

## University of Melbourne Health Informatics Network - June 2007 update

**Before we get to the details** If you have any **news, ideas, or stuff we all need to know** then contact us with items for the next HINet bulletin by Monday 23 July. Also if you know of someone who would like to be on the list – just let us know!

### CHIRS\*

Next CHIRS is on **Thursday 21 June, 5-6.30 at University House**. No CHIRS in July. From August we are changing CHIRS to the first Tuesday of each month, to make it easier to get to for some Network members. So please put these Tuesdays in your diary for CHIRS: **7 August, 4 September, 2 October, 6 November, 4 December**.

**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 [gabrielle.bright@versi.edu.au](mailto:gabrielle.bright@versi.edu.au) 8344 3768).

\*Collaborative Health Informatics Research Social; rhymes with beers

### CFP - International Conference on Health Informatics

Full papers are **due 27 June** for this conference in Portugal in January 2008. Selected papers will appear in a special issue of the IEEE Transactions on Biomedical Circuits and Systems. Details [www.healthinf.org/](http://www.healthinf.org/) <<http://www.healthinf.org/>>

### Knowledge Transfer grants: Applications Due 29 June

Network members are encouraged to apply for 10 University grants of up to \$10,000 each for new knowledge transfer projects or pilot projects to commence during semester 2. Applications close Friday 29 June. Details <http://www.unimelb.edu.au/abp/kt/>

### 7 August: Seminar by Professor Nikki Shaw

The Dept of Information Systems will host a lunchtime seminar on Tuesday 7 August by Nikki Shaw, Research Chair of Health Informatics at the Integrated Centre for Care Advancement through Research in Edmonton <http://www.icareabouthealth.ca/ourPeople/NikkiShaw.htm> / Seminar details: Peter Seddon [p.seddon@unimelb.edu.au](mailto:p.seddon@unimelb.edu.au) 8344 1576. Nikki will be holding talks with Network members around campus Tuesday – contact Kathleen Gray if you would like to schedule a meeting. [kgray@unimelb.edu.au](mailto:kgray@unimelb.edu.au) 8344 8936.

### 14th and 15th August: University Health Informatics August Event - update

Planning is in full swing for August events sponsored by the University's Health Informatics Steering Committee:

There will be a **'hypotheticals'-style public forum on the topic of ownership of electronic health records, on the evening of Tuesday 14 August** in the Laby Theatre. Master of Ceremonies will be Graham Brown, Foundation Director of the Nossal Institute for Global Health, and Chair of Global Health and James Stewart Professor of Medicine in the Faculty of Medicine, Dentistry and Health Sciences.

During the day on **Wednesday 15 August in the Potter Conference Centre** there will be a series of four industry workshops on the following topics: **10-11:30 Enabling research: data, standards and integration in health; 12-1:30 Using health data across the continuum of care; 2-3:30 Health informatics education; 4-5:30 Local and global aspects of public health informatics**. A number of national and international health informatics experts will be giving guest presentations. Please spread the word and plan to take part.

**University Health Informatics on the web**

A new University web site for Health Informatics will appear soon and the current HI wiki will be phased out later on in the year. So that the interests and expertise of Network members are accessible from the new site, you are strongly encouraged to act now -

If you are a University staff member update your public research profile in Themis, so that it includes the RFC code 321203 "Health Information Systems" and the keywords "health informatics" or similar.

If you are a member of an affiliated organisation or group, please send to Kathleen Gray [kgray@unimelb.edu.au](mailto:kgray@unimelb.edu.au) the URLs of web sites that you would like us to point to from the new HI web site.

**University Health Informatics Steering Committee meetings**

The next Health Informatics Steering Committee Reference Group held discussions with Justin Zobel of NICTA at our June Meeting. Here's a link to NICTA's Biomedical and Life Sciences projects [http://nicta.com.au/research/business\\_areas/biomedical\\_and\\_life\\_sciences](http://nicta.com.au/research/business_areas/biomedical_and_life_sciences) We will hold discussions with Bill Appelbe, CEO of the Victorian Partnership for Advanced Computing (VPAC) at a meeting on Monday 16 July. Please talk to a Reference Group member if you would like more information: Peter Harris, Liz Sonenberg, Teng Liaw, Loane Skene, Jim Black, Simon Milton or Kathleen Gray.

Regards from HI Network convenors...

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