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The President and Past President of SAVIR outline the organization's mission

The field of injury and violence prevention continues to grow in many ways, responding to the acute and long-term public health burden of events ranging from natural disasters, drownings, falls and road injuries to self-harm and interpersonal violence. As it grows, so does the need for quality research and researchers that utilize a wide range of rigorous scientific methods to identify risk factors and trends, inform public policy, and guide and evaluate effective interventions.

In December of 2005, the Society for Advancement of Violence and Injury Research (SAVIR) was established as a new organization (www.savirweb.org). SAVIR's mission is to promote high quality research and translate and disseminate research findings to prevent violence and injuries, across the spectrum of prevention, acute care and rehabilitation.

To accomplish this mission, SAVIR seeks to:

- Help unify and organize researchers working across the many disciplines involved in injury and violence research
- Create a visible identity for injury research and researchers
- Promote professional development and networking opportunities for injury and violence researchers
- Improve the teaching and mentoring of the next generation of injury researchers
- Promote strong links between the scientific, academic, public health and medical communities
- Coordinate activities and exchanges between researchers and practitioners and policymakers
- Advocate for evidence-based injury and violence prevention programs
- Advocate for increased funding for injury and violence research.

We are a growing interdisciplinary group seeking to attract people and

organizations interested in working together to expand the field and advance its science. SAVIR's uniqueness stems from the challenge of successfully promoting cohesion, shared knowledge, collaboration and an integrative approach between groups and individuals working in different specialties across the spectrum of injury prevention and control research. We have had a year of building the organization with successes and challenges, while simultaneously planning for upcoming research conferences, a dynamic website, practitioner partnerships, and international webinars.

SAVIR is proud to announce our partnership with the world's premier injury journal. *Injury Prevention* is now SAVIR's official journal. We are pleased to join the family of organizations working with *Injury Prevention*. We look forward to working with the Editorial Board of *Injury Prevention* to discover and disseminate the very best peer-reviewed articles, critical reviews and commentaries.

Working alongside colleagues in many other active and committed national and international injury and violence professional organizations, we seek to complement and grow this dynamic and diverse field. Together, we can and we will reduce the global burden of injury.

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