

The University of Melbourne Health Informatics Network Email news bulletin April 2009

Come to CHIRS

Our next Collaborative Health Informatics Research Social (CHIRS) get-together will be held this Thursday 9 April, from 5:30 to 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. CHIRS is sponsored by VeRSI, the Victorian eResearch Strategic Initiative <http://versi.edu.au>. 14 May will be the next CHIRS after this week's get-together.

Call for video articles

The Journal of Visualized Experiments (JoVE) a peer reviewed and PubMed-indexed research video journal invites video articles on experimental laboratory techniques or clinical procedures. www.jove.com

Virtual Trauma and Critical Care Unit opens

Victoria's Virtual Trauma and Critical Care Unit officially opened 23 March. The VTCCu connects regional Victorians to metropolitan medical services, funded by the Commonwealth Clever Networks Initiative, Multimedia Victoria, participating hospitals and a consortium of suppliers. News story www.computerworld.com.au/article/296455/12m_vic_virtual_care_unit_opens?fp=39&fpid=26292&rid=1

CDC Public Health Informatics fellowship program

Next-round applications open in May 2009 for the US Centers for Disease Control and Prevention Public Health Informatics fellowship program. In June HI Network member Nilva Egana will be the first Australian to take up one of these fellowships. www.cdc.gov/EPO/PHIFP

HISA events

- The HISA Victorian Branch invites interested HI Network members to attend its meeting on Thursday 16 April to hear Peter Fleming talk about NeHTA's plans to deliver health IT infrastructure and Michael Georgeff discuss the Precedence Health Care Chronic Disease Management Service. www.hisa.org.au/node/634 (Peter Fleming's presentation to the National Telemedicine Summit in Sydney in March is available at www.nehta.gov.au/component/docman/doc_download/673-telemedicine-conference-sydney-peter-fleming)
- HealthBeyond, an activity of the Health Informatics Society of Australia, is sponsoring an e-Health Consumer Day in Melbourne, **Thursday 7 May 2009** (date was incorrectly listed as 5 May in last month's bulletin, sorry). www.healthbeyond.org.au/

AMIA student membership

The American Medical Informatics Association has widened its student membership to include not only full-time students but anyone with a half-time or more study load in biomedical or health informatics. www.amia.org/mbrcenter/mbrshp/student.asp

Computational Technology for Effective Health Care

The Computer Science and Telecommunications Board of the US National Academies has released a report on Computational Technology for Effective Health Care: Immediate Steps and Strategic Directions, calling for greater emphasis by computer science and health / biomedical informatics researchers on providing cognitive support for health care providers, patients, and family caregivers. Draft version www.nlm.nih.gov/pubs/reports/comptech_prepub.pdf; more info http://sites.nationalacademies.org/cstb/CurrentProjects/CSTB_042216

Health Informatics Steering Committee news

- Are you a University of Melbourne staff member or student interested individual membership of HISA at reduced rates? Please contact HISC secretary Julie Filarski by email to health-informatics@unimelb.edu.au before 30 April. The Steering Committee is investigating having the University become an organisational member of HISA, which would offer you discounted access to HISA member benefits - see www.hisa.org.au/membership
- The Steering Committee meets next on Monday 04 May. If you would like more information about these meetings please contact a Reference Group member: James Bailey, Jim Black, Ann Borda, Kathleen Gray, Peter Harris (Co-Chair), Graeme Hart, Marianne Hibbert, Reeva Lederman, Teng Liaw, Graeme Shanks, Loane Skene, Liz Sonenberg (Co-Chair), Leon Sterling. The Steering Committee welcomes James Bailey to represent NICTA Life Sciences and the University's Dept. of Computer Science & Software Engineering. James is replacing Justin Zobel, whose contributions the Committee gratefully acknowledges.
- If you have news, ideas, or items of interest for the next HINet bulletin please contact us by 04 May
- 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 8344 9836 & Reeva Lederman 8344 1535
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