

# Susy Safe Newsletter

A European Project on Foreign Body Injuries in the Aero-Digestive tract in Children

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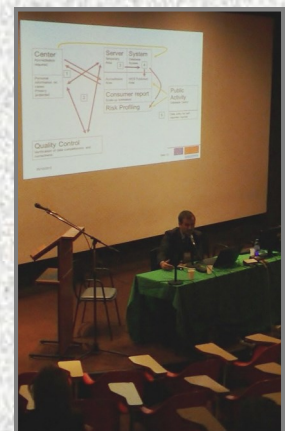
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## Dear Member,

We are pleased to update you on the latest developments and news!

We hope that the news here reported will be of interest to you, and as always we remain at your disposal for further information or for suggestions and recommendations.

*Susy Safe Editorial Staff*



Prof. Gregori illustrates the Susy Safe Project during the latest Workshop held at Garrahan Hospital (Buenos Aires).



## Ifos 20th World Congress of the International Federation of Oto-Rhino-Laryngological Societies.

On the occasion of the 20th IFOS World Congress (June 1-5, 2013) the abstract “*The Susy Safe project: results after 7 years of data collection*” was presented to a large audience of professionals. The conference, held once every four years in major

cities around the world, represents an important opportunity for promotion and meeting. This year the chosen location was the COEX Convention & Exhibition Center of Seoul in South Korea.

Here are some excerpts from the presented abstract: “Susy Safe has registered a total of 18014 cases, spreading its boundaries of partnership from the only European ground to South America and to developing countries like Africa.

The registry collected 1780 prospective cases and 16234 retrospective cases. Almost one quart of the cases involving very young children (less than one year of age) presented a FB located in bronchial tract, thus representing a major threat to their health. Most com-

monly observed complications were infections other than pneumonia (6.7%) and pneumonia (6.4%), followed by asthma (3.1%) and by perforation (2.9%). What is lacking is really proper adult supervision: according to Susy Safe data, an adult was present in 55% of the in-

juries and in 87.9% of the cases the child was playing."



## An important Agreement...

*"In September, at the headquarters of INMETRO (Rio de Janeiro), an important agreement between the Brazilian Institute and the Susy Safe Registry has been signed"*

Inmetro is the Brazilian National Institute of Metrology, Quality and Technology. Its major tasks are to improve the quality of life for Brazilian citizens as well as to strive for economic competitiveness and to increase the productivity and the quality of goods and services of Brazilian enterprises. The Institute also focuses on intensifying the country's participation in international activities related to metrology and quality, and promotes exchanges with foreign entities and bodies.

The shared main aims of the Susy Safe Working Group and Inmetro have led to a comprehensive agreement of cooperation under which the participants will exchange skills, information and other forms of mutual support to help guarantee consumers' safety by providing comparative data on products causing injuries. To achieve their common goal, the partici-

pants agreed on two main activities.

The first will consist in developing a common protocol for collecting data on injuries that directly affect consumers. Such a commonly shared method will allow the creation of a common path of risk definition, allowing the comparison of statistics from Inmetro's collection with worldwide figures coming from Susy Safe.

Second will be the establishment of a protocol of cooperation for the development of a common foreign body injuries database involving the Susy Safe Registry and some pioneering Brazilian universities.

Another important objective of the cooperation will be to involve consumers' associations and national market surveillance authorities in the

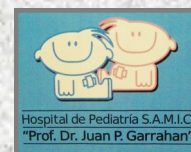
implementation of specific educational activities on safe behaviour and active parental vigilance with regards to specific products causing injuries.

Mr. Alfredo Lobo, Inmetro's Director of Conformity Assessment, and Mr. Paulo Coscarelli, its Deputy Director of Conformity Assessment, enthusiastically supported the project and played a key role in the delineation and finalization of the agreement.

Both the Susy Safe Registry and Inmetro strongly rely on the efficacy of prevention as a tool to avoid injuries, especially those involving children.



# Workshop on 2011-2013 Italy-Argentina collaboration: Results and Perspectives



2011 marked the beginning of the collaboration that is the basis of the bilateral project, now nearing completion, **"Establishment of an Italy-Argentina joint system of risk assessment to control foreign body injuries in children."**

The main purpose of the project, led by *Prof. Dario Gregori*, in line with the Manifesto for Safe Communities developed by the WHO, was to create a network of collaboration with the **Hospital de Pediatría S.A.M.I.C. "Prof. Dr. Juan P. Garrahan"** in Buenos Aires and other Argentine institutions, in order to facilitate the dissemination of knowledge on risks posed by these accidents and, at the same time, increase the amount of information in the Susy Safe Registry.

