

## **Preface**

On June 2-3, 1999 the National Center for Health Statistics (NCHS) convened the second symposium of the International Collaborative Effort (ICE) on Injury Statistics. This symposium was co-sponsored by the National Institute of Child Health and Human Development (NICHD), National Institutes of Health.

The mission of the Injury ICE is to identify the problem(s) and propose solutions aimed at improving the quality and reliability of international statistics related to injury. In order to achieve the maximum benefits for participating researchers, the symposium brought together leading researchers from the United States and from many other countries to address the multiple issues related to the comparability of injury data.

The members of the ICE on Injury steering committee are from: the NCHS, Lois A. Fingerhut (Chair), Harry M. Rosenberg, Donna Pickett; the National Center for Injury Prevention and Control (NCIPC), Lee Annett; the National Institute of Child Health and Human Development (NICHD), Mary Overpeck; the Johns Hopkins Injury Prevention Center, Gordon Smith; the Israeli Ministry of Health, Vita Barell, the Australian National Injury Surveillance Unit, James Harrison; and the Office of National Statistics in England, Cleo Rooney.

This volume contains the papers presented at the symposium. Please refer specific questions to the individual authors.

For more information about the ICE on Injury Statistics, please visit the web site at:  
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