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Welcome from the Newsletter Working Group

Dear Colleagues and Partners,

It is pleasure and honor to continue the newsletter activity and to present you this first issue of 2009. Please, feel free to email us your comments and suggestions. Thank you, very much for your contributions and assistance. I would like to remind you that the deadline for contributions for next issue of newsletter is 30 May, 2009. Please, feel free to email your comments and suggestions.

Ekaterina Kldiashvili, Ph.D.

Working Group Newsletters and Communication

Board news

- *Desmond Tutu - an ambassador for eHealth*
- *"eHealth IT" on the forum*
- *Student's videoconference session*

Desmond Tutu - an ambassador for eHealth:

Nobel Prize laureate for peace Desmond Tutu is an ISfTeH Ambassador for eHealth.
www.isft.net/cms/index.php?id=1

“eHealth IT” on the forum:

Under the moderation activity of our webmaster, Markus Mohr, only recently has there has been established a new Working Group on the ISfTeH forum called eHealth IT. Being an experienced key player himself in the field of eHealth and Telemedicine now for more than a decade, Markus Mohr has got a large overview the eHealth community in terms of social, technical, psychological, and political issues. With the formation of this new group, the ISfTeH supports Markus in building up an area of continuous information and discussion on the topic matter. Since many of our members have already stated earlier, there is a general interest in knowing not only the right eHealth and Telemedicine success stories of the past, but also to gain most recent information about the present status and especially about infrastructural instruments to be used ubiquitously.

Starting from March 1st, 2009, this new forum section is opened for wide and unlimited access under the following URL: www.isft.net/cf/index.php

If you have special considerations or questions to ask the moderator, please feel free to contact Markus Mohr using his email address: mmohr@isft.net

Student’s videoconference session:

The ISfTeH Student’s Working Group is proud to announce the second edition of the “ISfTeH Student’s Videoconference Session”, that will happen during Med-e-Tel 2009, in Luxembourg. In this very special opportunity, 5 students will present the results of their telemedicine and e-health projects. Through “Elluminate® Webconference”, the selected students will perform their remote presentations from different countries. Thanks to a new “ISfTeH & Elluminate®” partnership, several interesting e-learning and webinar tools were recently incorporated. These will improve the quality of remote presentations, allowing full interactivity and dynamic discussions even in low bandwidth circumstances.

For additional information about this important and innovative ISfTeH session, please see the official Med-e-Tel 2009 website at: www.medetel.lu/index.php?rub=home&page=default

News/contributions from members

- *Canadian Society of Telehealth*
- *AMD Telemedicine (USA)*
- *MedCom International*
- *Thais Russomano et al*

Canadian Society for Telehealth:

The Canadian Society is preparing the program for its 12th annual meeting to be held in Vancouver, BC October 3 thru' 7th, 2009. The theme of the conference is "The changing Climate of Care - Telehealth's Role" and this has several sub-themes:

Telehealth as a Green Solution

Patient and Provider Experience

Integrated E-Health Technology

Best Practice and/or Standards related to Telehealth

The call for abstracts will be announced shortly and, although this is not an ISfTeH meeting, members of the ISfTeH community will be most welcome to attend. More information can be found on the CST website: www.cst-sct.org

AMD Telemedicine (USA):

AMD Global Telemedicine, Inc pleased to announce the selection of its state-of-the-art medical peripheral for the National Telehealth Videoconference Equipment RFP. AMD Global Telemedicine Inc., the leading worldwide supplier of telemedicine equipment and technology devices used in telemedicine is honored to be selected for the use of its AMD-2500 General Examination Camera countrywide, throughout most provincial telemedicine networks in Canada.

The National Telehealth Videoconference Equipment RFP was issued in collaboration with nine Canadian jurisdictions and funded by Canada Health Infoway. The awarding of this contract allows these participating provincial systems to receive standardization of pricing throughout Canada. For more information please visit:

www.amdtelemedicine.com

MedCom International:

MedCom International focus on telemedicine and welfare technology and has in connection with the EU financed HEALTH OPTIMUM project published an article on one of the telemedicine services in the Region of Southern Denmark, namely Thrombolysis treatment.

The article describes how the thrombolysis treatment in the Region of Southern Denmark turned out to be a success - not only for patients, but specialists and other people working within the project.

Thais Russomano et al:

In response to the rapid evolution of telecommunication technologies and telemedicine applicability, eHealth educational programs are becoming a reality in universities. At São Lucas University Hospital of PUCRS, the use of an analogical system connected to a workstation featuring internet transmission capability has allowed live surgeries to be transmitted from the operating theaters to lecture halls. This has enabled students from PUCRS and international university partners to virtually participate in tele-surgery lectures. As a result, health professionals, professors and students from different institutions have had the opportunity of a greater interaction during surgical procedures, enabling an excellent knowledge exchange.

News from partners

Pharma News

Pharma News:

PharmaNews.eu project was developed to directly connect, promote and disseminate the European Industry and Research pharmaceutical achievements with additional focus on the European Commission (EC) and European Medicines Agency (EMA) news. At this stage, the PharmaNews.eu project contains Industry News from a (growing) group of the leading pharmaceutical companies, Research and Development News articles, Conferences and Events News, EMA News, and EC Pharmaceuticals News. All interested Internet users are invited to explore the PharmaNews.eu project where they are welcome to register free of charge for regular updates and news alerts. For further information, please visit: <http://www.pharmanews.eu>

Upcoming events

19-22/03/2009

01-03/04/2009

14-16/04/2009

08-09/05/2009

13-14/05/2009

04/06/2009

30-02/08-09/2009

04-06/09/2009

March 2009

19-22 March - Medical Informatics and eHealth ICICIS 2009

Cairo, Egypt

icicis.edu.eg

April 2009

01-03 April - Med-e-Tel 2009

Luxembourg

www.medetel.eu

14-16 April - 6th Annual World Health Care Congress

Washington DC, USA

www.worldcongress.com/events/hr2009/

MAY 2009

08-09 May - Cartagena Telemedicine Conference 2009

Cartagena de Indias, Colombia

www.colombiantelemed.org, www.icesi.edu.co

13-14 May - World Health Care Congress Europe 2009
Brussels - Belgium
www.worldcongress.com/europe

June 2009

4 June - Telesante 2009
France
www.telesante2009.com

AUGUST 2009

30 August - 02 September - MIE 2009
Sarajevo, Bosnia and Herzegovina
www.mie2009.org

SEPTEMBER 2009

04-06 September - eHealth India 2009
New Delhi, India
www.eindia.net.in/2009/, www.ehealthonline.org