

Helsinki Conference Program

Aiming for Prevention: International Medical Conference on Small Arms, Gun Violence and Injury, Helsinki, Finland, September 28-30, 2001

Friday, September 28: Investigating the Health Consequences of Small Arms

Opening Plenary

Dr. Ilkka Taipale, Member of Parliament, Finland, and Vice-President of PSR-Finland

Hon. Erkki Tuomioja, Foreign Minister, Finland

H.E. Stephen Brady, Ambassador of Australia to Finland

Mr. Fady Aziz Azer, Medical Student, Suez Canal University, Egypt

Dr. Ulrich Gottstein, IPPNW-Vice President Europe emeritus, IPPNW-Germany

Session I: Magnitude and Consequences, Existing Knowledge

Chair: Prof. Wendy Cukier, Small Arms Firearms Education and Research Network (SAFER Net), Canada

Dr. Etienne Krug, Director, Department for Violence and Injury Prevention, World Health Organization, Geneva

Prof. Jouko Lönnqvist, Researcher, National Public Health Institute, Finland

Dr. Owens Wiwa, African Environment and Human Development Agency (AFRIDA), Nigeria

Questions & Answers: Session 1

Session II: Data Sources and Tools For Research

Chair: Mr. Robert Muggah, Researcher, Small Arms Survey, Geneva

Dr. David Meddings, Epidemiologist, International Committee of the Red Cross, Geneva [\[PDF\]](#)

Ms. Stephanie Burrows, Researcher, UNISA Institute for Social and Health Sciences, South Africa

Dr. Stephen Hargarten, Director, Firearms Injury Center, USA

Questions & Answers: Session 2

Session III: Country Reports

Introduction: The St. Petersburg and Leningrad Region, Russia

Colonel Alexandr Alexandrovitch Kulikov, Ministry of Internal Affairs, Russia

Discussion groups by region:

- A. Europe and Asia
- B. Africa, the Middle East and Asia Pacific
- C. The Americas

Session IV: Working Groups

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Agenda for Future Research

Chair: Dr. Etienne Krug, World Health Organization

Terrorism, Retaliation, and Small Arms

Chair: Ms. Lora Lumpe, NISAT

Economic Cost of the Consequences of Small Arms

Chair: Mr. Richard Withers, Firearms Injury Center, USA

Guns, Trauma, and Rehabilitation

Chairs: Dr. Nalini Kurvey, Indian Institute for Peace, Disarmament, and Environmental Protection

Dr. Jack Piachaud, Medicine, Conflict, and Survival

Humanitarian Action, Campaign Strategies

Chair: Ms. Cate Buchanan, Centre for Humanitarian Dialogue

Working in the Community: Local Interventions for Global Problems

Chair: Dr. Donald Gann, American Friends Service Committee, USA

Evening Reception

Opening remarks by Ms. Cora Weiss, President, Hague Appeal for Peace, New York

Saturday, September 29 Prevention: Analysis, Policies, and Projects

Summary of Previous Day's Country Reports and Working Groups

Chair: Mr. Brian Rawson, Program Coordinator, IPPNW

Case Example: Colombia

Dr. Nelson Arbleda, Center for Youth Violence Prevention, University of Miami, USA

Session V: Risk Factors

Chair: Dr. Pirjo Helena Mäkelä, Past President of PSR-Finland, National Public Health Institute, Finland

Supply and Availability Of Arms

Presenter: Prof. Wendy Cukier, SAFER-Net

Respondent: Mr. Pieter D. Wezeman, Researcher, Stockholm International Peace Research Institute, Sweden

Demand for Arms

Presenter: Mr. Kiflemariam Gebre-Wold, SALIGAD Project Director, Bonn

International Center for Conversion, Germany

Respondents:

Dr. David Meddings, ICRC

Prof. Alfred McAllister, Professor of Behavioral Sciences, University of Texas, USA
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Mr. Sharif Kafi, Advisor for Human Rights and Disarmament Affairs, Bangladesh Development Partnership Centre (BDPC)

Session VI: Role of the Medical Press

Chair: Mr. John Loretz, Executive Editor, *Medicine & Global Survival*, IPPNW

Dr. Ana Marusic, Editor, Croatian Medical Journal; Incoming President, World Association of Medical Editors (WAME)

Dr. Douglas Holdstock, Editor, *Medicine, Conflict and Survival*, UK

Dr. Jack Piachaud, Associate Editor, *Medicine, Conflict and Survival*, UK

Session VII: Prevention: Approaches to Controlling Availability

Chair: Mr. João Honwana, Chief, Conventional Arms Branch, Department of Disarmament Affairs, United Nations, New York

Ms. Lora Lumpe, Senior Associate, Norwegian Initiative on Small Arms Transfers (NISAT)

Mr. Greg Puley, Project Coordinator, Arias Foundation for Peace and Human Progress, Costa Rica [\[PDF\]](#)

Dr. Mick North, Gun Control Network, UK

Session VIII: Linking Medical Evidence with Policy Creation

Chair: Dr. Ian Maddocks, IPPNW-Australia, Chairman of the Board of IPPNW

Ms. Ya Ching Lin, Epidemiologist, Nonviolence International Southeast Asia

Mr. Rubem Cesar Fernandes, Director, Viva Rio, Brazil

Dr. Antoine Chapdelaine, Safety Promotion Specialist, Quebec Center for Public Health, Canada

Session IX: Working Groups

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Vulnerable Populations: Women, Children, and Refugees

Chair: Dr. Olive Kobusingye, Injury Control Center

Human Insecurity and Demand for Arms

Chair: Dr. David Meddings, ICRC

Framework Convention on Arms Transfers

Chair: Mr. Roy Isbister, Saferworld, UK

"Aiming For Prevention" Campaign and Advocacy Tools

Chairs: Ms. Cate Buchanan, Centre for Humanitarian Dialogue

Mr. Brian Rawson

Education: Training for Peace and Non-Violence

Chair: Ms. Caecilie Buhmann, IPPNW-Denmark, International Federation of Medical Students' Associations

Sunday, September 30: Call to Action**Summary of Saturday Working Groups**

Chair: Mr. Brian Rawson, IPPNW

Session X: Prevention: Medical and Humanitarian Action

Chair: Ms. Cate Buchanan, Centre for Humanitarian Dialogue, Geneva

Dr. Olive Kobusingye, Director, Injury Control Center, Uganda

Ms. Lieke Van De Wiel, Project Officer, UNICEF, New York

Session XI: A Medical Call to Action

Chair: Dr. Vappu Taipale, former Minister of Health, Finland; PSR-Finland

Dr. Eugenie Chazov, Academician, Cardiologist, co-founder of IPPNW, Russia

Mr. João Honwana, Department of Disarmament Affairs, United Nations

Mr. Rubem Cesar Fernandes, International Action Network on Small Arms (IANSA)

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