

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

Come to CHIRS

Our next Collaborative Health Informatics Research Social (CHIRS) get-together will be held Thursday 14 May, from 5:30 to 6:30 PM in the lounge at University House. Dr Andrew P Howard, CIO HealthSmart, DHS will be our guest and will speak informally about his experience in health ICT. All are welcome; contact one of the convenors (below) if you need directions. CHIRS is sponsored by VerSI, the Victorian eResearch Strategic Initiative <http://versi.edu.au>.

eHealth Network web site

The Victorian eHealth Network has a new web site www.ehealthvic.org.au/ The aim of the Network is to enable the Victorian ICT industry to collaborate towards development of leading edge eHealth solutions. Liz Sonenberg (l.sonenberg@unimelb.edu.au) is the University of Melbourne contact.

Call for papers

Special issue of the International Journal of Human-Computer Interaction, on the theme of Evaluating new interactions in healthcare. Submission deadline is 19 June 2009. Details <http://healthcare-interactions.blogspot.com/2009/04/call-for-papers-special-issue-of.html>

Australian e-health developments in the news

Victoria has allocated \$27 million for its contribution to the work of the National E-Health Transition Authority. www.budget.vic.gov.au/

Personal electronic health records, digital hospital and healthcare infrastructure, decision support and electronic medication management are part of the \$90 million e-health program just announced in the ACT.

www.treasury.act.gov.au/budget/budget_2009/files/press/08_press.pdf.

NSW has confirmed that it will roll out of electronic medical records technology into public hospitals across the State. www.health.nsw.gov.au/news/2009/20090502_01.html

The National Health and Hospitals Reform Commission supplementary paper to its Interim Report supports person-controlled electronic health records for every Australian.

www.nhhrc.org.au/internet/nhhrc/publishing.nsf/Content/mediaRelease300409

Aged care informatics – three things

The Department of Health and Ageing requests tenders by 20 May for the provision of services for analysis and research in relation to aged care informatics for the implementation of e-health activities.

www.health.gov.au/internet/main/publishing.nsf/Content/3020809

The Information Technology and Aged Care '09 conference program, being held in Sydney 21& 22 May, is now available from www.itac09.com.au/program.htm

Developing and Realising a Vision for Aged Care Informatics for Australia and the Region Symposium, Canberra, 19 August. Expressions of interest in presenting close 15 May. www.hisa.org.au/agedcare

Clinical research platform released

The Alphastudy system originated from work in the Asthma Clinical Assessment Form and Electronic decision support (ACAFE) research project. www.alphastudy.com

Would You Believe Shoe Phones Could Improve Remote Medical Care?

... was the title of a recent talk by Paul Gardner-Stephen of Flinders University, Adelaide. The Flinders Shoe Phone has been featured on ABC TV, as seen at <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3ewkRDJb4Q> and <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=COpTID2WIVE>

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 (email health-informatics@unimelb.edu.au) for details.
- The Steering Committee meets next on Monday 01 June. 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.
- If you have news, ideas, or items of interest for the next HINet bulletin please contact us by 01 June.
- 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 and Reeva Lederman 8344 1535

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