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LOG OF MEETING
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SUBJECT: International Playground Safety Conference

DATE OF MEETINGS: 8/18/99 to 8/21/99

PLACE: Penn State University, State College, PA

LOG ENTRY SOURCE: John Preston, ES

DATE OF ENTRY: September 14, 1999

COMMISSION ATTENDEES:

John Preston, ES and George Sushinsky, LSE

NON-COMMISSION ATTENDEES:

See attachment for other speakers. Call for complete list of attendees.

SUMMARY OF MEETING:

John Preston presented a paper by Deborah Tinsworth, EPHA entitled: "Comparison of Playground Injuries of Pre-1991 to Today." George Sushinsky and John Preston were joint presenters of a paper entitled: "ASTM F1292, Impact Attenuation of Surface Systems Under/Around Playground Equipment – Should the Standard be Revised?"

Copies of the above papers will be available at such time as the proceedings of the conference are published.

Attachment

Playground Safety 1999 — An International Conference
Agenda

dnesday Evening, August 18

Welcome Reception — **5:00 - 7:00 PM**, **Terrace East**
Entertainment by Urban Fussion

Thursday Morning, August 19 —

Keynote: — **9:00 - 9:45 PM**, **Dean's Hall**
The Flowering of Playground Safety (Plenary Session)
Fran Wallach
Chair- ASTM Subcommittee on Public Playground Equipment
New York, New York USA

Concurrent Sessions:

Dummies Guide to EN 1176 and 1177 Part 1 — **9:45 - 10:30 AM**, **Room Q**
Peter J. Heseltine
Playground Safety Advisor - Royal Society for the Prevention of Accidents
Godmanchester Huntingdon Cambs. ENGLAND

Current Status of ASTM F1292 & F1951 (Formerly PS83) on Surfacing — **9:45 - 10:30 AM**, **Room R**
Robert Heath
Chair - ASTM Subcommittee on Playground Surfacing
Armonk New York USA

Playground Maintenance: Rudiments & Recommendations — **9:45 - 10:30 AM**, **Room S**
Ken Kutska
Superintendent of Parks & Planning - Wheaton Park District
Wheaton, Illinois USA

Refreshment Break — **10:30 10:50 AM**, **Room P**
Books Exhibit — **Honor Hall**

Concurrent Sessions:

Australian Playground Safety Standards: Their Use and Abuse — **10:50 AM - 12:00 I**, **Room Q**
Margaret L. Cavanagh
Kidsafe New South Wales
Parramatta NSW AUSTRALIA

The Shock-Absorbing Properties of Playground Surface Materials — **10:50 AM - 12:00 I**, **Room R**
Tyler A. Kress
Dept. of Health & Safety Sciences
University of Tennessee
Knoxville Tennessee USA

The Importance of Universal Design Approach to Interactive and Therapeutic Play — **10:50 AM - 12:00P**, **Room S**
Fred Druck
President - Playground Environments
Quogue New York USA

Lunch — **12:00 - 1:00 PM** **Garden's**

Thursday Afternoon, August 19 —

Keynote:

Comparison of the Epidemiology of Playground Injuries of Pre-1991 to Today (Plenary Session) — **1:00 - 1:50 PM** **Dean's Hall**
Debra Tinsworth (presented by John Preston - CPSC Directorate for Engineering Services)
Directorate for Epidemiology- U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission
Washington DC USA

Concurrent Sessions:

Soft Contained Play — A Safe Alternative — **1:50 - 2:40 PM** **Room Q**
MaryLou Iverson
President - The Iverson Associates
Kingston Washington USA

How Safe IS Safe? — **1:50 - 2:40 PM** **Room R**
Penny Reed
Playgrounds on Demand Inc.
Greenwood Western Australia AUSTRALIA

Safety of Playground Equipment -- The European Approach — **1:50 - 2:40 PM** **Room S**
Lars Fuchs
Compliance Officer - TÜV Product Service, Inc.
Danvers Massachusetts USA

Refreshment Break — **2:40 - 3:00 PM**
Books Exhibit — **Room P** **Honor Hall**

Concurrent Sessions:

The Playground Safety Inspection Process in the U.K. — **3:00 - 3:50 PM** **Room N**
Peter J. Heseltine
Playground Safety Advisor - Royal Society for the Prevention of Accidents
Godmanchester Huntingdon Cambs. ENGLAND

