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The 2008 winners of the Stockholm Prize in Criminology:

Recognition for prevention of child abuse and bar violence

Professors David Olds, of the University of Colorado, USA, and Jonathan Shepherd of Cardiff University in the UK, have been awarded the Stockholm Prize in Criminology in recognition their research on child abuse and on violence in nightclubs and bars respectively.

The Stockholm Prize in Criminology was instituted in 2005 to recognize outstanding achievements in the field of criminological research or for the application of research findings by practitioners for the reduction of crime and the advancement of human rights.

The 2008 prize has been awarded to Professor **David Olds**, of the University of Colorado, USA and Professor **Jonathan Shepherd**, of Cardiff University in the UK. The prize jury made particular note of the effects of the professors' research on policy decisions taken in the field of crime prevention.

The research of Professor **David Olds**, of the University of Colorado, has led him to develop methods to prevent child abuse. As a former childcare worker, he noted that certain young mothers were at particularly high risk of exposing their children to abuse. In the course of his research, he had specially trained nurses conduct regular home visits during the children's first two years of life. He found that these home visits resulted in fewer mothers from the high-risk group assaulting their children than was the case among mothers from a comparable control group. A long-term follow-up showed further that levels of involvement in youth crime were lower among the children who had received home visits.

Jonathan Shepherd is Professor of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery at Cardiff University in the UK. His research has contributed to the development of national measures of trends in violence by combining hospital data with data from both the police and victim surveys. Professor Shepherd's crime prevention work involved the development of strategies for preventing serious injuries in connection with violence in bars and nightclubs. He conducted the first controlled experiment in reducing injury, comparing drink glasses that shatter completely when used in fights glass that becomes sharp-edged. His findings have led pubs in the UK to use the glass that causes far fewer injuries.

The Prize will be awarded on June 17, 2008 at a ceremony to be held at Stockholm City Hall in conjunction with the *Stockholm Criminology Symposium*, which will take place on June 16-18, at the University of Stockholm.

More information on the winners and the prize jury's motivations can be found at www.criminologyprize.com, where you will also find more information about the symposium.

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The Stockholm Prize in Criminology was instituted in 2005 in order to recognize outstanding achievements in the field of criminological research or in the application of research findings by practitioners. The prize is financed by foundations in America, Sweden and Japan. The principal donor is the American Jerry Lee Foundation. The prize winners have been selected by an independent jury comprised of criminologists from Asia, Latin America, North America, Africa, Australia and Europe. The jury is chaired by Professor Jerzy Sarnecki of the University of Stockholm and Professor Lawrence Sherman of the University of Pennsylvania and the University of Cambridge.



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