



News from the International Medical Informatics Association

Argentine Congress of Informatics and Health 2010

The Argentine Congress of Informatics and Health 2010 (Congreso Argentino de Informática y Salud – CAIS2010) will take place on **30 August -1 September 2010**, at the University Argentina de la Empresa (UADE), Buenos Aires, Argentina. The programme and organising committees include members of the Argentine Association of Medical Informatics, Universidad Austral and University of Buenos Aires, and HL7 Argentina.

Full information (in Spanish) is available at the conference website – <http://www.39jaiio.org.ar/cais> – and through the website of the Argentine Association of Medical Informatics (AAIM) (Asociación Argentina de Informática Médica – <http://www.aaim.com.ar/>). AAIM is an IMIA Member Society.

ITCH2011 – Call for Poster Submissions

For the first time in its 24 year history, the Information Technology and Communications in Health (ITCH 2011) conference will include a Professional (non-student) Poster Session. An abstract, no longer than 500 words, that describes each poster presentation must be submitted for review by **November 1, 2010**. Full details are at <http://itch.uvic.ca/Postersession.php>

Information on the provisional programme is at <http://itch.uvic.ca/program.php> and full information on various aspects of the conference at <http://itch.uvic.ca>

The ITCH2011 conference, theme *Health Informatics: International Perspectives*, takes place on **February 24 – 27, 2011** at Inn at Laurel Point, Victoria, BC Canada.

SINI2010 – blog reports from nursing informatics event

Blog posts reporting on some of the sessions at SINI2010, the 20th (Anniversary) Annual Summer Institute in Nursing Informatics, are available at <http://www.hi-blogs.info>

SINI2010 was organised by and delivered at the University of Maryland School of Nursing – Baltimore. This year's theme was “Nursing Informatics: From First Use to Meaningful Use”, and the main conference held on July 21-24. Full information is at <http://nursing.umaryland.edu/sini/> with the schedule at <http://nursing.umaryland.edu/sini/schedule/index.htm> Among presentations were:

- **Connie White Delaney** (Professor and Dean, School of Nursing, University of Minnesota) as the opening keynote speaker, talking on “Nursing Informatics Empowering Meaningful Use: People, Processes, and Policy”;
- **Patti Brennan** talking on ‘Let’s Make Sure That “Meaningful Users” Includes PATIENTS!’;
- “The TIGER Initiative: Adoption of Health IT and Meaningful Use for Nurses and Other Disciplines”, a panel presentation and discussion with **Patricia Hinton Walker**, Vice President for Nursing Policy & Professor of Nursing at Uniformed Services University of the Health Sciences; **Diane J. Skiba**, Professor & Health Care Informatics Coordinator, University of Colorado College of Nursing; and **Brian Gugerty**, Gugerty Consulting, LLC; and
- **Gil Kuperman**, from NewYork-Presbyterian Hospital and Columbia Biomedical Informatics in New York, NY, with his talk titled “Health Information Exchange: Why Are We Doing It and What Are We Doing?”

WHO eHealth/mHealth photograph competition

The World Health Organization's Global Observatory for eHealth (GOe) has announced the launch of its first photography competition in collaboration with the eHealth Strategy Office of the University of British Columbia Faculty of Medicine in preparation for its telehealth and mobile Health (mHealth) publications for the eHealth series 2010.

The deadline for submission of entries has been extended to **August 13, 2010** at midnight GMT. Full details can be viewed and downloaded at:
<http://www.scribd.com/2010-06-WHO-Geo-Photo-Contest-Announcement-NEW-DEADLINE-AUG-13th-2010-Midnight-GMT/d/33423107>

The GOe and other programs in the eHealth and Informatics unit are looking for high-quality and original photographs depicting eHealth in the field. The competition for images of telehealth or mHealth in action is open to Faculty members and students from any higher academic institutions.

Winners will be announced publicly by **September 15th, 2010** and published on the WHO GOe web site www.who.int/goe For queries or further clarification, please contact Nelson Shen at Nelson.s@ubc.ca

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