

University of Melbourne Health Informatics Network - August 2007 update

Welcome to the August HINet update. It's a bumper month for networking opportunities! If you know of someone who would like to join our Network and be on our mailing list please let us know – convenors' contact details are below. If you have news or ideas to share for the next HINet bulletin please let us know by Monday 27 August.

Steering Committee news

The next Health Informatics Steering Committee Reference Group on **Monday 6 August** will include a presentation by Bill Appelbe, CEO of the Victorian Partnership for Advanced Computing (VPAC). 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.

Seminar: Networking Health Informatics Research Internationally

The Dept of Information Systems will host a **lunchtime** seminar on **Tuesday 7 August** by Prof Nikki Shaw, Research Chair of Health Informatics at the Integrated Centre for Care Advancement through Research in Edmonton, Canada <http://www.icareabouthealth.ca/ourPeople/NikkiShaw.htm> Seminar details: Peter Seddon p.seddon@unimelb.edu.au 8344 1576.

CHIRS*

Next CHIRS is on **Tuesday 7 August, 5-6.30** in the lounge at University House. All welcome. We are looking forward to the company of visiting researchers from Queensland University of Technology and University of Alberta this Tuesday.

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: **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 8344 3768). *Collaborative Health Informatics Research Social; rhymes with beers

Our new web site

... is now live at <http://www.healthinformatics.unimelb.edu.au/> Network convenors welcome your comments and suggestions for improvements.

The web site has details of our hypothetical-style public forum "**Your Health Record: Quality of Care or Privacy of Information?**" being held on the evening of **Tuesday 14 August** in the Laby Theatre on the Parkville campus. All welcome.

The web site also has details of our industry workshop "**Health Informatics: Building The Research Agenda**" being held on **Wednesday 15 August** in the Potter Conference Centre. We have had an overwhelming response to this workshop from clinicians, the IT industry, government and research units. Please email health-informatics@unimelb.edu.au if you wish to be placed on a wait list for one of the four sessions.

The previous HI wiki will be phased out in September. So that the interests and expertise of Network members are accessible from the new site: --If you are a University staff member update your public research profile in Themis, so that it includes the RFCD code 321203 "Health Information Systems" and the keywords "health informatics" or similar. If you are a member of an affiliated organisation or group, let us know the URLs of web sites that you would like us to point to from our new HI web site.

Major events coming up in Brisbane during August

Medinfo <http://www.medinfo2007.org/100213.php>

First World Congress of Pathology Informatics www.wcpi07.org.

First World Nursing Informatics Leadership Conference <http://www.niaonline.org.au/>

Third International Conference on Information Technology in Healthcare <http://ithc2007.org/>

A list of ICT providers taking part in a healthcare systems interoperability demo at Medinfo:

Cerner	Health Link	Medical Director	Sun
Extensia	Health-e	Medical Objects	Trak Health
General Electric	IBA	Ocean	
	Initiate	Oracle	

Regards from HI Network convenors...

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