



EVENT ANNOUNCEMENT

pHealth2009 conference - programme updated **24 June 2009 - 26 June 2009 Oslo, Norway**

The program is taking shape and professionals are invited from industry and research, from technology and health care services, representing the cutting-edge in knowledge and insight in what is going on in the field of personalised health. Key topics for the conference are: Biomedical micro and nano sensors; Lab-on-a-chip diagnostics; ICT for solutions for patient self-management Wearable systems; Health and life management and personalised interactions; Business vision and experiences, and implementation viability. Demos and Posters presentations will allow peer to peer discussions.

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Public Procurement of Innovation - a driver for future health in Europe **13 October 2009 Stockholm, Sweden**

The conference will be hosted by Vinnova in association with the Swedish EU presidency in autumn 2009. The aim of the Conference is, in coherency with Lisbon regarding research and development, to enlighten Europe on the subject of public procurement of innovation in the life science area in order to increase the competitiveness in EU and thereby also increase the industrial development. A large part of the GDP in the member states goes to public procurement, which can be used to drive innovation. Participants will learn about the possibilities with public procurement of innovation and see a more advantageous way to make use of public means. The aim is also to enlighten stakeholders and influence their mindset in a way so it contains public procurement of innovation as an obvious alternative when planning procurement. More information on the conference website.

NEWS ARTICLE

180 million people now holding a European Health Insurance Card in their pocket

Since five years now the European Health Insurance Card (EHIC) initiative counts 180 million people holding a European Health Insurance Card in their pocket. The EHIC is a free card that ensures cardholders receive the same access to public sector health care (e.g. a doctor, a pharmacy, a hospital or a health care centre) as residents of the country they are visiting. The EHIC replaces the previous paper form called E111, it thus participates to the promotion of the cross-borders eHealth services and the better access to the patient's data. The constant increase of new card requests and card usage, being national or across borders, clearly show the need to continue to improve the interoperability of the healthcare services across Europe.

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PRESS RELEASE

More harmonised frequencies available for everyday wireless devices

Consumer products such as WiFi networks, model controls, as well as wireless systems for industry such as Radio Frequency Identification devices (RFID) or systems to measure the contents of storage tanks can from now on operate on harmonised frequencies in all Member States. Frequencies at 60 GHz are also made available throughout the EU, offering harmonised opportunities for high-speed wireless connections for consumer electronics.

REPORTS AND STUDIES

European Connected Health Leadership Summit issued a Manifesto for Connected Health

This Manifesto for Connected Health reflects the work of delegates at the 2009 Leadership Summit – bringing together commercial, clinical, academic and governmental viewpoints to provide the EHCampus with a framework for projects and priorities through to 2011. The development of Connected Health, in its various forms, should in large part be driven by a patient/citizen approach – not led by technology – and designed to deliver value but not compromise the essential values of healthcare delivery. The full report is accessible from the Conference website. Contact: eHealth@ec.europa.eu

PROMOTIONAL MATERIAL

LHDL: Living Human Digital Library

Thanks to the LHDL project, it is now possible to share biomedical data in an easy, controlled, safe, and financially viable way. With the PhysiomeSpace© service it takes three clicks from the upload of the data to their sharing.

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Predictive modelling for better understanding of cardiovascular disease: the case of Instant Restenosis

Recent advances in computer simulation for computer-aided medicine, open new ways for understanding

complex pathologies. COAST (Complex Automata Simulation Technique) is a European Union FP6 FET Complex Systems funded project which has developed a computational tool (MUSCLE: Multiscale Coupling Library and Environment) for the simulation of multi-scale systems.