Kia Ora!

It is already March which means there are now just six and a half months until the 11th World Conference on Injury Prevention and Safety Promotion.

**Registrations open – registration brochure available online**

Registrations have opened and we are pleased to already have registrations from attendees from around the world, including: the United Kingdom, France, India, Uganda, Australia, and of course New Zealand.

If you would like to register, would like more information, or are still considering attending; a registration brochure for Safety 2012 is now available on the [conference website](#). This brochure provides more comprehensive information on the conference, confirmed speakers, a draft programme and the benefits of attending. It also answers any questions you might have about how to register and attend.

As part of Safety 2012's world class programme, we are delighted to highlight some of the world's leading speakers on injury prevention and safety that will be presenting at the conference. Confirmed speakers include:

- **John Carnochan**
  Detective Chief Superintendent, Co-Director of the Scottish Violence Reduction Unit
  *Presentation title: David's story – born to fail the perfect storm*

- **Dr Linda C Degutis**
  Director, National Center for Injury Prevention and Control, Centres for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), USA
  *Presentation title: Translating policy into effective action*

- **David Engwicht**
  Creative Communities International, Brisbane
  *Presentation title: Solving the safety paradox – when making things less safe makes them more safe*
Dr Louis Francescutti  
Professor, University of Alberta  
*Presentation title: Lessons learnt in injury control: after 30 years what would I do differently?*

Professor Martha Hijar PhD, MPH  
Professor, Universidad Nacional Autónoma de México  
*Presentation title: Injury prevention in low and middle income countries*

Professor Ian Roberts  
Professor, Epidemiology and Public Health, London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine  
*Presentation title: Let's talk about safety – can injury prevention do more harm than good?*

**Call for abstracts – submit by 28 March 2012**

A gentle reminder that your abstract(s) need to be submitted by **Wednesday 28 March 2012 (New Zealand time)**.

The key theme of Safety 2012 is ‘connecting pathways for a vibrant and safer future’. If you have the latest research or information on injury prevention and safety we would love to hear from you. Please submit your abstract via the [conference website](http://www.safety2012.org.nz).

**Scholarships still available – submit by 28 March 2012**

Scholarships are still available to help people who otherwise can't afford to attend the conference.

We have been asked if this includes Kiwis, and the answer is yes! If you have no other source of funding to get to Wellington and attend the conference, you could be eligible. A full list of the eligibility criteria is available at the [conference website](http://www.safety2012.org.nz). Applications must be submitted via the conference website by **Wednesday 28 March 2012 (New Zealand time)**.

If you apply for a scholarship, you'll also need to submit an abstract for either oral or poster presentation at the conference.

If you aren't sure if you should apply for a scholarship, our recommendation is to apply. You can't get a scholarship if you don't apply!

**Information on travelling to New Zealand for your overseas peers**

If you work with or deal with people from overseas who are considering attending, you may want to let them know that we will be holding a free webinar on travel ideas whilst in New Zealand in early May. We will provide details on how to attend this webinar at [www.safety2012.org.nz](http://www.safety2012.org.nz). An email reminder will be sent to all registered and interested people once the details of the webinar are confirmed. If your peers can't wait until May, you can tell them all about our great country, or you can direct them to [www.newzealand.com](http://www.newzealand.com) which has plenty of information about New Zealand for visitors.

**International Safety Media Awards – submit entries by 28 March 2012**

You can now submit to Alaska Injury Prevention Centre's International Safety Media Awards. The celebration and screening of entries will take place at the Safety 2012 conference. The purpose of the competition is to recognise excellence in safety and injury prevention messages and to share evaluation of the effectiveness of the messages.

Entries close at the end of this month. If you would like to find out more about these awards or enter, visit [www.alaska-ipc.org/isma](http://www.alaska-ipc.org/isma).
We look forward to seeing you at Safety 2012.

Regards,
The National Organising Committee
Dr Keith McLea, Professor Hank Weiss and Dr Carolyn Coggan