

Email news bulletin of The University of Melbourne Health Informatics Network 2007-03-09

CHIRS

Next CHIRS is on Thursday 15 March, 5-6.30 at University House. In 2007 CHIRS will be (mostly) on the third Thursday of each month: upcoming dates are Apr 12 (early because of Easter); May 17; Jun 21. No need to RSVP, and if a colleague / student / research partner is interested, please bring them along. In 2007 CHIRS is being sponsored by VerSI, the Victorian eResearch Strategic Initiative (<http://versi.edu.au> or contact Gaby Bright gabrielle.bright@versi.edu.au 8344 3768). (Collaborative Health Informatics Research Social; rhymes with beers)

Health Informatics August events at University of Melbourne

A public forum and a seminar series on current issues in health informatics is being planned for the week of 13-19 August, sponsored by the Health Informatics Steering Committee. These events will feature presentations by several internationally based informaticians who are traveling in Australia during August in conjunction with the triennial Medinfo Conference in Brisbane. Exact dates / times / venues will be published in our April email news bulletin ... please spread the word and plan to take part. Health Informatics Steering Committee

The next Reference Group meeting is Monday 19 March. At this meeting we will discuss possible research collaborations with Mike Ackland and Vaughn Moore from the Victorian Dept of Human Services – Manager, Chronic Disease Surveillance and Epidemiology, Public Health Branch; and A/Manager, Health Information, Metro Health and Aged Care Services Division, respectively. For details please contact Reference Group members Peter Harris, Liz Sonenberg, Teng Liaw, Loane Skene, Jim Black, Simon Milton or Kathleen Gray.

Expressions of interest

The National Prescribing Service is developing a position paper on advertising in prescribing and dispensing software. If you have expertise / interest in this area and wish to help with this work please contact Teng Liaw t.liaw@unimelb.edu.au

Webcasts

Waterloo Institute for Health Informatics Research regularly webcasts "smarter health" and other research seminars. Schedule / to register: <http://webcast.csg.uwaterloo.ca/>

Rural Health Academic Network

Featured in UniNews 16(2) http://uninews.unimelb.edu.au/articleid_4012.html "One of the aims of RHAN is to create an improved system of recording health data to determine what the true health issues are facing rural people in local areas... Another major aim of the network is to introduce information and communication technology enabling data from local GPs' surgeries and hospitals to be accessed ... to support research."

News, ideas, need to know?

Are you a staff member, research student or research partner with news items or needing information about HI? Contact Simon Milton or Kathleen Gray with items for the next HINet bulletin by Monday 2 April, or if you need any assistance to add to the HI wiki at <http://www.mdhsonline.unimelb.edu.au/informatics/>

Regards from HI Network convenors

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