*Dr Hugo Rodriguez* and *Dr Hugo Botto* of Garrahan Hospital played a key role in the collaboration. They immediately became passionate about the project and started involving colleagues from other hospitals.

The exchange allowed not only the laying of a foundation for lasting collaboration, but also the creation of a network with South American institutions through which it was possible to expand Susy Safe Registry records and spread the knowledge of such incidents, even outside Argentina.

The workshop, held on October 25th in collaboration with the **Italian Embassy in Argentina**, saw the participation of the Scientific Attaché *Dr. Gabriele Paparo*. *Dr. Paparo*, along with *Dr. Veronica Ferrucci*, Economic and Commercial Counselor at

the Embassy, enthusiastically supported the initiative from its very beginning.

The collaboration, in addition to allowing the achievement of important results, brought significant unexpected opportunities:

In Brazil, a three-year agreement for the exchange of collected data with Inmetro was signed.

In Ecuador, it was possible to involve doctors belonging to the Francisco De Icaza Bustamante Children's Hospital in Guayaquil.

In Mexico, doctors belonging to the Hospital Universitario "Dr. José Eleuterio González" and Hospital Zambrano Hellion TecSalud decided to join the project.

## Resultados del Proyecto Susysafe para la Prevención de Lesiones por Cuerpos Extraños

### PROGRAMA

- 15:45 Embajada Italiana.  
*Dra. Veronica Ferrucci*  
Ministerio de Ciencia, Tecnología e Innovación Productiva.  
*Dr. Alejandro Ceccatto*  
Complicaciones de Cuerpos Extraños.  
*Dr. Hugo Botto*  
Acuerdo marco Italiano-Argentino y Acuerdo de colaboración con InMetro Brasil.  
*Prof. Dario Gregori*  
Experiencia del Susysafe en Argentina.  
*Dr. Hugo Rodriguez*  
Resultados del Susysafe en Argentina.  
*Dra. Susana Tortosa*  
*Dra. Giselle Cuestas*  
Vigilancia de los accidentes en Argentina.  
Panel:  
*Dra. Margarita Acosta, Ministerio de Salud*  
*Dr. Gabriel Yedlin, Ministerio de Salud*  
*Sociedad Argentina de Pediatría*  
*Dr. Hugo Rodriguez, Garrahan*  
*Prof. Dario Gregori, UniPD*  
*Dra. Solideas Baldas, Prochild Onlus*
- 18:20 Palabras de cierre.  
*Dr. Hugo Botto*  
*Dr. Hugo Rodriguez*  
Buffet

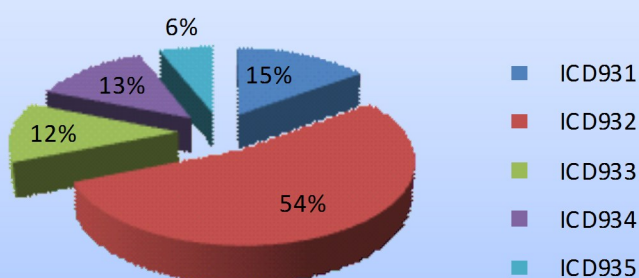


Italian and Argentinian participants wish to reconfirm their commitment, under the framework of the "Grande Rilevanza" programme, to focus their attention on surveillance and risk prevention in children.

The aim of the new project is to extend the methods and resources developed in Argentina to a study on vulnerability in children, associating issues so far unrelated to each other, like the connection

between childhood obesity and risk of accidents, paying particular attention to the socioeconomic context and cultural environment in which each child lives.

### FB injuries in Argentina



The pie chart illustrates the number of foreign body accidents in Argentina recorded in the Susy Safe Registry as of September 2013.

The collected data makes it clear that the most common FB accident in Argentina is the insertion of an FB in the nose, followed by: FB in the ears, FB in trachea, bronchi and lungs, FB in pharynx and larynx and FB in mouth, esophagus and stomach.

## Upcoming events...

- ◆ **PEDICON 2014 Indian Academy Of Pediatrics 51st National Conference 2014:** 8th-12th January 2014 Indore, India.
- ◆ **IPHACON 2014 58th Annual National Conference of Indian Public Health Association:** 21st -24 th January 2014, Tirupati, Andhra Pradesh, India.



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