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#### **I. Save the date! SVRI Forum 2015: Innovation and intersections**

We are pleased to announce our fourth international conference, the **SVRI Forum 2015: Innovation and intersections** to take place from **14 – 17 September 2015, Cape Town, South Africa**.

This exciting conference will bring together researchers, gender activists, funders, policy makers, service providers, practitioners and survivors from around the world who are working to understand, prevent and respond to sexual and intimate partner violence. The 2015 Forum will showcase innovation to end sexual violence, intimate partner violence and child abuse, and strengthen responses to survivors in low and middle income countries. It will serve as key platform for sharing research, innovation and networking. More details on the conference will follow soon. Please contact us with any queries at: [svri@mrc.ac.za](mailto:svri@mrc.ac.za). More information on our past Forums are available at <http://www.svri.org/forums.htm>. We look forward to hosting you in Cape Town!

## II. Sexual violence in the news

### [Oregon researchers urge psychologists to see institutional betrayal, Eureka Alert, 15](#)

[September 2014](#): Clinical psychologists are being urged by two University of Oregon researchers to recognise the experiences of institutional betrayal so they can better treat their patients and respond in ways that help avoid or repair damaged trust when it occurs in their own institutions.

### [Opinion: Investing in adolescent girls for Africa's development, Inter Press Service News Agency, 15 September 2014](#)

Adolescence is a time of transition from childhood to adulthood. It is also a time of change and challenge. Today's adolescents, connected to each other like never before, can be a significant source of social progress and cultural change.

[Reeva's real killer: It started with the gun, Daily Maverick, 15 September 2014](#): Whether or not Oscar Pistorius intended to kill an intruder or Reeva Steenkamp; whatever his state of mind was or whether or not he had an anxiety disorder, one indisputable fact remains: Reeva Steenkamp would still be alive today if Oscar Pistorius had not had a gun.

[IRIN film: Ultimate betrayal - Cambodia's orphanage scandal](#): The rapid growth of poorly run charities in Cambodia is putting children at increased risk of sexual exploitation and abuse. More than 90 percent of so-called orphanages operate privately, with lax controls.

## III. Advocacy and awareness raising

[The European Women's Lobby is looking for voices of young women born in 1995!](#) In 1995, in Beijing China, thousands of women from around the world came together to call on all decision-makers to set goals to make the situation for women globally better and to finally achieve equality between women and men. The action of women's organisations and positive political commitment led to the adoption of the Beijing Platform for Action, a fundamental human rights instrument endorsed by all countries. Now, 20 years later, the European Women's Lobby is looking for testimonies of young women born in 1995. Do you want to make your voice heard? Send an email to Elvira, at [buijink@womenlobby.org](mailto:buijink@womenlobby.org). [Source: AWID].

## IV. Websites

[Women for Women's Human Rights \(WWHR\) – New Ways](#): This independent women's non-governmental organization aims to promote women's human rights, equality and non-discrimination in Turkey and on the international level. [Source: WHO].

## V. Online publications/resources

[End violence: Internet intermediaries and violence against women online. Association for Progressive Communications, 2014](#): This report focuses on the policies of three major

internet intermediaries, Facebook, YouTube and Twitter, with respect to violence against women online. [Source: AWID].

**[Trafficking in persons and health: A compendium of monitoring and evaluation indicators. Cannon A.C, Arcara J, Arnoff E, Bloom S.S. MEASURE Evaluation, 2014:](#)** This document is designed to assist program managers and decision-makers to plan, monitor, and evaluate their response to trafficking and health. [Source: MEASURE Evaluation].

**[Connecting the dots: An overview of the links among multiple forms of violence. CDC's Division of Violence Prevention and Prevention Institute, 2014:](#)** This brief shares research on connections between different forms of violence and describes how these connections affect communities. [Source: Prevent-Connect].

**[More power to her: How empowering girls can end child marriage. Warner A, Stoebenau K and Glinski A.M. International Center for Research on Women, 2014:](#)** Based on four case studies – programs run by CARE (Ethiopia), BRAC (Bangladesh), Save the Children (Egypt) and Pathfinder International (India) – ICRW's findings show that girl-focused programs expand girls' ability to make strategic life choices by providing them with access to critical resources. [Source: WUNRN].

**[Are we listening? Acting on our commitments to women and girls affected by the Syrian conflict. International Rescue Committee, 2014:](#)** This report makes clear recommendations to the international community, including a call for the UN to launch an evaluation of the humanitarian community's implementation of minimum standards needed to keep women and girls safer. [Source: WUNRN].

**[Sexual assault medical forensic exams and VAWA 2005: Payment practices, successes, and directions for the future. Zweig J.M, Newmark L.C, Raja D and Denver M. Urban Institute, 2014:](#)** The Violence against Women Act of 2005 requires that sexual assault victims must not be required to file law enforcement reports in order to receive free exams. This report aims to examine how states are meeting these goals. [Source: EVAWIntl].

