



News from the International Medical Informatics Association

Nominations Open for 2012 HIMSS Europe Award for eHealth Leadership

HIMSS Europe (<https://www.himss.eu/>) has launched the nomination process for the 2012 HIMSS Europe Award for eHealth Leadership. This award recognises an individual who, in the judgment of the HIMSS Europe Governing Council, has demonstrated significant leadership in promoting the use of information technology in healthcare in Europe (as defined in accordance with the current definition of European by the World Health Organisation)

To be eligible for the HIMSS Europe Award for eHealth Leadership, candidates must:

- be a resident of Europe
- be professionally active in Europe.

In addition, the specific criteria are:

- the HIMSS Europe Award for eHealth Leadership is given in recognition of European level leadership in the field of eHealth.
- the award may be made for leadership in eHealth deployment, innovation, policy development, advocacy or training at a European level towards the transformation of healthcare.
- it may be made to an exceptional contribution, for a sustained engagement, or for a lifetime of exceptional leadership, which has had an impact across Europe.

Nominations can be submitted by a third party, whether a member of HIMSS or not, and must be submitted at <http://surveys.himss.org/checkbox/Survey.aspx?surveyid=6144> by the closing date of Tuesday, **31 January, 2012**. The following materials must be provided via e-mail:

1. List of publications with references
2. List of presentations (featuring title, location and date)
3. CV with notable achievements for each position held

Nominations must include a brief biopic of the individual and a concise description of the contribution that causes it to be worthy of special recognition by HIMSS Europe. The awards ceremony will be held at eHealth week 2012 (**07-09 May, 2012**; Copenhagen). Nominations failing to complete the application process as described above will not be considered.

If you have any questions regarding the HIMSS Europe Award for eHealth Leadership nomination process, please contact **Cynthia Stern** (cstern@himss.org)

The HIMSS Europe eHealth Leadership Award 2011 was made to Dr. **Jean Roberts** from the UK (see <http://wp.me/pvCUS-KN>). Jean Roberts, an English internationally renowned health IT professional works as an independent Health Informatics Consultant in Phoenix Associates, Staffordshire, and is a member of the British Computer Society's Professional Development Board. She has also been an IMIA VP and UK representative to IMIA.

HIMSS12 Update: Focus on Mobile Health and Virtual HIMSS12

Mobile health (mhealth) will feature strongly at the HIMSS12 Annual Conference and Exhibition, to be held in Las Vegas on **20-24 February, 2012** (see <http://www.himssconference.org/> for full infor-

mation). In addition, for those unable to attend HIMSS12 in person, but still wanting to interact with the event, HIMSS will be launching Virtual HIMSS12.

Many believe that mobile health (mhealth) is changing healthcare, and holds new promise to improve outcomes and access, through the convergence of applications, devices and networks. They see mhealth as allowing all sides of the healthcare equation – clinicians, patients and others – to think about health in new ways. They also see it as empowering patients, citizens and carers to manage their health and be more engaged in anytime-anyplace wellness information and activities. A series of education sessions will address specific issues around mhealth.

Virtual HIMSS12 will feature a series of simulcast keynote addresses, other live simulcast sessions, and on-demand education sessions, as well as a “networking lounge” to discuss hot topic issues and interaction with presenters through a variety of social media technologies. Full information about Virtual HIMSS12, including registration and pricing, is available at <http://www.himssconference.org/virtual/default.aspx>

22nd Annual Summer Institute in Nursing Informatics (SINI), Baltimore, July 2012 – Call for Abstracts

The 22nd Annual Summer Institute in Nursing Informatics (SINI), organised by the University of Maryland School of Nursing, will be held on **July 18–20, 2012** (see <http://nursing.umaryland.edu/sini/>). The Call for Abstracts is now open, and closes on **March 19, 2012** – see <http://nursing.umaryland.edu/sini/call-for-abstracts.php>

The theme of the 2012 SINI will be “National and Global Priorities in Informatics and Health Care”. For 2012, the schedule will change a little from previous years, and SINI will be three full days (Wednesday to Friday), with pre-conference tutorials on **16 and 17 July**.

