

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

### CHIRS

Please diarise 2009 dates for Collaborative Health Informatics Research Social (CHIRS) get-togethers. CHIRS will be held on the second Thursday of every month, starting 12 February. It will be sponsored again in 2009 by VeRSI, the Victorian eResearch Strategic Initiative <http://versi.edu.au>. We meet at 5:30-6:30 PM in the lounge at University House. All are welcome; contact one of the convenors (below) if you need directions. If a colleague / student / research partner is interested, please bring them along. No need to RSVP.

### Calls for papers

- The International Multi-Conference on Society, Cybernetics and Informatics, including an eHealth stream, in Orlando USA, 10-13 July 2009 calls for submissions by 17 December. Details [www.2009iisconferences.org/imsci2009](http://www.2009iisconferences.org/imsci2009)
- The conference e-Health 2009: Leadership in Action 31 May to 3 June 2009 in Quebec City, Canada, invites abstracts by 17 December. Details [www.e-healthconference.com/presentation\\_guidelines.htm](http://www.e-healthconference.com/presentation_guidelines.htm)
- The electronic Journal of Health Informatics is calling for papers for a special issue on Systemic Interoperability. Submissions due 31 January. Details [http://ejhi.net/documents/Call\\_for\\_PapersInteropIssue.pdf](http://ejhi.net/documents/Call_for_PapersInteropIssue.pdf)
- A conference on Social Networking and Web 2.0 in Health will be held in Toronto, Canada, 17-18 September 2009. Papers are due 01 February. Details [www.medicine20congress.com/ocs/callforpapers.php](http://www.medicine20congress.com/ocs/callforpapers.php)
- Health Care and Informatics Review Online, the official journal of Health Informatics New Zealand, invites papers. Details [www.hinz.org.nz/journal/2008/12/About-the-Journal---call-for-papers/1002](http://www.hinz.org.nz/journal/2008/12/About-the-Journal---call-for-papers/1002)

### Reports

- A report by Teng Liaw on the recent American Medical Informatics Association conference is available from [www.healthinformatics.unimelb.edu.au/hin/ReportAMIA2008.pdf](http://www.healthinformatics.unimelb.edu.au/hin/ReportAMIA2008.pdf)
- The National E-Health Transition Authority 2007-2008 annual report [http://www.nehta.gov.au/index.php?option=com\\_docman&task=doc\\_details&gid=588&Itemid=139&catid=92](http://www.nehta.gov.au/index.php?option=com_docman&task=doc_details&gid=588&Itemid=139&catid=92)
- CHIK Services P/L discussion paper on e-health enabled healthcare in Australia [www.chik.com.au/files/CHIK\\_A\\_Pebble\\_in\\_the\\_Pond.pdf](http://www.chik.com.au/files/CHIK_A_Pebble_in_the_Pond.pdf)

### Human Variome Project

The Human Variome Project was featured in November in the journal *Science* ([www.sciencemag.org/cgi/content/summary/322/5903/861](http://www.sciencemag.org/cgi/content/summary/322/5903/861)) and in the *Melbourne Age* ([www.theage.com.au/national/genetic-map-points-the-way-to-cures-20081106-5jfc.html](http://www.theage.com.au/national/genetic-map-points-the-way-to-cures-20081106-5jfc.html)). More information about HVP: [www.humanvariomeproject.org](http://www.humanvariomeproject.org)

### Informatics advisor position

The US Department of Health and Human Services Centers for Disease Control and Prevention has advertised an Informatics Advisor position in Mozambique. Applications close 17 December. Details <https://www.fbo.gov/index?s=opportunity&mode=form&id=36515ba3f6d3df596cf0ec56fac63345&tab=core&cvview=1&cck=1&au=&cck=>

### Steering Committee news

- The Health Informatics Steering Committee congratulates Teng Liaw on his appointment to a Chair in General Practice at the University of New South Wales, and thanks him for his sustained contributions to advancing health informatics at The University of Melbourne.
- DVDs of the August 2007 Hypothetical, *Your health record: Quality of care or privacy of information?* are now available. Details [www.healthinformatics.unimelb.edu.au/community/video\\_20070814.html](http://www.healthinformatics.unimelb.edu.au/community/video_20070814.html)
- A summary of proceedings of the November 2008 E-collaboration Roundtable is now available at [www.healthinformatics.unimelb.edu.au/practitioners/ind\\_roundtables.html](http://www.healthinformatics.unimelb.edu.au/practitioners/ind_roundtables.html)
- The Health Informatics Steering Committee meets next on Monday 02 February. 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 02 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 & Reeva Lederman  
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