



# News from the International Medical Informatics Association

## HIC 2012 (Sydney, Australia) – Call for Submissions Closes February 23

The Health Informatics Society of Australia (HISA – <http://www.hisa.org.au>) is pleased to announce their Call for Submissions for HIC 2012, Australia's Health Informatics Conference, to be held from **30 July – 2 August 2012** at the Sydney Convention and Exhibition Centre. Full information on the Call is at <http://www.hisa.org.au/hic2012> – the deadline for paper submissions is **23 February, 2012**.

Prof. **Anthony Maeder** and Prof. **Fernando Martin-Sanchez** (IMIA VP Membership) are the Joint Chairs of the HIC 2012 Scientific Program Committee.

The primary theme of the event is Health Informatics – Building a Healthcare Future through Trusted Information, and HIC2012 will focus on consumers, practitioners, researchers and industry. HIC 2012 has three categories of submission:

1. Scientific Papers (full papers, 4–6 pages, 2000–3000 words)
2. Structured industry case studies (600 word overview)
3. Workshops (600 word submission).

## AMIA 2012 Annual Symposium – Submission Deadline March 15

The AMIA 2012 Annual Symposium takes place this year in Chicago, IL, USA on **03–07 November** – full details are at <http://www.amia.org/amia2012>

The submission deadline for all forms of proposal is **March 15, 2012** – for full details on types of proposal (including new and revived formats) see <http://www.amia.org/meetings-events/amia-2012-annual-symposium/proposals>

The Scientific Program Committee (SPC) Chair for AMIA 2012 is Bill Hersh, and he describes some of the changes for this year in his 'Informatics Professor' blog. Among the changes are:

- a new category of presentation called State of the Practice; aiming to provide sessions led by experts and leaders from operational settings who will describe key problems and challenges whose solutions have answers in the scientific research of the field;
- a submission category for podium presentations of abstracts;
- the return of the tutorial program to presenter-initiated submissions (instead of commission by an AMIA committee); and
- a new pre-symposium program for AMIA Working Groups.

Full details are in the Call for Proposals.

## Call for Papers for 10th ICICTH Conference; Samos, Greece, 12–14 July 2012.

The 10th International Conference on Information Communication Technologies in Health (ICICTH) will be held in Samos Island, Greece on **July 12–14, 2012**. The Call for Papers is open – for details please see <http://www.ineag.gr/ICICTH/index.php> – and closes on **April 01, 2012**.

This conference invites active researchers and practitioners interested in Health Informatics and Health Management. A full description of possible topics for submission is available on the conference website at <http://www.ineag.gr/ICICTH/index.php/call-and-submission.html>

The 2012 ICICTH Conference will focus considerable attention on the global financial crisis and its impact. Special Sessions that will focus specifically on the global financial crisis will be included. Important Dates:

- Deadline for Abstract Submission: **April 01, 2012.**
- Notification of Acceptance: **April 15, 2012.**
- Deadline for Registration & Submission of Extended Papers: **May 15, 2012.**

Selected papers of ICICTH will be considered for publication in the journal Applied Clinical Informatics

## IMIA Launches “Working Group of the Year” Award

New for 2012, IMIA is launching an “IMIA Working Group of the Year” Award. The Award will recognise and reward the IMIA Working Group (WG) that has been the most successful in the previous year, since the last IMIA General Assembly meeting, in its efforts and achievements in support of IMIA’s mission. It will specifically recognise both outstanding accomplishments and team effort.

All IMIA Working Groups will be eligible to receive the award under the IMIA Working Group of the Year Award Program, and one award will be given every year. The Award will be made by the IMIA Board, on the recommendation of the Award Selection Committee, and the announcement and presentation made at the IMIA General Assembly meeting in a non-Medinfo year, and otherwise at the close of each Medinfo conference. The first Award, for 2012, will therefore be made at the 2012 IMIA General Assembly meeting.

The Award Selection Committee decides the Award winner on the basis of the Working Group Annual Reports, which will be revised to show how WG activities have matched the plan of activity produced by each WG. The current members of the Award Selection Committee are **Hyeoun-Ae Park** (VP for WGs/SIG), **Peter Murray** (CEO), **Nancy Lorenzi** (Past President of IMIA and Past VP for WGs/SIG), **Reinhold Haux** (Past President of IMIA), **Elizabeth Borycki** (VP for IMIA North America), and **Jacob Hofdijk** (VP for EFMI).

The launching of this new initiative was approved by the IMIA General Assembly at its meeting in Oslo, Norway on August 28, 2011. IMIA Vice President for Working Groups and Special Interest Groups, Dr. **Hyeoun-Ae Park**, has lead this initiative, and has written to all IMIA Working Group Chairs and Vice chairs. In parallel, the 2011 IMIA General Assembly meeting approved new performance measurements for WGs, which formalise and bring up to date the traditions of the operation of WGs. Full details of the Award and the Performance Measurements are available for WGs on the IMIA website, via the WG/SIG section.

## NI2012 Congress Preview Available, Registration Open

The Congress Preview document is now available for NI2012, the 11th International Congress on Nursing Informatics, to be held in Montreal, Canada on **June 23–27**. The Congress Preview (PDF document available here or directly at the NI2012 website – 8MB file) contains information on the conference schedule, keynote speakers, tutorials and panel highlights, pre-Congress tours and optional events, and registration. Paper copies of the document will be available at the AMIA and IMIA booths at HIMSS12 for those attending.

The NI2012 website also features video interviews with NI2012 Chair Dr. **Patricia Abbott**, and with Dr. **Carol Hullin** (in Spanish).

Registration and hotel booking are both open via the NI2012 website – [www.ni2012.org](http://www.ni2012.org) – and Advance Congress Registration rates are available up to **May 17** (but we advise early booking).

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