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**EDITOR'S NOTE:**

The next 2004 ICEHS E-News distribution date is March 25<sup>th</sup>. Please send your submissions no later than March 15<sup>th</sup> in Word (attachment) to (MGunnels@nhtsa.dot.gov).

**The aim of life is to live,  
and to live means to be aware,  
joyously, serenely, divinely aware.  
- Henry Miller**

## **SECTION NEWS**

### **NOTES FROM THE CHAIR**

Good news, ICEHS members! The policy resolution that our section submitted to APHA has passed the first stage of the policy process. This resolution relates to UPPL—an insurance provision in force in most states that allows insurers to deny coverage for any injured patient who had used alcohol or drugs prior to their injury. The real result of this threat is that people are not screened appropriately in the emergency rooms and trauma centers, thus missing an opportunity to identify someone in need of further intervention. ICEHS was joined by the Alcohol, Tobacco and Other Drugs section in submitting the resolution.

I hope that many of you submitted abstracts for the annual meeting. As you prepare your presentations for this conference or any other, you might want to check out what I think is the best advice on oral presentations I have ever seen: “Oral presentations at scientific meetings: Some hints and tips” by Eduardo Katchburian, published in the Sao Paulo Medical Journal 2003; 121(1): 37-38. Download these two pages at [www.scielo.br/pdf/spmj/v121n1/16134.pdf](http://www.scielo.br/pdf/spmj/v121n1/16134.pdf) and take a read. It is well worth the time and I have no doubt that you will wish, as I do, that EVERY presenter takes his advice!

I am pleased to report that several members have contacted me, volunteering for committees, to be abstract reviewers and to update their information with us so that we don't lose touch. We still have room for you—especially in the Membership, Communications and Education committees. Please drop me a line if you would like to be involved.

*- Anara Guard*

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### **JANET HOLDEN ELECTED TO ISC STEERING COMMITTEE**

ICEHS is now represented on the Intersectional Council Steering Committee. In January, Janet Holden was elected by the Council for a three year position on the Committee. The APHA Intersectional Council (ISC) was informally established in the early 1980s and acted as a liaison between the sections and the APHA Executive Board. The Council obtained formal status as recommended by the Executive Board and approved by the Governing Council in November, 1995.

The ISC is made up of the current chair, chair-elect, and immediate past chair of each section, as well as the members of the ISC Steering Committee. Each section has one vote. As stated in our Bylaws, “the purpose of the ISC is to represent the interests and common concerns of the sections in matters relating to

section administration, the Executive Board and other elements of APHA; to facilitate relations between sections and other relevant bodies of the Association, such as the Committee on Affiliates (COA); and to assist sections in their internal management and in intersectional communications. The Intersectional Council reports to the Governing Council on its activities and deliberations.”

Between annual meetings, the affairs of the ISC are conducted by a Steering Committee consisting of eight members. Six representatives are elected from the ISC and serve a period of three years in staggered terms. No Section may have more than one member on the Steering Committee. In addition, one Steering Committee position is appointed by the Executive Board as part of the membership deployment process and the ISC Immediate Past Chair serves as an eighth member.

The two issues of concern that Janet will work on during her tenure are the ongoing issue of utilizing member expertise and the effect of Agency Membership in the Association on the makeup and function of the Sections. Better communication and coordination among the Sections and the State Affiliates is also one of the Steering Committee’s main goals.

## **2004 SECTION AWARDS - CALL FOR NOMINATIONS**

The time for submitting nominations for ICEHS Section awards has arrived. The awards, a description of the recognition, past awardees, and the deadlines for submission are listed below. A form that may be used to nominate someone for one of the ICEHS Section awards is available electronically:

<http://www.icehs.org/awards.pdf> (Adobe Acrobat)

<http://www.icehs.org/awards.doc> (MS Word).