## VI. Journal articles

***Please note, to obtain a full copy of a journal article you may write to the author given as the contact person by the respective publishing house to request a copy.***

**[The role of mental health in primary prevention of sexual and gender-based violence. Gevers A and Dartnall E. Global Health Action, Special Issue: Intimate Partner Violence and Mental Health, 7, ePub, 2014:](#)** This article describes the importance of incorporating mental health interventions into SGBV primary prevention efforts at every level including creating change at the individual, interpersonal, and community levels as well as supporting those who are conducting and implementing this work. [Source: SAMRC].

**[Perpetration of physical and sexual abuse and subsequent fathering of pregnancies among a cohort of young South African men: A longitudinal study. Christofides N.J, Jewkes R.K,](#)**

[Dunkle K.L, McCarty F.A. BMC Public Health, 14:947, 2014](#): This article tests the hypothesis that young, unmarried South African men who had perpetrated intimate partner violence (IPV) have a greater incidence of fathering pregnancies. [Google Scholar Alerts].

[Examining the associations between sex trade involvement, rape, and symptomatology of sexual abuse trauma. Lutnick A, Harris J, Lorvick J, Cheng H, Wenger L.D, Bourgois P, Kral A.H. J. Interpers. Violence, ePub, 2014](#): This article explores experiences of childhood and adult rape and symptomatology of sexual abuse trauma among a community-based sample of 322 women who use methamphetamine in San Francisco, California, 61% of whom were involved in the sex trade. [Source: SafetyLit].

[Child sexual abuse research knowledge among child abuse professionals and laypersons. Pelisoli C, Herman S, Dell'Aglio D.D. Child Abuse Negl, ePub, 2014](#): This article assesses child abuse professionals' and non-professionals' knowledge of scientific research findings that are relevant to forensic child sexual abuse evaluations and describes associations between child abuse professionals' levels of research knowledge and their education and experience. [Source: SafetyLit].

[Childhood sexual traumatic events and sexual life and relationship of a patient. Sobański J.A, Klasa K, Müldner-Nieckowski Ł, Dembińska E, Krzysztof R, Mielimaka M, Smiatek-Mazgaj B. Psychiatr. Pol, 48: 573-597, 2014](#): This article explores the links between traumatic events of sexual nature recollected from the past and patients' later functioning in sexual life and relationships. [Source: SafetyLit].

[Cold or caring? Adolescent sexual assault victims' perceptions of their interactions with the police. Greeson M.R, Campbell R, Fehler-Cabral G. Violence Vict, 29: 636-651, 2014](#): This article describes -from the perspectives of the adolescents- how the police interacted with them on an interpersonal level and the impact this had on the adolescents' emotional well-being and engagement in the criminal justice system. [Source: SafetyLit].

[The intergenerational transmission of violence: examining the mediating roles of insecure attachment and destructive disagreement beliefs. Sutton T.E, Simons L.G, Wickrama K.A, Futris T. Violence Vict, 29: 670-687, 2014](#): This study expands the current literature by examining insecure attachment styles and destructive disagreement beliefs as mediators in the relationship between exposure to hostility or aggression in the family of origin and later experiences of dating aggression. [Source: SafetyLit].

[Mental health of victims of sexual violence in eastern Congo: Associations with daily stressors, stigma, and labelling. Verelst A, De Schryver M, Broekaert E, Derluyn I. BMC Womens Health, 14: 106, 2014](#): This article investigates the impact of sexual violence on eastern Congolese adolescents' mental health and its differing associations with daily stressors, stigma, and the labeling of sexual violence (as 'rape' or 'non-consensual sexual experience'). [Source: SafetyLit].

## VII. Events

**[Webinar: Unique opportunities for child sexual abuse prevention- Learning from migrant farmworker communities, 29 September 2014.](#)** In this web conference, speakers will discuss how they utilize popular education frameworks and principles based on Freire's Pedagogy of the Oppressed as the basis for their work organizing and mobilizing farm worker communities around child sexual abuse prevention work. [Source: Prevent-Connect].

**[Online seminar: Addressing violence against women - From evidence to action, 30 September 2014, Washington D.C, USA.](#)** Understanding the intersections and specificities of different forms of violence is key to promoting effective prevention and response strategies. This seminar will bring attention to the impact of violence against women on women's health and on the health of children in the Americas by reviewing the latest evidence about the magnitude and health effects of intimate partner and sexual violence against women.

**[Stories for impact: Using stories to build participation and impact, 23 – 24 October 2014, New York, USA.](#)** Stories are a powerful way to fuel Participatory Action Research projects in communities. Join this workshop to explore story-centred approaches for tapping the ideas, insights, and knowledge of participants. Register online. [Source: Prevent-Connect].

**[Invitation to an ISS and SVRI seminar: Healthy Childhoods: Evidence based interventions and implications for violence prevention, 3rd November 2014, Pretoria, South Africa.](#)** We are delighted to invite you to join us at a seminar where Professors Lynne Murray and Peter Cooper will speak about the outcomes of two parenting programmes tested in South Africa. RSVP to Helen Chanda at [hchanda@issafrica.org](mailto:hchanda@issafrica.org). [Source: ISS and SVRI].

