



News from the International Medical Informatics Association

Medinfo2010 – Tutorials and Special Offer

Half day and full day tutorials will be taking place at Medinfo2010 on **Saturday and Sunday, 11-12 September 2010**. Full information is available on the Medinfo2010 website.

Tutorial subjects include: EHR implementation tips, Change management, Evaluating patient-centred HI, Natural language processing, Evaluation of HI overview, Terminology, Usability evaluation, Writing for publication, Data mining, HL7 CDA + CDS, Clinical decision support, GRID computing, and OpenEHR.

Prices: Half day tutorials – R1700.00, Full day tutorials – R2200.00

Register for tutorials at www.medinfo2010.org and book online, or contact Ingrid Jacobs (ingrid@confco.co.za) if you require any further assistance.

Special offer – Writing for Publication Tutorial

Elsevier and Schattauer publishers are offering free participation in this tutorial for a limited number of researchers from developing countries and young researchers under 35 years of age. This is their way of contributing towards the education of young researchers and working towards increasing the submission of papers from developing countries in their respective Medical Informatics journals – *Methods of Information in Medicine*, the *International Journal of Medical Informatics*, and *Applied Clinical Informatics*. This tutorial is being presented by the editors of these prestigious official IMIA journals.

More IMIA WG Events at Medinfo2010

Thomas Karopka, vice chair of the IMIA Open Source Health Informatics Working Group OS WG), has announced that they have organized a workshop about Free/Libre Open Source Software (FLOSS) in health care at MEDINFO 2010 (**13 September 2010, 17:15-18:45**). The workshop is titled "Free/Libre Open Source Software (FLOSS) – Prospects, Challenges and Barriers in Health-care IT"

The FLOSS workshop will cover general aspects of FLOSS in health care and in particular will elaborate on commonalities and differences between developed countries and the Global South. The workshop is open to all people interested in FLOSS in health care. There are no specific prerequisites although it is beneficial to know general aspects of FLOSS. Other IMIA WGs will be holding similar business meetings and activities, including:

Monday, 13 September 2010 – biomedical pattern recognition, dental informatics, informatics in genomic medicine, human factors engineering for health, and health informatics for development WGs. As already mentioned in earlier news, there is also:

- IMIA Education Working Group Meeting – **Monday 13 September 2010**, from 15:00 to 17:00 in Room 2.4.3 of the conference venue
- IMIA Academic Members Workshop – **Monday September 13 2010**, from 19:00 to 20:30 in Room 2.6.6 at the MEDINFO 2010 Conference Venue
- IMIA Health Information System Working Group – 30th Anniversary Event from **Friday evening, September 10 to Sunday, September 12, 2010**, just before MedInfo 2010

Social Media and Medinfo2010

As part of an initiative lead by **Gil Kuperman**, AMIA2010 Symposium SPC Chair, we have created a social media site to collate as much of the online social media interaction around Medinfo2010 as we can. The site is at <http://grou.ps/medinfo2amia2010> – it has several aims:

- to aggregate such tweets, blog posts, etc as we can locate or are informed of around Medinfo2010;
- to provide a forum for focused discussions (in the ‘Forum’ area) around some specific topics;
- to provide an opportunity for blog posts by people who don’t have their own blogs.

If you wish to actively contribute, you can sign up for an account via the site (please provide information on who you are, to deter spammers etc.); or you can just read the contributions of others. See the ‘How to use this site’ page for more information.

After Medinfo2010, we will be collating and analyzing materials, as well as holding some more focused discussions, to feed into sessions at AMIA2010; we will discuss further developments after that.

Members of the IMIA Web 2.0 Taskforce are contributing to the site – if you are willing to help monitor, moderate, etc., then please let us know.

We recognize that many people will also use their own blog sites, Twitter streams, etc. – please contact us if you are willing to explore collaboration on this.

Other social media activities at Medinfo2010

Using Social Media to Build an Online Community: Learning By Doing

Workshop 904 **Monday 13 September 2010, 17:15-18:45** – lead by **Robert Hsiung** and colleagues. See <http://www.facebook.com/event.php?eid=139533066063883> and <http://medinfo-socmed.wikispaces.com> for more details

Social Media New Tools for Personal Health and Wellbeing

Panel 518 **Monday 13 September 2010, 13:30-15:00** – lead by **Pirkko Kouri** and others

IMIA General Assembly and Board Meetings; Sept. 11-12, Cape Town

The annual meeting of IMIA members, the IMIA General Assembly, will be held on **Sunday September 12, 2010** at the The Roof Terrace, Cape International Convention Centre, Cape Town, South Africa. It will be preceded by the IMIA Board meeting on 11 September. **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 have been uploaded during August.

The IMIA General Assembly meeting will start time at 08:30, due to the full agenda; it will finish at approx. 16:00, 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\[at\]imia-services.org](mailto:imia[at]imia-services.org)

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