

## **The University of Melbourne Health Informatics Network Email news bulletin July 2008**

### **CHIRS**

Our next Collaborative Health Informatics Research Social (CHIRS) get-together will be Thursday 17th July. 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>

### **Peak Computing**

A new \$100 million Victorian Life Sciences Computation Initiative at The University of Melbourne was announced in June. [http://uninews.unimelb.edu.au/articleid\\_5249.html](http://uninews.unimelb.edu.au/articleid_5249.html)  
<http://www.unimelb.edu.au/speeches/>

### **Roundtable “Translating Evidence into Clinical Practice and Policy through Informatics”**

On July 17 the Health Informatics Steering Committee will host this second of four high-level working groups intended to set a leadership agenda for research and research training. Details at [http://www.healthinformatics.unimelb.edu.au/practitioners/ind\\_roundtables.html](http://www.healthinformatics.unimelb.edu.au/practitioners/ind_roundtables.html)

### **Call for papers**

HIMSS AsiaPacific Conference & Exhibition, 24-27 February 2009, Kuala Lumpur. CFP closing date 8 September. Details: <http://cfp.himss.org/2009/asiapac/call/index.html>

### **Forthcoming conferences**

- HIC, 31 August – 2 September 2008, Melbourne <http://www.hisa.org.au/hic08program>
- 14<sup>th</sup> IEEE International Conference on Parallel and Distributed Systems (ICPADS'08), 8-10 December 2008, Melbourne <http://www.deakin.edu.au/conferences/icpads2008/>

### **SAS training**

BioGrid is offering SAS training at Royal Melbourne Hospital, Tuesdays on 5 August, 2 September or 7 October. Details: <http://www.biogrid.org.au/pages/training.php>

### **New interest group**

The W3C Semantic Web Health Care and Life Sciences Interest Group has released a new charter and call for participation. Details [www.w3.org/2008/05/HCLSIGCharter](http://www.w3.org/2008/05/HCLSIGCharter)

### **New research lab**

Informing Healthcare's new research laboratory at Swansea University's School of Medicine will test new health information technologies using a range of virtual healthcare settings simulating those experienced by patients and clinicians. <http://www.hesmagazine.com/story.asp?sectioncode=196&storyCode=2048196>

### **Steering Committee news**

The next Health Informatics Steering Committee meeting is Monday August 4th. If you would like more information about these meetings please contact a Reference Group member: Ann Borda, Jim Black, Kathleen Gray, Peter Harris (Chair), Graeme Hart, Marianne Hibbert, Reeva Lederman, Teng Liaw, Graeme Shanks, Loane Skene, Liz Sonenberg, Leon Sterling, Justin Zobel.

If you have news, ideas, or items of interest for the next HINet bulletin please contact us by July 8th. 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 8344 8936 & Reeva Lederman, Department of Information Systems 8344 1535.