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
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)
Dr. Ian Maddocks, IPPNW-Australia