

**Leading Traffic Injury Journal
Announces Special Issue on Older Drivers**

Traffic Injury Prevention, the official journal of several leading traffic safety societies, is pleased to announce a special issue on safety concerns (Volume 9, Issue 4) surrounding the licensing of older drivers. Free access to the special issue is available on the journal's website www.tandf.co.uk/15389588 until the end of November.

“Licensing authorities face an unenviable task in assessing and managing older driver safety,” says Jim Langford, the Guest Editor for the special issue and a Senior Research Fellow at the Monash University Accident Research Centre in Victoria, Australia. “The papers presented in this special issue represent key ‘state of the art’ findings to assist licensing authorities in arriving at the best possible balance between safety and continued mobility for older people. Research activities around the world have shown that the truth is not necessarily straightforward- older drivers’ high injury levels are more likely to be due to physical frailty than to reduced driving skills.”

“If older drivers’ crash risk is a complex issue, the complexities increase when the management options available to licensing authorities are considered. These authorities have a fundamental responsibility to manage the safety of the transport system by developing policies and practices aimed at producing safe road users. On the one hand, can targeting a particular group on the basis of age be justified as part of this responsibility, particularly when the true crash risk remains debated and the assessment methods have, at best, limited validity? On the other hand, is it legitimate to overlook a particular group, at least some of whose members are at high risk of death or injury? The articles in this special issue address the many implications contained in these questions and their complicated answers,” says Langford.

Traffic Injury Prevention is an international, peer-refereed journal founded to bridge the disciplines of medicine, engineering, public health, and traffic safety in order to foster the science of traffic injury prevention. This archival journal focuses on research, interventions and evaluations within the areas of traffic safety, crash causation, injury prevention and treatment. General topics within the journal's scope are crash and injury epidemiology, the role of alcohol and drugs, impact injury biomechanics, vehicle

crashworthiness, occupant restraints, and emergency and clinical care with specific application to traffic injury prevention.

Traffic Injury Prevention is the official journal of four international organizations devoted to promoting research, public policy and education about traffic safety: the Association for the Advancement of Automotive Medicine (AAAM), the International Council on Alcohol, Drugs, and Traffic Safety (ICADTS), the International Research Council on Biomechanics of Injury (IRCOBI), and the International Traffic Medicine Association (ITMA). AAAM is hosting an Older Driver Symposium during their annual meeting October 5-8, 2008 in San Diego, CA. For further information on this meeting, visit the society's website at <http://www.aaam.org/>.

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