The Cognition of Playground Facility Safety by Children's Guardians — **3:00 - 3:50 PM** **Room Q**
Su-Hsin Lee
Associate Professor - Graduate Institute of Architecture and Urban Planning
Taichung TAIWAN

Injuries Associated With Playground Equipment - Data From the Canadian Hospitals Injury Reporting and Prevention Program — **3:00 - 3:50 PM** **Room R**
Margaret E. Herbert
Laboratory Centre for Disease Control
Health Canada, Ottawa Ontario CANADA

Safety Imagineered at Disney Playgrounds — **3:00 - 3:50 PM** **Room S**
John Paul Scott
Director - Imagineering Design Studio - Walt Disney Enterprises
Orlando, Florida USA

Small Group Roundtable Discussions with Day's Presenters — **4:00 - 5:00 PM, Dean's Hall**

Reception — **6:45 -7:15 PM**

Country Barbecue (Dress:Casual) — **7:00 - 9:00 PM, Terrace**

Entertainment by Loose Cannons

Friday Morning, August 20 —

Keynote:
Best Practice in Early Childhood Play Settings (Plenary Session) — **8:30 - 9:20 AM, Dean's Hall**
Prue Walsh
Principal & Consultant - Play Environments Pty. Ltd.
Breakfast Creek Queensland AUSTRALIA

Concurrent Sessions:

Rethinking Concepts of Safety and the Playground — **9:30 - 10:20 AM, Room N**
K. Elizabeth Stutz
Peace Through Play
Norwich Norfolk ENGLAND

The Safety Problem of the Outdoor Playground in the Kindergarten: A Study — **9:30 - 10:20 AM, Room Q**
Chun-Yen Chang
Professor - National Chung Hsing University
Taichung TAIWAN

Analysis of Playground Injuries in Japan — **9:30 - 10:20 AM, Room R**
Ryuto Otsubo
Playground Safety Network
Tokyo JAPAN

The National Playground Contractors Association: History, Mission, Vision — **9:30 - 10:20 AM, Room S**
Curtis Stoddard
Chair - National Playground Contractors Association
St. Anthony, Idaho USA

Refreshment Break — **10:20 - 10:45 AM, Room P**
Books Exhibit — **Honor Hall**

Concurrent Sessions:

Childcare Facility Playgrounds - A Top Priority — **10:45 - 11:40 AM, Room N**
Betsy Caesar
Chair - ASTM Subcommittee for Play for Children Under Age Two
Wawa Pennsylvania USA

The Role of the Playground Safety Audit in Developing a Comprehensive Playground Safety Program — **10:45 - 11:40 AM, Room Q**
Teri Hendy
Chair - ASTM Subcommittee on Home Playground Equipment
Cincinnati
Ohio USA

Epidemiology of Student Injuries in a Suburban School District
Ina J. Golden, R.N.
Genesys Regional Medical Center
Holly Michigan USA

10:45 - 11:40 AM
Room R

A Safety Plan of Playgrounds at the Physical Activity Gardens of Shanghai
Xin Ning
Deputy Director of Mass Sports Department
Shanghai Physical Culture and Sports Committee
Shanghai, CHINA

10:45 - 11:40 AM
Room S

Lunch

12:00 - 1:00 PM
Garden's

Friday Afternoon, August 20 —

Keynote:
Development and Implementation of Multi-Sectoral and Multi-faceted (Plenary Session) Canadian Playground Safety Plan
Joanne Vincenten
Alberta Center for Injury Control and Research
Edmonton Alberta CANADA

1:00 - 1:50 PM
Dean's Hall

Concurrent Sessions:

The Safety of Children in Playgrounds: Exposure, Surface and Equipment
Jonathan R. Sibert
Department of Child Health
Vale of Glamorgan WALES

2:00 - 2:50 PM
Room N

School Playground Supervision: Distinguishing Between Rough and Tumble Play, Fighting, and Bullying
Olga S. Jarrett
Assistant Professor - Department of Early Childhood Education
Decatur GA USA

2:00 - 2:50 PM
Room Q

A Study of the Relationship Between the Physical Environment and Children's Social Playgrounds
Jing-Shoung Hou
Professor - Department of Landscape Architecture
Taichung TAIWAN

2:00 - 2:50 PM
Room R

Playground Safety for the New Millennium
Tom Kalousek (Presented by Ken Kutska, Superintendent of Planning, Wheaton Park District)
Director - Winnebago County Forest Preserve District
Rockford Illinois USA

