



## **Injury Control and Traffic Safety Training Course**

**Venue: Parktonian Hotel, Johannesburg**

**Date: 26 – 29 October 2009**

### **Introduction**

The reduction of traffic accidents and injuries is increasingly becoming a public health priority, both in less and highly industrialized countries. More years of working life are lost in both groups of nations due to injuries. Extensive and well-intentioned collaborative traffic campaigns held predominantly over the holiday periods has reflected commendable success; however, South African injury statistics still remain unacceptably high. It is imperative that both professionals and civil society become acutely aware of the importance and possibilities, and the basic principles of injury control and traffic safety. The Medical Research Council-University of South Africa Crime, Violence and Injury Lead Program (MRC- UNISA CVILP) together with Monash University, Australia and South Africa, will be conducting a training course on injury control and traffic safety.

### **Course Objectives**

This 4 day course will bring together professionals working in the area of injury control, research, transportation planning, pedestrian and road safety, trauma, and traffic and law enforcement to acquaint themselves with the state-of-the-art information in the field. The contents of the course have been focused to give a local, national, and global perspective to the road safety problem. By the end of the course the participants should:

- Know about the latest findings and methodologies for prevention of traffic accidents and injuries, transportation planning and enforcement;
- Be aware of perspectives, policies and practices which have been shown to be successful or have not worked in the past; and
- Be able to develop, improve or initiate their own programmes in traffic injury planning and control.

### **Target Sectors / Group**

The course will be conducted in English, and will accommodate about 30 participants. The course has been designed for an interdisciplinary audience of Directorates of Law Enforcement and Traffic Management, law enforcers, police officers, urban and traffic planners, road engineers, researchers, behavioural scientists, medical professionals, emergency services, biomedical engineers and civil society activists from South Africa and other African countries.

## Course Trainers:

The 2009 training course will include the following international trainers:

### **Prof. Rod McClure**

Rod McClure has medical qualifications, extensive clinical experience in emergency medicine, a PhD in injury epidemiology and specialist training in public health medicine. He currently holds the positions of Director of the Monash University Accident Research Centre, Professor, Department of Epidemiology and Preventive Medicine at Monash University, and Professor of Public Health Medicine, Griffith University.

Over the course of the past five years Rod McClure has maintained a heavy teaching and administrative load in the MBBS programs of University of Queensland, and then Griffith University, and now carries the responsibility of the largest injury prevention research centre in Australia. Over the course of the past five years, despite his senior research leadership roles, Professor McClure has been able to maintain an active involvement in the development of injury control in Australia (sitting on a number of state and national committees) and a productive personal research career (i.e. editor of 1 book, author of 54 peer reviewed injury papers in the last 5 years, presenter of 4 keynote presentations at international conferences).

Rod McClure has a particular dedication to supporting the development of research leaders in the injury prevention field. In the last five years, he has been principal supervisor for five PhD student completions. Two of these students were subsequently awarded NHMRC post-doctoral fellowships; one a University of Queensland Post Doctoral Fellowship; one was awarded a post-doctoral position on an ARC funded grant; and one obtained a Research Fellow position at the Australian Centre for Pre-hospital Research

### **Dr. Michael Fitzharris**

Michael Fitzharris (BA, BSc Hons) and PhD from Monash University) is the Foundation Director of the Accident Research Centre at Monash South Africa, Johannesburg. In this role he has responsibility for the development of research and capacity building programmes in the areas of road safety, acute care and trauma and child health. To date this has involved establishing collaborative partnerships in South Africa, Tanzania, Botswana and Namibia.

Prior to assuming this position, Dr Fitzharris was employed at The George Institute for International Health in Sydney (Australia) and China and the Monash University Accident Research Centre in Melbourne (Australia); during this period he was also an Honorary Trauma Research Fellow in the Department of Trauma Surgery at The Alfred Hospital in Melbourne, Australia. Michael Fitzharris has extensive experience in conducting road safety research for government in the areas of enforcement and infrastructure strategy development and evaluation, and for the vehicle industry with a focus on technology evaluation and vehicle design. His particular interest is the impact of injury on physical and psychological health. Michael Fitzharris has published widely in national and international journals and has close to 40 peer-reviewed works and over 60 other types of publications and reports. He is a member of the Association for the Advancement of Automotive Medicine and the International Spinal Cord Society.

## Course Fee

- The conference package will be **R2 500**, including registration, course materials, teas and lunch.
- Delegates are provided with information on suitable accommodation, but will need to ensure their own arrangements.
- Attached is the course registration form. To secure your place, please forward this with your proof of payment to the indicated address. ***Delegates without proof of payment will unfortunately not be eligible for the course.***
- Seats are limited, so please RSVP early.
- This is a certified course.

## Contact Person

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## Course Outline

Refer attachment.

## REGISTRATION FORM

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**NOTE:** (1) Please complete this form in block letters; (2) The application form must be accompanied by the full registration fee of R2 500; (3) Email or fax the registration form to: Ms Lyndsey Lourie. Tel: 011 857-1142/3 and Fax 011 857 1770, or via email: [lourilc@unisa.ac.za](mailto:lourilc@unisa.ac.za)

#### Personal Details

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DIETARY REQUIREMENTS: .....

#### PARTICULARS OF PAYMENT

The cost of the conference package is **R2 500**

Payment must be made in favour of: UNISA – Institute for Social and Health Sciences

Bank Account: ABSA (Sunnyside, Pretoria)

Account number: 0100 00114

Cash R ..... Cheque R ..... Bank draft R ..... Transfer R .....

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#### PARTICULARS OF EMPLOYMENT

Name of Current Employer: .....

Position Held: .....

#### DECLARATION AND UNDERTAKING

I declare that all the particulars furnished by me on this form are true and correct. The Organising Committee, its agents and sub-contractors cannot be held responsible for any loss, damage or inconvenience experienced by delegates or other attendees travelling to or from the conference. Neither can they be held responsible for unforeseen partial or total cancellation of the event. The programme is subject to change without notice.

Date: ...../...../2009

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