



News from the International Medical Informatics Association

IFHIMA Global News, December 2011 Issue

The latest issue of the IFHIMA Global News newsletter is now available on the IFHIMA website.

IFHIMA Global News is available at <http://www.ifhima.org/news.aspx> and the December 2011 newsletter directly **here**. The latest articles include information on Health Information Management in the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, a report from the 67th National Congress of the Korean Medical Record Association, and news from the Jamaican Medical Record Association.

The International Federation of Health Information Management (IFHIMA), formerly known as IFHRO, supports national associations and health record professionals to implement and improve health records and the systems, which support them. IFHIMA was established in 1968 as a forum to bring together national organizations committed to improvement in the use of health records in their countries. The founding organizations recognized the need for an international organization to serve as a forum for the exchange of information relating to health records, health information management and information technology.

The next IFHIMA Congress will be held on **13–15 May, 2013** in Montreal, Canada – see <http://www.ifhimacongress2013.com/> The Call for Abstracts will open in March 2012. IFHIMA is an Affiliate member of IMIA and we are pleased to support and promote their activities.

HIMSS AsiaPac12 Call for Papers: Closes 31 January, 2012

The HIMSS AsiaPac12 Health IT Conference will be held on **17–19 September, 2012** in Singapore. HIMSS AsiaPac 12 is calling for submissions to present papers on IT development in the Asia Pacific regions. Proposals are sought from top industry leaders and experts that will specifically address the educational needs of professionals in various sectors of healthcare, regarding enterprise solutions and practical approaches to today's healthcare IT issues. Information is available at the **HIMSS AsiaPac12 website**. Closing Deadline: **Tuesday, 31 January 2012** – follow **link to submission site**.

Topics should stimulate discussions and offer practical information and solutions, including a case study. It should represent the diverse healthcare needs in Asia Pacific. The event will feature “Four Conferences in One”, with topic categories including:

- **HIT X.0** – for healthcare IT leaders who want to be on the forefront of innovative ideas, gain exposure to cutting-edge scientific advances, and explore emerging technologies for the future of patient care.
- **mHIMSS (Mobile Health)** – sessions will explore, examine, and debate the ways mobile technology will transform health care delivery, research, business and policy for the 21st Century in healthcare delivery.
- **Home Care (Chronic Disease Management and Independent Living for the Aged)** – exploring the support of patients with chronic diseases to take an active role in their own care and of health professionals to better assist their patients in managing their illness. This track also provides a global, cross cultural understanding of the reality of ageing in countries undergoing marked demographic changes, and the myriad social and cultural differences in people's experiences of ageing and health.
- **Standards and Interoperability** – this track will provide opportunities to learn more about standards and interoperability as industry thought leaders, health IT developers and clinician end-

users converge and share their rich experiences and knowledge to these important issues during the sessions.

If you have any question regarding HIMSS AsiaPac 2012 submissions, please contact amak@himss.org, Education Manager for HIMSS Asia Pacific.

Update on Innovations in Healthcare Management and Informatics Conference – Bangkok, Thailand, March 2012

The 3rd Annual Innovations in Healthcare Management and Informatics Conference, organised by IQPC Worldwide Pte. Ltd., will take place on **13–14 March 2012** in Bangkok, Thailand. The venue is now confirmed as the Banyan Tree, Bangkok, Thailand. Full information is available on the event website at <http://www.healthcareinformaticsasia.com>

A series of five interviews with healthcare informatics experts, discussing the opportunities and challenges facing today's healthcare informatics market, especially in the Asia-Pacific region, sets to context for some of the issues the event will explore, and is available to view on **the event website**.

The 3rd HIT 2012 brings together an international gathering of over 30 healthcare leaders and informatics experts to present latest case studies and implementation experience from Europe, US, Australia and Asia. One focus will be on gaining insights on the Thai government's National Public Health Information Reform experience. Among the many speakers who will be known to IMIA members are:

- **Prof. Michael Legg**, Professorial Fellow, Centre for Health Informatics and e-Health Research, University of Wollongong
- **Mike Bainbridge**, Clinical Architect, NHS Connecting for Health, UK
- **Prof. Jim Warren**, Professor and Chair in Health Informatics, University of Auckland
- **Prof. Yu-Chuan (Jack) Li**, Professor and Dean, College of Medical Science and Technology, Taipei Medical University
- **Dr. Chun Por Wong**, Chief of Integrated Medical Services, Ruttonjee Hospital of Cataract and Refractive Surgery, & International Council, International Society of Refractive Surgery
- **Prof. Pekka Ruotsalainen**, Research Professor, National Institute for Health and Welfare (THL) and Adjunct Professor, University of Tampere
- **Prof. Michio Kimura**, Professor of Radiology, Hamamatsu Medical University, Japan
- **Dr. S.B. Gogia**, President, Society of Administration of Telemedicine and Healthcare Informatics, India
- **Dr. Suman Bhusan Bhattacharyya**, Indian Association for Medical Informatics