2:00 - 2:50 PM
Room S

Refreshment Break
Books Exhibit

2:50 - 3:15 PM
Room P
Honor Hall

Concurrent Sessions:

Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA): Accessibility Guidelines for Play Areas — **3:15 - 4:05 PM, Room N**
Peggy Greenwell
Office of Technical and Informational Services
Architectural and Transportation Barriers Compliance Board
Washington DC USA

Development of the Canadian Playground Safety Institute: A Training Program for Playground Inspectors — **3:15 - 4:05 PM, Room Q**
Joanne Vincenten
Alberta Center for Injury Control and Research
Edmonton Alberta CANADA

How Safe Are Your Playgrounds: Results of National Survey of Public Use Playgrounds — **3:15 - 4:05 PM, Room R**
Donna Thompson
Director - National Program for Playground Safety
Cedar Falls Iowa USA

Exploring the Vision: Playground Safety Standards for Japan— A Dialogue — **3:15 - 4:05 PM, Room S**
A special working session between proponents for playground safety in Japan and representatives of the US CPSC, ASTM, CSA, CEN, NPSI, IPEMA, RoSPA and NPCA

Small Group Roundtable Discussions with Day's Presenters — **4:15 - 5:15 PM, Dean's Hall**

:e Evening ....free shuttle service to downtown area — **6:00 - 11:00 PM**

Saturday Morning, August 21 —

Keynote: — **8:30 - 9:20 AM, Dean's Hall**
International Certification Schemes (Plenary Session)
Wolfgang Kreinberg
Chief Operation Officer - TÜV Product Service Group
Munich GERMANY

Concurrent Sessions:

ASTM 1292 — Impact Attenuation of Surface Systems Under/Around Playground Equipment — Should the Standard Should be Revised? — **9:30 - 10:20 AM, Dean's Hall**
John Preston: *Project Manager - CPSC Directorate for Engineering Sciences*
George Sushinsky: *Mechanical Engineer - CPSC Engineering Laboratory*
Bethesda, Maryland USA

Split Session: — **9:30 - 10:20 AM, Room Q**
⇒ **Public Playgrounds' Safety - A Study in the North of Portugal**
Paula Malta
University of Minho
Braga PORTUGAL
⇒ **Spaces For Children's Leisure Activities - A Preliminary Study In The North Of Portugal**
Beatriz Pereira
University of Minho
Braga PORTUGAL

Commitment to Safety Standards Compliance
Michael Hayward
President - International Playground Equipment Manufacturers Association
Farmington Missouri USA

9:30 - 10:20 AM
Room R

Building a Safe Playground in Brazil
Francis Wardle
Playground Consultant/Writer
Denver Colorado USA

9:30 - 10:20 AM
Room S

Refreshment Break
Books Exhibit

10:20 - 10:45 AM
Room P
Honor Hall

Motivational Factors Behind Clean Fun and Safe McDonald's Playgrounds
Joe Beckwith
Director of Playground Safety - McDonald's Corporation
Oak Brook Illinois USA

10:45 - 11:35 AM
Room Q

The Australian Playground Safety Standard - A Fresh Down Under Approach
Meron Clark
Projects Manager, Environment & Safety Group - Standards Australia
Homebush, NSW AUSTRALIA

10:45 - 11:35 AM
Room R

Preventing Playground Injuries Through Partnership: A Community Intervention Study
Jonathan R. Sibert
Department of Child Health
Vale of Glamorgan WALES

10:45 - 11:35 AM
Room S

Lunch

12:00 - 1:00 PM
Garden's

Saturday Afternoon, August 21 —

Open Forum on International Directions for the Future (Plenary Session)
Special planning session to examine tasks, roles, programs, and organization on the international level

1:00 - 2:45 PM
Dean's Hall

Tour of Local Playgrounds
Bus tour of typical public, school, and childcare playgrounds

3:00 - 5:00 PM
Bus departure in front of the hotel Innovation Blvd.

Reception

6:30 - 7:00 PM

Conference Grand Banquet (Dress: Casually Elegant)

7:30 - 9:00 PM
Dean's Hall

Is It Safe to Say Our Work is Child's Play? (Conference Banquet Closing Address)
Monty Christiansen
Conference Chair
Penn State University
University Park, Pennsylvania USA