



EUNESE News

European Network for Safety among Elderly

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Center for Research and Prevention of Injuries

Editorial

Dear Members of the EUNESE,

With this newsletter we are happy to provide you with the latest news on the EUNESE progress and activities. We consider this effort as an effective way for disseminating and communicating information among network members- researchers, practitioners, and policy makers.

We kindly invite you to share with us and the members of EUNESE any abstracts you have submitted to national and international conferences and any related news on elderly safety activities, of which we will disseminate them to our members.

We welcome your comments and suggestions which would lead to additional improvements in the newsletter.

Results from the evaluation of the 1st EUNESE Conference

Brussels, May 13-15 2007

The 1st EUNESE conference held in Brussels on May 13-15 2007 was evaluated as well organized, it met the expectations of the participants who were overall satisfied. Almost all participants declared that they were looking for exchange of information and ideas, for networking and for contact with other professionals. This need was met, because the Conference allowed the participants to meet each other, to exchange knowledge and ideas, to become aware for the state-of-the-art on elderly safety, and to discuss about research, prevention, and policy making during the workshop sessions. It also gave us a chance to better understand what the members expect from the network, what aspects they think should be prioritized, and how they could contribute to the success of the network.

The great value of this Conference must be acknowledged.



From the evaluation report prepared by F. Valent, Institute of Hygiene and Epidemiology, University of Udine, Italy in the context of the EUNESE WG5

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Manuscript accepted

We are happy to announce that the manuscript entitled

The Evolution of Unintentional Injury Mortality among Elderly in Europe

by Petridou E.Th., Dikalioti SK, Dessypris N, Skalkidis I.

will be soon published in the **Journal of Aging and Health!**

Members of the European Network for Safety among Elderly who worked in the manuscript were: Fabio Barbone, Patricia Fitzpatrick, Antero Heloma, Maria Segui-Gomez, and Dinesh Sethi.



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Prepared in the context of the EUNESE Pilot project
"VIRTUAL MODELLING OF A SAFE HOUSEHOLD ENVIRONMENT FOR ELDERLY CITIZENS"

Pilot project "Virtual modelling of a safe household environment for elderly citizens" (GR-FR)

We are happy to announce that the implementation of the pilot project has been successfully finalized.

The implementation took place in two phases: In the first phase participated health professionals from different agencies who work with elderly people. In the second phase participated senior citizens from three Open Care Centers for Elderly people in Greece.

The main aim of this pilot project was to provide health professionals and elderly people with simple design solutions and guidelines to make elderly peoples' home safer.

Towards this aim various aspects of the design and function of housing for the elderly were presented and discussed, in particular those related to ensuring a safe environment for them. Domestic hazards were outlined, solutions for the creation of a safe environment were proposed and also examples of safe housing were provided.

All this information is contained in a complete set of material developed in the context of the pilot project and addressed to the above-mentioned target audiences.

The box nearby presents in brief two of the materials used during the implementation.



Open Care Center for Elderly People
Municipality of N. Heracion, Greece (May 2007)

Useful Tips for Housing Safety for the Elderly

Informational leaflet including safety tips addressed to elderly people in order to prevent falls and fall related injuries (Please, find attached the leaflet in .pdf format. Available also in Greek and Turkish)



An A to Z Guide to a Safe Home for Elderly

An informational glossary full of pictures and diagrams accompanied by easy to follow sketches for older peoples' use, their caregivers and health professionals working with older people, including also technical information for designers, civil engineers and architects along with all the details to jump-start a design of a safe home.

Students, teachers of gerontology, doctors and anyone interested to learn background information of a safe home, can also use the Glossary. (Please, find attached the A-Z Guide in .pdf format. Available also in Greek).



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Other available material

Please, visit www.cc.uoa.gr/socmed/hygien/eunese/ to see the Fact Sheets prepared in the context of EUNESE for the five leading causes of unintentional injuries among elderly. You can also find the policy manual "Priorities for Elderly Safety in Europe-Agenda for Action" as well as the "5-Year Strategic Plan for the prevention of Injuries among in EU Senior Citizens" developed also in the context of EUNESE.

Countries participating in EUNESE



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| Austria | Greece | Portugal |
| Belgium | Hungary | Slovak Republic |
| Cyprus | Ireland | Spain |
| Czech Republic | Italy | Sweden |
| Denmark | Latvia | Turkey |
| Estonia | Liechtenstein | United Kingdom |
| Finland | The Netherlands | Russia |
| France | Norway | Switzerland |
| Germany | Poland | USA |



Dear EUNESE Members,

Please feel free to share with us and the rest members of EUNESE any abstracts you have submitted in national and international conferences and any related news on elderly safety activities. We will be happy to further disseminate this information to our members.

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Networking activities

First, we would like to kindly acknowledge those who kindly sent their comments for the finalization of the EUNESE Communications Plan.

On our latest e-mail that sent to you, on 11-06-2007, we provided you with the summary of the Press Release of the 1st EUNESE Conference.

Please be so kind to send us any relevant references published in your National Press.

Membership: In order to become a member of EUNESE, please visit the www.eunese.org, members area, fill in the application form and return it to: eunese@med.uoa.gr

Other than Injury

EUNESE member kind request

A new member of our Network, Dr Mariana Ferreira, Higher Education Teacher at the Higher Education School of Education (Escola Superior de Educaçao) in Porto, would like to have information about programmes on elderly safety and in particular on programmes related to Tuberculosis.

Please feel free to communicate any related info to her at marianela.f@netcabo.pt

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