



News from the International Medical Informatics Association

Medinfo2010 – Programme on Website

The programme for Medinfo2010 is now available on the conference website – www.medinfo2010.org. It contains information on pre-conference tutorials, plenary sessions, major meetings, parallel sessions and social events. Tutorial registration is open via the Medinfo2010 website; tutorials will take place 11th and 12th **September 2010**. Among tutorials are:

- **Open EHR** – Clinician-driven EHRs – The open approach;
- **EHR Implementation Tips**;
- **Change Management** – Working in partnership to reduce conflicts in Health System Implementation;
- **Evaluating Patient Centered HI** – Evaluating and designing Patient-centered Health Information Technologies;
- **Clinical Engagement** – Clinical Transformation: Towards a Successful Clinical Implementation Tool Kit;
- **Grid Computing**; and much more.

Workshops will take place from 11 September. The full conference programme outline is at:

http://www.medinfo2010.org/docs/Full_conference_programme.pdf.

The detailed programme (day by day, including paper timings) is at:

http://www.medinfo2010.org/docs/detailed_programme.pdf.

The schedule of meetings (some of which are open, some of which are by invitation only) is at:

http://www.medinfo2010.org/docs/Working_and_Special_Interest_Group_Meetings.pdf.

IMIA General Assembly and Board Meetings on 11th and 12th September in Cape Town

The annual meeting of IMIA members, the IMIA General Assembly, will be held on Sunday, **September 12th, 2010** at the The Roof Terrace, Cape International Convention Centre, Cape Town, South Africa. It will be preceded by the IMIA Board meeting on **September 11th**. **Both meetings are by invitation only**. The formal invitation and notice of the meeting has been sent to all General Assembly members via the General Assembly email list. If you are an official representative or other category of GA member, and you have not received this, please contact the IMIA Executive Director at imia@imia-services.org.

Information for members – log-in required – is in the Member Services area of the IMIA website; documents will be uploaded during August. The IMIA General Assembly meeting will start time at 08:30 h, due to the full agenda; it will finish at approx. 16:00 h, in time for people to attend the Medinfo2010 Opening Ceremony.

One of the key items of business to be transacted at the 2010 IMIA General Assembly meeting will be discussion and voting on adoption of the proposed revised IMIA Statutes. The IMIA Statutes are an important legal document. We have been working to bring them up to date, and to ‘future proof’ them. A significant part of the Cape Town GA meeting will be devoted to discussion of the proposed new Statutes. If you are a GA member or proxy and have not yet received this document, please contact the IMIA Executive Director at imia@imia-services.org.

IMIA Education Working Group Meeting and other WG Events at Medinfo2010

William Hersh, MD, Chair of the IMIA Health and Medical Informatics Education Working Group (WG) and **Paula Otero**, MD, Vice-Chair of the WG, wish to remind members that the WG will be holding its business meeting at Medinfo2010. It will take place on Monday **September 13th 2010**, from 15:00 h to 17:00 h in Room 2.4.3 of the conference venue. New members will be welcome. The preliminary agenda for the meeting:

1. Introductions
2. Publication of IMIA educational recommendations and follow-up
3. IMIA web site and what we might we do with it
4. Next working group meeting – theme, site, dates, etc.
5. Discussion

If anyone wishes to add anything to the agenda, please contact Bill Hersh (hersh@ohsu.edu). The IMIA Academic members meeting follows later the same evening. Many other IMIA Working Groups will be holding business meetings, as well as other activities, at Medinfo2010. A list of meetings (some of which are open, some of which are by invitation only) is on the Medinfo2010 website.

IMIA Academic Members Workshop held on 13th September 2010 in Cape Town

All IMIA Academic Institutional Members are invited to attend the Workshop: “Education in Health and Biomedical Informatics (H&BI): the perspective from academic and research institutions” to be held on Monday, **September 13th 2010**, from 19 h to 20’30 h in Room 2.6.6 at the MEDINFO 2010 Conference Venue, i.e. the Cape Town International Convention Centre in Cape Town, South Africa.

Agenda

Welcome (by Prof. **Reinhold Haux**, President of IMIA)

Confirmed speakers and topics:

- **Paula Otero** (Hospital Italiano de Buenos Aires): Summary of the Business meeting of the WG Education and Activities in H&BI Education at HIBA.
- **Bill Hersh** (Oregon Health & Science Univ.): Recent developments in H&BI education in USA, AMIA perspective.
- **John Mantas** (EFMI President, Coordinator EFMI Task Force on Education): Updated IMIA Recommendations for H&BI Educational Curricula.
- **Alvaro Margolis** (Medical Director, EVIMED & IMIA-LAC): Workforce development initiatives – Bellaggio meeting and AMIA’s Global Partnership Program (GPP)
- **Arie Hasman** (IMIA Board & Co-chair of the EFMI WG Education in Health Informatics): IMIA Academy and steps toward accreditation of educational programs.

Discussion and Q&A session.

Closing (by Dr. **Fernando Martín-Sánchez**, IMIA VP Membership) including a call for expressions of interest to participate in a project related to H&BI professionalism, on behalf of **Jean Roberts** (UK).

The workshop is intended primarily for IMIA’s Academic Institutional Members; others with an interest in the subject areas, and/or in IMIA Academic membership, are also welcome.

9th Annual HINZ Conference and Exhibition

The 9th Annual HINZ Conference and Exhibition will take place on 2-4 November 2010, in Wellington, New Zealand. For all information please see <http://www.hinz.org.nz/page/conference> The theme for this year is “Enabling Clinical Transformation” – topics include:

- Informatics to support clinical networking
- HL7, practical and implementation guides
- Telehealth – the next BIG thing
- The power of personal health records
- Sharing international views

Plus the NZ Minister of Health, Health and Disability Commissioner and presentations from the newly formed NZ National Health IT Board. The programme will also feature 37 accepted paper and poster presentations and carries 17 CME points. International speakers include:

- Yannick Legre, International Health Grid Association
- John Kokesh and Stewart Ferguson, Alaskan federal Healthcare Access Network
- Patricia Brennan, University of Wisconsin-Madison
- Peter Murray, Executive Director of IMIA
- Tricia Greenhalgh by video presentation.

HINZ (www.hinz.org.nz) are looking forward to another record breaking attendance, and a sold out technical exhibition.

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