The University of Melbourne Health Informatics Network Email news bulletin February 2008

CHIRS 2008*
The Collaborative Health Informatics Research Social (CHIRS) is back; our next get-together will be the third Thursday in February, the 21st. We meet 5-6:30 PM in the lounge at University House. All welcome; contact one of the convenors (below) if you need directions. No need to RSVP. If a colleague / student / research partner is interested, please bring them along. In 2008 CHIRS is once again sponsored by VeRSI, the Victorian eResearch Strategic Initiative http://versi.edu.au

Research project
"Cell phone applications for clinical diagnostic therapeutic and public health use by front line health care workers", a project in Mozambique that will involve the Nossal Institute, the Department of Information Systems and the Department of Computer Science and Software Engineering, has secured a Microsoft Research grant.
http://research.microsoft.com/ur/us/fundingopps/rfps/CellPhoneAsPlatformForHealthcare_Awards.aspx

OptIPortal
Medical uses are foreshadowed for the new OptIPortal, a dedicated link between the University of Melbourne and the University of California San Diego (UCSD), in an initial demonstration of Australia's first ultra-broadband high-definition real-time video collaboration system. http://uninews.unimelb.edu.au/unarticleid_4891.html

Call for papers
Submissions are due 14 March for the AMIA annual symposium "Biomedical and health informatics from foundations to applications to policy", Washington, DC, 8-12 November 2008. http://www.amia.org/meetings/f08/call_invitation.asp

EOI
Integrating the Healthcare Enterprise (IHE) is an initiative by healthcare professionals and health IT industry to improve the way healthcare computer systems share information. IHE is now calling for expressions of interest in the Australian Interoperability Showcase and Connectathon 2008. http://hisa.org.au/ihe

Industry forum
The Health-E-Nation Industry Exhibition and Forum will run in Melbourne 31 August to 3 September 2008 in conjunction with the HISA conference. http://www.health-e-nation.com.au/

Job vacancy
The University of Western Sydney School of Computing and Mathematics within the College of Health and Science has advertised the role of Associate Professor (Level D) / Professor (Level E) in Health Informatics. Closing date 15 February 2008. http://pubapps.uws.edu.au/vacancies/?pro=position_details&pos_ID=4593

Student placement
Clinical placement opportunities at Tabubil Hospital in the Western Province Region of Papua New Guinea are available for final-year medical students from Universitas21 universities. Students are responsible for operating a low-cost telemedicine support service for the hospital doctors with specialist advice provided by consultant staff. http://www.universitas21.com/ehealth.html

Steering Committee news
The next Health Informatics Steering Committee meeting is Monday 11 February when planning will begin for a series of industry roundtables building on the success of our Health Informatics Industry Workshop in August last year. Please contact a Reference Group member with your ideas for 2008 health informatics activities at the University: Peter Harris, Liz Sonenberg, Teng Liaw, Loane Skene, Jim Black, Graeme Shanks, Leon Sterling, Reeva Lederman, Kathleen Gray.

If you have news, ideas, or items of interest for the next HINet bulletin please contact us by 29 February. If you know of someone who would like to be on the mailing list, just let us know. Regards from HI Network convenors...

Kathleen Gray, Biomedical Multimedia Unit & Simon Milton / Reeva Lederman, Department of Information Systems
… Simon is passing the baton to Reeva in the next few weeks, but he will remain a Network stalwart. Many thanks to Simon for all his support for news, events and committee work over the past 18 months!