

Member Update ~ July 2007

Dear SAVIR Members:

SAVIR Research Conference Objectives

- Identify and evaluate recent injury & violence research findings in the areas of qualitative, quantitative and translational research
- Organize across disciplines to address the unique challenges faced by researchers and public health professionals in injury and violence prevention
- Recognize and potentially solve methodological issues encountered in injury and violence research

Conference Themes

- Qualitative Methods
- Quantitative Methods
- Translational Methods

Conference Links

- [Brochure download](#)
- [Abstract link](#)

SAVIR Committee on Training and Infrastructure Development NEEDS YOUR HELP!

Improving teaching about injury and violence is a priority of the Society for the Advancement of Violence and Injury Research (SAVIR). To facilitate exchange of strategies to improve teaching, we are creating a section on the SAVIR website that will be available only to members as a member benefit. The intent is help each other improve and update our teaching. We ask that you consider sharing your syllabus as well as other related materials (e.g., in class exercises, homework assignments) and also indicate your willingness to engage with other instructors who may be interested in learning more details about your teaching approach and experiences.

To participant in this exchange please take a few minutes to complete [this online web survey](#) as well as consider submitting your materials associated with your instruction to Julie.Gibbs-Long@ColoState.EDU. Thank you. We look forward to hearing from you.

National Update

SAVIR and STIPDA Co-Host Roundtable and Briefing on Preventing Senior Falls

On April 23, SAVIR and STIPDA co-hosted key members of the injury and violence prevention community at an infrastructure roundtable addressing the growing burden of senior falls. SAVIR was represented by Dr. Jane Mahoney, MD, Hank Weiss, PhD, and Dr. Jonathan Howland, PhD. Other representative included, Dr. Ileana Arias, PhD, Director of CDC's National Center for Injury Prevention and Control, and key representatives from Washington, California, Massachusetts and Wisconsin. Full meeting details can be viewed at the [STIPDA website](#).

STIPDA and NHTSA Co-Host Pedestrian Injury Risk Surveillance Workgroup

Dr. John Holmes represented SAVIR at the 2007 Pedestrian Injury Risk Surveillance Workgroup on June 5th. The workgroup focused on identifying promising practices pedestrian injury risk surveillance. A workgroup summary will soon be posted also on the [STIPDA website](#).

National Injury Congress Planning

"SAVIR, the APHA's Injury Section, and STIPDA have begun early discussions that are intended to lead to a "National Injury Congress" meeting. The motivation for this meeting of multiple organizations is to generate a much larger nexus of activity that will be recurring (maybe every other year), elevate the field, and generate significantly more public recognition of injury as a preventable disease in need of robust programming and research. SAVIR will need to appoint three representatives to sit on the Planning Committee for the National Injury Congress. If you are interested in participating on this Planning Committee, please [send us an email](#) as soon as possible.

International Update

Resolution on Emergency Care Trauma Systems

The World Health Assembly (WHA) adopted a Resolution on Emergency Trauma Care Systems. As stated in the news release, "This first ever WHA Resolution on this topic, initially proposed by Romania and Thailand, draws the attention of governments to the need to strengthen pre-hospital and emergency trauma care systems (including mass casualty management efforts) and describes a number of steps governments could take. In addition, it invites WHO to scale up its efforts to support countries. Although not legally binding, the Resolution is an important commitment from senior public health and development officials around the world to increase efforts to strengthen trauma care systems". SAVIR was please to have supported this resolution through an engaging letter of support.