

8th World Conference on Injury Prevention and Safety Promotion
Pre-conference on Reducing Firearm-Related Mortality and
Morbidity:
Data to Action
31 March – 1 April 2006
Durban, South Africa

The pre-conference on reducing firearm related mortality and morbidity has adopted the same theme as that of the main conference - *Data to Action* - with a specific focus on data collection and linkage, policy development, and practice of researchers and practitioners in the field for reducing and preventing firearm related death and injury.

Objectives

- To examine how the collection and linkage of accurate and relevant data can assist in developing policies aimed at the prevention and reduction of firearm-related death and injuries, giving examples of good practice in this regard and identifying limitations and obstacles
- To examine how data is translated into action to prevent firearm related death and injury, giving examples of good practice, exploring the ways in which the social, political and economic environment either inhibits or facilitates the translation of data into action.

Themes

Submissions are requested that illustrate the main theme of translating data into action, focusing on the following types of information:

a) New data

Presentation of new and innovative data/linked data, examining ways in which this new data can be used to both inform and influence policy and guide actions in the prevention and reduction of firearm related death and injury

b) Case studies demonstrating how the collection of data and information has directly influenced the adoption of policies which have contributed to the prevention and reduction of firearm related death and injury

c) Collaboration between researchers and advocates

Examples of successful cooperation and collaboration between injury prevention advocates (activists) and researchers in prevention activities and policy

d) South Africa

Progress report – showcase the work that NIMSS [National Injury and Mortality Surveillance System] has done, in particular their citywide focus and safer cities programme.

e) Africa/Latin America

Examples of how the limited use and access to data can be utilized to influence policy and practice in the field of firearm injury prevention, identifying obstacles and opportunities for further interventions, particularly in developing countries.

This could also take the form of case studies.

Preconference Registration

There is no registration fee. Registering for the main conference does not automatically register you for this Preconference. All participants need to register by sending their details to precon2006@iss.org.za

Call for papers

If you are interested in submitting a paper to the Preconference please submit a 500-word abstract in line with the themes to the Preconference committee by 30 September 2005. Send to precon2006@iss.org.za

Costs

The ISS has agreed to coordinate and cover some of the expenses of the Preconference. This includes the registration fee which covers daily transport to and from the venue, teas/coffee and lunch, copies of papers and relevant materials. No other costs will be covered. You are responsible for your air ticket, accommodation and any other costs incurred. We do have limited funds available for those who are keen to present a paper but who are unable through other means to attend this event. Please submit requests for sponsorship to Noel Stott, Acting Programme Head, AMP, ISS at noel@iss.org.za

Registration for the 8th World Conference on Injury Prevention and Safety Promotion

Please note that conference registration and all information regarding the main conference is available on the conference website: www.safety2006.info