

## Email news bulletin of The University of Melbourne Health Informatics Network 2006-12-11

Our bid for \$40 000 Steering Committee funding over the next 18 months has been endorsed by the University. We will be using this funding for knowledge transfer activities, including public forums, support for academic leadership and visiting scholars, and web site upgrade.

Our success was based in part on the record of activity since HI Net started up earlier this year: • Two planning meetings, April and June • Establishment of a web site to raise the profile of health informatics at the University: (<http://www.mdhsonline.unimelb.edu.au/informatics>) • Informal get-togethers at University House, August, September, November • A written response to the National Collaborative Research Infrastructure Strategy scoping of a national population health data and clinical data linkage priority, July, and representation at a national workshop, September • Two working group meetings to explore prospects for a Universitas21 21 postgraduate course in health informatics • Workshop with Evelyn Hovenga, Conference Chair of Medinfo 2007 and Professor of Health Informatics at Central Queensland University So we have good reason to celebrate at our final CHIRS\* for 2006 -- Thursday 21 December at University House, 5-6:30pm. Why not put this in your diary now. (\*Collaborative Health Informatics Research Social; rhymes with "beers")

CHIRS for 2007! While you have your diary open, in 2007 CHIRS will be (mostly) on the third Thursday of each month, 5-6.30 at University House. The first six months of 2007 we have dates: Jan 18; Feb 15; Mar 15; Apr 12/ (early because of Easter); May 17; Jun 21. Just turn up; if a colleague / student is interested, bring them along. Get the collaborative juices flowing over a pint or a pinot.

Biocenturion Systems CTO of Biocenturion Systems, Tom Rosser visited HI Net representatives on Friday 8 December to discuss a possible University research partnership related to innovative mobile phone technology. More about Biocenturion [http://www.smartstate.qld.gov.au/resources/publications/catalyst/2005/issue\\_13/story5.shtm](http://www.smartstate.qld.gov.au/resources/publications/catalyst/2005/issue_13/story5.shtm)

Do we spend more on IT or go for the doctor? Did you read this article in The Age 21 November 2006 by Reeva Lederman, DIS? <http://www.theage.com.au/news/technology/do-we-spend-more-on-it-or-go-for-the-doctor/2006/11/20/1163871338544.html>

SNOMED-Clinical Terms workshop on Wednesday SNOMED workshop 13 December at Latrobe, please go to <http://www.hl7.org.au/2006-AGM.htm> for more details.

Update your Profile Time moves on and things change. Why not spend a moment and review and update your profile at <http://www.mdhsonline.unimelb.edu.au/informatics/index.php/Members>

Do you have news or ideas? HINet members with ideas, news, or needing information contact Simon Milton or Kathleen Gray. The deadline for inclusion in the next HINet bulletin is Friday 5 January. You can also add events of interest at <http://www.mdhsonline.unimelb.edu.au/informatics/index.php/Research>. (remember to let Simon or Kathleen know also!)

Cheers, Kathleen and Simon.

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