Please include a CV for the nominee with the form. A list of past awardees is included below. For more information, please visit:

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

Nomination forms should be returned to:

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**Deadlines: For your nomination to be considered, it must be received by Friday, March 26, 2004 for the International Distinguished Career Award and Friday, April 30, 2004 for all other awards.**

The ICEHS Section has the following awards for recognition of an individual's outstanding contributions to injury control and emergency health services:

**International Distinguished Career Award**

For outstanding dedication and leadership in the area of international injury research and teaching, with contributions and achievements that have significant and long-term impacts on the field. This award will be presented at the 7<sup>th</sup> World Conference on Injury Prevention and Safety Promotion to be held June 6-9, 2004 in Vienna, Austria.

**Distinguished Career Award**

For outstanding dedication and leadership in the area of injury research and teaching, with contributions and achievements that have significant and long-term impacts on the field.

**Public Service Award**

For outstanding dedication and leadership in injury prevention practice in the context of a governmental or non-profit organization, with contribution and achievements that have a significant and long-term impact on the field.

**Excellence in Science Award**

For outstanding dedication and leadership in the science of injury control and emergency health services with contributions and achievements that have significant and long-term impacts on the field.

**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.

**ICEHS Awardees**

<b>Distinguished Career Award</b>	<b>Public Service Award Individual</b>
1989 - Julian Waller	1989 - Art Funke
1990 - Jess Kraus	1990 - Sarah Brady
1991 - Katherine Christoffel	1991 - David Heppel
1992 - Leon Robertson	1992 - Jack Finklea
1993 - Steve Teret	1993 - Lois Fingerhut
1994 - Pat Waller	1994 - Sue Gallagher
1995 - Fred Rivara	1995 - Rick Smith
1996 - Ellen MacKenzie	1996 - Elizabeth McLoughlin
1997 - Jerome Barancik	1997 - Murray Katcher
1998 - David Boyd	1998 - Andrew McGuire
1999 - Robert D. Verhalen	1999 - Michael Finkelstein
2000 - John D. States	2000 - Billie Weiss
2001 - Barbara Barlow	2001 - Stephen Luchter
2002 - Frank A. Haight	2002 - Sue Mallonee
2003 - Robert Sanders	2003 - Alex Kelter

<b>Public Service Award Institution</b>
1996 - National Safe Kids 1997 - Insurance Institute for Highway Safety

<b>Excellence in Science Award</b>	<b>International Distinguished Career Award</b>
1998 - Carol Runyan 1999 - Ted Miller 2000 - Arthur Kellermann 2001 - Garen Wintemute 2002 - J. Lee Annest 2003 - Stephen Hargarten	1996 - Peter Vulcan 1998 - Leif Svanstrom 2000 - Dinesh Mohan 2002 - Barry Pless

- Larry Cohen

## **NATIONAL INJURY AND VIOLENCE PREVENTION TRAINING INITIATIVE SEEKS ICEHS MEMBERS**

Dear ICEHS member:

We are invited to help build a clearinghouse of valuable training resources for the field of injury and violence prevention. I encourage you to participate by completing an online questionnaire developed by the National Injury and Violence Prevention Training Initiative, a non-profit collaboration of injury and violence prevention professionals. All responses will be kept confidential. We will make every effort to protect the identity of the participants. No subjects will be identified in any report or publication of this study or its results. Only staff at the UNC Injury Prevention Research Center, where data are assembled, will have access to information that links individual's names to their responses.

To learn more about the group sponsoring this project and the questionnaire, visit [InjuryEd.org](http://InjuryEd.org). If you are ready to respond to the questionnaire, send an email to [Signup@InjuryEd.Org](mailto:Signup@InjuryEd.Org). You will receive instructions about how to respond and how to gain access to your own personal questionnaire. If you have questions please contact Karen Demby at [Karen\\_Demby@med.unc.edu](mailto:Karen_Demby@med.unc.edu) or 919-843-3530.

The National Injury and Violence Prevention Training Initiative would like for everyone who is willing to do so to provide information about training. If you are aware of any colleague who would be willing to take this questionnaire, please ask them to send an email message to [signup@injured.org](mailto:signup@injured.org) to receive access to their personal questionnaire.