Medicine 2.0'12 Abstract Submissions Deadline: 07 March

The next Medicine 2.0 event will be Medicine 2.0'12, (the 5th World Congress on Social Media, Mobile Apps, and Internet/Web 2.0 in Medicine, Health & Biomedical Research) to be held in Boston, USA at The Joseph B. Martin Conference Center at Harvard Medical School on **15–16 September, 2012**. The Abstract/Speaker Proposal Submission Deadline is **March 7th, 2012**.

For further information see <http://www.medicine20congress.com> and <http://medicine20congress.blogspot.com>

IMIA News – 2011 in blogging

At the beginning of 2011, we gave a summary of usage stats for this IMIA News site for the previous 12 months (see <http://wp.me/pvCUS-AB>).

Thanks to the stats already provided by WordPress.com, we can give a summary of the highlights on 2011, and a comparison with the previous 12 months. In 2011, the IMIA News site:

- provided 174 new posts (more than 3 per week, or 14 per month, and a 24% increase on 2011);
- now has an archive of almost 430 news items;
- was viewed more than 35,000 times (an increase of more than 55% on 2010). (Today we pass 65,000 all-time views)

The busiest single day for traffic was October 20th; the most popular post that day was “3rd International eHealth Conference, Lahore, Pakistan; **January 21–22, 2012 – Call for Papers**” (<http://wp.me/pvCUS-W9>). The posts and pages with the most views in 2011 were:

1. 3rd International eHealth Conference, Lahore, Pakistan; **January 21–22, 2012 – Call for Papers** (written October 2011)
2. AIME (Artificial Intelligence in Medicine) 2011: **2–6 July, 2011** – Bled, Slovenia (written December 2010)

3. Medical informatics journals impact factors; JMIR now no. 1 (written June 2009)
4. CDC 2011 Public Health Informatics Conference – Call for Abstracts (written March 2011)
5. Medical Informatics Journals: 2010 Impact Factors (written July 2011)

The top referring sites in 2011 were the IMIA website, facebook.com and twitter.com. Among search strings that resulted in people visiting the site were “aime 2011”, “applied clinical informatics”, and “methods of information in medicine”.

Most visitors came from the USA, with Canada and the UK close behind. In Europe, most visitors were from the UK and Germany, in Asia from India and Japan, in Africa from South Africa and Nigeria, and in Latin America from Brazil and Argentina.

The full summary as provided by WordPress.com is also available, at <http://imianews.wordpress.com/2011/annual-report/>

Seventh International Workshop on Biosignal Interpretation – Como, Italy, July 2–4th 2012: Call for Submissions

The seventh International Workshop on Biosignal Interpretation which will be held in Como, Italy on **July 2–4th 2012**. The workshop aims at exploring the fields of biosignal interpretation including model based signal analysis, data interpretation and integration, medical decision making extending the existing signal processing methods and technologies for the effective utilization of biosignals in a clinical environment as well as for a deeper understanding of biological functions from the whole organism, system, to cellular, protein and gene scales. This Workshop was held basically every three years with a site rotation among Europe, Asia and America. The first one was held in Denmark in 1993 and the last one was in New Haven CT, USA, in 2009.

This event is being supported by, among others, IMIA through its Working Group on Biomedical Pattern Recognition (<http://www.imia-medinfo.org/new2/node/136>); WG Chair **Dr Luca Mainardi**, from the Politecnico di Milano, Italy is the Conference Chair.

The first announcement of the event is now available via the conference website (<http://www.biomed.polimi.it/BSI2012/home.php>) and with a downloadable PDF file.

The deadline for submission of papers (up to 4 pages) is **01 March, 2012** (<http://www.biomed.polimi.it/BSI2012/deadlines.php>).