IMIA members can enjoy an exclusive 15% discount when they register for the conference. A special pricing for hospitals is also available through contacting the organisers directly to find out more at +65 6722 9388 or enquiry@iqpc.com.sg · Contact: +65 6722 9388 / enquiry@iqpc.com.sg

HELINA 2011: Conference Presentations Available

HELINA 2011, the 7th Health Informatics in Africa Conference, was held on **28th – 30th November 2011** in Yaounde, Cameroon, with the theme “Health Information Systems: Scaling up solutions to transform healthcare delivery in Africa”.

PDF versions of the conference presentations are available for download at the HELINA website – see <http://www.helina-online.org> or direct at <http://www.helina-online.org/en/conferences/handouts.html>. Among the presentations available, which address health informatics experiences from a wide range of African countries, are:

- Ethical issues in telemedicine – **Dr. Walinjom FT Muna**, Cameroon Association for Telemedicine
- National roll out of District Health Information Software (DHIS 2), central server and cloud based infrastructure in Kenya, 2011 – **Ayub Manya**, Ministry of Health, Kenya

- Interoperability and Standards – Dr. **Christopher Seebregts**, Medical Research Council, South Africa
- Integrated HIS architecture of interoperable systems: Sierra Leone and West Africa- **Johan Saebo**, **Edem Kossi**, **Jorn Braa**
- Health Informatics Capacity Development through South-South, North-South and South-North Collaboration: The INDEHELA Experience – **Mikko Korpela** (Finland), **Retha de la Harpe** (South Africa), **Emilio Mosse** (Mozambique) and **Abimbola Soriyan** (Nigeria).

Bodynets 2012: 7th International ICST Conference on Body Area Networks

The Seventh International Conference on Body Area Networks (BodyNets 2012) will be held in Oslo, Norway on **24–26 September, 2012**. Full information on the event, including important dates in the Call for Submissions process (for papers, workshops, tutorials, exhibits and demos), is available on the conference website at <http://bodynets.org/2012/>

BodyNets integrate and deploy wireless sensors, RFID tags, and other pervasive devices within and around human bodies for constructing diverse and practical systems for physiological monitoring, human computer interaction, and provision of entertainment. This conference will explore and explain the scope and challenges of designing, building, and deploying BodyNets. In this regard, the conference aims to establish a forum to exchange ideas, discuss practices, raise awareness, and share experiences among researchers and practitioners in the field of computer science, electrical engineering, biomedical engineering, medicine, and other disciplines in both academia and industry.

This conference also allows authors to present new and emerging trends to address the technical, social, system and application issues related to BodyNets. While the mission of the conference is to share novel basic research ideas as well as experimental applications in the BodyNets area in addition to identifying new directions for future research and development the new scientific topics such as nano communication networks, bio-inspired networks, molecular networks, etc. will be considered. BodyNets 2012 will give researchers a unique opportunity to share their perspectives with others interested in the various aspects from molecular to micro level communication to novel applications from medicine to automobile industry.

The conference consists of four symposia that cover a broad range of research aspects. In addition, the program will include three outstanding keynote speakers from academia and industry. A panel session on “Nano communications networks: from theory to practical applications” and an industrial track will surely provoke thoughtful discussions. There will also be two tutorials given free of charge to all BodyNets 2012 attendees. We hope that the conference proceedings will serve as a valuable reference to researchers and developers in the area.

mHealth Summit 2011 – Videos Available

The 2011 mHealth Summit was held recently in the Washington DC area. The event has been widely discussed and reported through online news channels (see, for example, at [iHealthBeat](#) and [Healthcare IT News](#)) and through social media (see, for example, <http://twitter.com/mhealthsummit>)

General conference information is available at <http://mhealthsummit.org/> The PDF of the full agenda (with presenters and topics for each session) is here: http://mhealthsummit.org/pdf/mhealth_summit_agenda.pdf

The conference was arranged by major tracks: Business, Policy, Research, Technology, Finance, and HIT X.0.

Full videos of the presentations are also available: <http://bit.ly/uKkCqr> Each of the 95 archived videos are listed by Track – Session Title. Access to all videos is free for both attendees and non-attendees.

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