal legislative procedure and health policy issues, while further developing their critical thinking and leadership skills. In addition to an internship in a congressional office, Scholars participate in seminars and site visits to augment their knowledge of health care issues, and write and present a health policy research paper. The program is based at Howard University.

**Eligibility:** Eligible candidates must be U.S. citizens who are members of a racial/ethnic minority group and will be seniors or recent graduates of an accredited U.S. college or university in the fall of 2004. Candidates are selected based on academic performance, demonstrated leadership potential and interest in health policy.

**Compensation:** Scholars receive approximately \$5,000 in support, which includes a stipend, daily expense allowance, airfare and lodging.

**Additional information:** Application forms and additional information about the Program are available online at <http://www.kff.org/docs/topics/jordanscholars.html>. All application materials are due by January 30, 2004. For further information, contact program manager Jomo Kassaye at 202-865-4827 or [jkassaye@huhosp.org](mailto:jkassaye@huhosp.org).

## **COMMENTARY FROM LES FISHER, ICEHS ARCHIVIST**

**Now posted on the ICEHS WEB (refer to page 6):  
Shaping the Millennium. From the History of Child - Home Injury in the United States, in public health journals (1900 - 1975), to Applications of Leadership Systems. Abstract.**

Using history, leadership systems and personal reflections, the author assesses more than 120 articles on child and home injury prevention, published in *Public Health Reports* and *The American Journal of Public Health*, from the early 1900s to the creation of the American Public

Health Association's Injury Control and Emergency Health Services Section in 1972. The resulting "bookshelf" on injury prevention personalities, events and values, overlaid by several modern leadership systems conceptual frameworks, may better interface on the continued progress of modern injury epidemiological and prevention systems. The understanding of interacting historical and leadership systems can promote newer evidence-based crafts and skills. From such historical reconstructions, newer applied research, in-service training and professional education curricula can guide the continued personal and field growth during losses of institutional memory and downsizing of resources.

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**There are only four questions of importance in life: What is sacred, of what is the spirit made, what is worth living for, and what is worth dying for. The answer to all of them is the same. Only love. Juan de Marco**