CBMS 2012 Conference: Call for Submissions

The Call for Submissions for the Special Track “Emerging Smart Technologies for Personalised Healthcare” of the CBMS 2012 conference is open, and closes on **15 January, 2012**.

Information about the event, and for making submissions, is available at <http://smartech4health.cs.ru.nl/>

CBMS 2012 is the 25th International Symposium on Computer-Based Medical Systems (CBMS), to be held at the Università Campus Bio-Medico di Roma, Rome, Italy on **20–22 June 2012**.

Current technology and communication developments, and the increasing willingness of people to be involved in making decisions about their health or disease, have been paving the way for advances in the area of personalised healthcare. The uncertainty and complexity within this area require smart solutions and systems, which are capable to interpret context-specific information concerning the patient and his/her environment.

The Scientific Programme Committee of CBMS 2012 invites participants to submit high quality contributions and innovations in the interdisciplinary area of smart healthcare technologies, covering but not limited to the topics of interest listed below:

- Intelligent care assistants
- Patient-device interaction and personalised user interfaces
- Context-aware monitoring devices, sensors and networking
- Home-based diagnosis and treatment support
- Remote chronic disease management

- Advanced healthcare services
- Smart mobile health
- Intelligent approaches to healthcare delivery process
- Preventive and health screening services at distance
- User interfaces and interaction models
- Quality evaluation criteria and frameworks

Deadline for submissions **January 15, 2012**

Notification of acceptance **March 15, 2012**

Camera-ready manuscripts **April 10, 2012**

CBMS 2012 **June 20–22, 2012**

All accepted papers will be included in the conference proceedings and best submissions will be considered for possible publication in a special issue of IEEE Intelligent Systems. The track is an integral part of the 25th International Symposium on Computer-Based Medical Systems (CBMS 2012), Rome, Italy.

For more information, please refer to the track website or contact the track organiser Marina Velikova (marinav@cs.ru.nl).

EFMI STC2012 – Submission Deadline Extended to 17 January

The deadline for submission of papers and posters for the next Special Topic Conference of the European Federation for Medical Informatics (EFMI STC2012) has been extended to **17 January, 2012**. Information is available at the conference website, with a downloadable PDF file of full details.

The EFMI STC2012 will be held on **April 18–21, 2012** in Moscow, Russia (see <http://www.stc2012.eu/>). The theme of the STC 2012 is the implementation experience of large scale eHealth projects. These large scale projects can be described by size, effects, complexity, duration etc. eHealth projects contribute to the success and sustainability of the future health care system. Large scale projects are mostly accompanied by small and dedicated initiatives and solutions. The objective of the conference is to highlight large scale projects supporting the use of information and communication technology (eHealth) at national, regional, and especially at international level. It will result in requirements for national and regional solutions for medical informatics and health information management.

EFMI website: <http://www.efmi.org>

MIE2012 – Papers/Posters Submission Deadline Extended to 30 January

The submission deadline for full papers and posters for MIE2012 has been extended to 23:59 UTC on **January 30, 2012**.

MIE2012, the XXIV Conference of the European Federation for Medical Informatics (EFMI), will be held in Pisa, Italy. MIE2012 will be organised by the Italian Association for Medical Informatics (AIIM), the Italian eHealth Community, and EFMI and held from **August 26th to 29th, 2012**.

The theme is “Quality of Life through Quality of Information”, offering the challenge to contributors to share experiences in the field of Medical and Health Informatics.

The Call for Papers and other forms of contribution – is available on the MIE2012 website (<http://www.mie2012.it/>)

Important dates and Deadlines – see full list at <http://wp.me/pvCUS-Y7>

Contributions can be submitted until the deadline stated each submission type:

- **NEW: January 30, 2012:** Submission deadline for full papers and posters
- **March 1, 2012:** Submission deadline for panels, workshops, short communications, tutorials

- **March 27, 2012:** Notification of results of reviews for full papers, posters, panels, workshops, short communications, and tutorials
- **April 15, 2012:** Submission deadline for “Village of the future” proposals

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