

Introduction

Kia Ora and welcome to **Safety 2012**, the 11th World Conference on Injury Prevention and Safety Promotion. Recognizing the value of inter-sectorial liaison and collaboration, these series of bi-annual World Conferences aim to facilitate the exchange of information and experiences throughout the world, to improve the evidence base of injury prevention policy, research and practice.

The National and International Organising Committees are delighted that so many academics, practitioners and policy makers from across the globe have submitted quality papers on subjects as wide ranging as falls, occupational safety, safe communities, suicide prevention, transport safety, trauma care, child safety, violence prevention, disaster management, rehabilitation, fire and water safety. The papers also represent different methodological and socio-cultural approaches. Importantly, all papers were peer reviewed to ensure quality and relevance to the field. We hope you agree that, collectively, they represent a final programme that is educational, insightful, memorable and applicable to your work of saving lives and reducing the injury burden.

The final programme and this abstract book contain over 800 papers, representing the work of over 1100 experts. It represents an international collection of policy, best practice and research, illustrating work from over 75 countries. This year's conference

theme is *Connecting pathways for a vibrant and safer future*. We are delighted that so many of the papers acknowledge and examine the need for an integrated approach to promoting safety and injury control.

Unintentional injuries and violence continue to destroy lives and represent major challenges to the health and justice sectors. We hope that the collection of knowledge represented by these abstracts and shared amongst delegates at **Safety 2012** will contribute to improving understanding of the range of interventions at our disposal to address the challenges that the injury/violence burden represents.

Enjoy **Safety 2012** – remember to build your networks. We hope that the information provided in the scientific sessions will inspire debate and dialogue within and between the various sectors and disciplines both at the conference and when you return to your community – your country.

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