- Anara Guard

## **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.

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**

### **THE CDC PUBLIC HEALTH LAW NEWS**

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## **DON'T MISS THIS NEW TEXT ON VIOLENCE PREVENTION**

### ***Understanding and Preventing Youth Violence in America* Deborah Prothrow-Stith and Howard Spivak**

Deborah Prothrow-Stith and Howard R. Spivak, two prominent Boston-area public health officials discuss Boston's interdisciplinary citywide movement. This movement - made up of educators, community leaders, police officers, emergency room workers, activist teens, teen and family member survivors of violence, and many others - worked for more than ten years to implement multifaceted preventive programs that confronted risk factors for youth violence including: poverty, domestic violence, and firearm availability. The authors describe how the Boston model can help shape successful youth violence prevention efforts around the country.

- *Les Fisher*

## **NEW BIBLIOGRAPHY FROM THE CDC**

Now Available from CDC's Injury Center:  
Bibliography of Behavioral Science Research in Unintentional Injury Prevention

The Bibliography includes more than 900 citations of journal articles, book chapters, government reports, and other publications. Designed as a tool for researchers, practitioners and students, this bibliography documents the contributions of behavioral and social sciences to unintentional injury prevention and control from 1980–2003. The complete bibliography is provided in two formats: (1) alphabetical by author; and (2) by injury topic. Citations are also indexed by keyword.

The Bibliography is part of a CDC effort to take an interdisciplinary approach to injury prevention and to identify innovative strategies from the behavioral and social sciences.

Unintentional injury topics include: bicycle injuries; child occupant protection; consumer product safety; drowning; falls; fire and burns; impaired driving; motor vehicle injuries; motorcycle safety; occupational injuries; pedestrian injuries; playground injuries; poisoning; seat belts; sports injuries; and sun-related injuries.

The entire document is available online:  
[www.cdc.gov/ncipc/pub-res/behavioral](http://www.cdc.gov/ncipc/pub-res/behavioral)

- *Lee Annest*

## **MEASURING THE BURDEN OF INJURY CONFERENCE**

The Measuring the Burden of Injury conference will be held June 3 and 4 in Baden bie Wein, a suburb of Vienna, Austria. The program will include presentations on data issues, costs of injury, utility based methods for measuring the burden of injury, the psychological burdens of injury, as well as presentations of general interest from the World Health Organization, Europe and the U. S. In organizing the program time has been set aside for a late breaker session. If you want to submit a late breaker abstract, the deadline is March 5, 2004. The conference registration fee is Euros 150, which covers lunches, breaks, dinner on June 3 and a copy of the proceedings. The hotel is reserving a block of rooms at Euros 70 a night. Payment of the conference registration fee will be accepted in US dollars, the amount depending on the exchange rate. If you would like to submit a late breaker abstract, register for the conference or if have any questions contact Steve Luchter at [sluchter@earthlink.net](mailto:sluchter@earthlink.net).

*- Steve Luchter*

## **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/> >.

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## **POSITION ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **RESEARCH POSITION WITH NHTSA IN WASHINGTON, DC**

The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration's Office of Research and Technology anticipates one position at the GS-12/13 level (salary range \$57,000 - \$68,000). We anticipate recruiting for one position in the following job categories: Research Psychologist, Health Scientist, and Social Science Researcher. The Office of Research and Technology has national responsibility for conducting behavioral research on the role of driver factors in crash avoidance and in identifying strategies for reducing traffic-related deaths and injuries. The Office focuses research on a number of traffic safety issues including alcohol- and drug-impaired driving; use of seat belts and child restraint devices; speeding and

aggressive driving; pedestrian, bicycle and motorcycle safety; traffic safety for older adults; driver licensing and education; emergency medical services; and distracted and drowsy driving. The research and development programs conducted by the Office employ behavioral-science theories and accepted research practices to increase safe driving and to reduce injuries and death resulting from vehicle crashes. Please contact Dr. Maria Vegega, Chief, Behavioral Research Division, Office of Research and Technology, National Highway Traffic Safety Administration at 202-366-4892 or [maria.vegega@nhtsa.dot.gov](mailto:maria.vegega@nhtsa.dot.gov) for information.

- *Maria Vegega*