**[Change of dates: Dimensions of prevention course, 10th -13th November 2014, Kampala, Uganda.](#)** There is still time to apply for this exciting Raising Voices and CEDOVIP course which examines core principles of effective violence against women (VAW) prevention and helps participants to identify untapped opportunities in programming. The course will now take place on 10th -13th November 2014. The new deadline for applications is October 8th, 2014. Please do not hesitate to contact [info@raisingvoices.org](mailto:info@raisingvoices.org) for more information. [Source: Raising Voices].

***For more events visit: <http://www.svri.org/calendar.htm>***

## **VIII. Funding links / research opportunities / fellowships and scholarships**

**[Call for contributions: Stopping violence before it starts.](#)** Contribute to the special edition of SA Crime Quarterly on understanding primary prevention in South Africa. This edition will be edited by Elizabeth Dartnall ([Elizabeth.Dartnall@mrc.ac.za](mailto:Elizabeth.Dartnall@mrc.ac.za)) and Anik Gevers ([Anik.Gevers@mrc.ac.za](mailto:Anik.Gevers@mrc.ac.za)) of the SVRI and the Gender and Health Research Unit, South African Medical Research Council. Authors who are interested in contributing to the special edition, or who would like to discuss ideas for their contribution to this edition, must indicate their interest by sending an abstract or inquiry to the editors by no later than 15 October 2014. The deadline for articles will be 15 January 2015. [Source: ISS].

**[Call for contributions: Gender & Development Journal on Inequalities.](#)** The July 2015 issue of the international journal Gender & Development will look at Inequalities. G&D is published for Oxfam by Routledge/Taylor and Francis, and is essential reading for international development researchers, policymakers, and practitioners. G&D is currently read in over 90 countries. Submissions close: 6 October 2014. [Source: AWID].

**[Fellowship opportunity: MENA Human Rights Advocacy Fellowship.](#)** The Gender Law and Policy Project (GLPP) is seeking applicants for a one year Middle East and North Africa (MENA) Human Rights Advocacy Fellowship Position working on gender-based violence and LGBT violence and discrimination in the MENA region. The fellow will also work closely with MADRE, an international women's human rights organization. Applications will be accepted on a rolling basis until the position is filled. For more information, contact: HRAJobs@madre.org. [Source: MADRE].

**[Fellowship opportunity: Queen's University Research Fellowship Scheme.](#)** This Scheme has been established to attract outstanding and ambitious researchers from across the globe to join Queen's University. This prestigious four year Research Fellowship is a fantastic opportunity to build upon the foundations of an academic career and will lead to an academic post, subject to performance. Closing date: 17 October 2014. [Source: Child Maltreatment Researchers].

**[Fellowship opportunity: 2015 Oak Human Rights Fellowship.](#)** The Oak Institute seeks a frontline human rights activist who works on problems created by or associated with food sovereignty and human rights outside of the United States for residence at Colby in the fall of 2015 and is pleased to issue a call for nominations for the 2015 Oak Human Rights Fellowship. Applications close: 5 December 2014. [Source: Oak Institute for Human Rights at Colby College].

**[Fellowship opportunity: University of Nottingham 2015 Visiting Fellowships.](#)** The University of Nottingham's International Office is pleased to announce the launch of the 2015 Visiting Fellowship Scheme, which will allow 30 early career researchers from outside the European Union (EU) the opportunity to complete a three month period of research in Nottingham. Applications close: 14 November 2014. [Source: SAMRC].

## **IX. Vacancies**

**[Consultancies –Global South movement building community consultation](#)** (pdf) / Raising Voices / Global / Closing date: September 30, 2014. [Source: Raising Voices].

**[Gender-based Violence and Protection Manager – Somalia Programme](#)** / American Refugee Committee / Nairobi, Kenya / Closing date: Open until filled. [Source: ARC].

**[Consultant – Engaging Men in GBV](#)** / CARE International / Yangon and Mandalay, Myanmar / Closing date: September 26, 2014. [Source: Prevent-Connect].

[Sexual Assault Demonstration Initiative Publications Specialist](#) / Iowa Coalition Against Sexual Assault / Des Moines, USA / Closing date: Open until filled. [Source: Prevent-Connect].

[Junior Communications and Advocacy Assistant](#) / ICW / Mexico City, Mexico / Closing date: September 30, 2014. [Source: AWID Resource-Net Jobs].

[Global Philanthropy Project Coordinator](#) / Astraea Foundation / New York City, USA (is preferred but not required) / Closing date: September 30, 2014. [Source: AWID Resource-Net Jobs].

[Grants Manager](#) / Astraea Foundation / New York City, USA / Closing date: September 30, 2014. [Source: AWID Resource-Net Jobs].

Sexual violence is a global issue that requires coordinated evidence-based responses.

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