CALL FOR PAPERS AND PARTICIPATION

EFMI Special Topic Conference Reykjavík, Iceland, 2-4 June 2010

Seamless Care - Safe Care The Challenges of Interoperability and Patient Safety in Health Care



The EFMI Special Topic Conference in Reykjavik will be the only EFMI conference in Europe in 2010. This gives individuals and groups not being able to make the MEDINFO 2010 Conference in Capetown a platform for representing and discussing relevant health informatics topics.

The theme of the STC 2010 is "Seamless Care – Safe Care: the Challenges of Interoperability and Patient Safety in Health Care". The objective of the conference is to bring to light the different aspects of interoperability and it's implications for patient safety. It brings together various professionals who are investigating, developing and implementing solutions to meet the challenges of trustworthy electronic exchange of health information and the added value and benefits this can bring to the quality and safety of patient care.

The EU recommenation of 2008 on cross-border interoperability of electronic health record systems sets the goal to achieve *European eHealth interoperbility by the end of 2015*. European countries are invited to undertake actions at five levels: the political level, the organisational level, the technical level, the semantic level and the level of education and awareness raising. Participants are invited to reflect on those aspects as well as other related and important topics.

Traceability as an important facilitator for interoperability and safety will be highlighted in the conference by a special workshop jointly organized by HL7 and GS1. Therefore the EFMI Working Groups "Electronic Health Records", "Security, Safety and Ethics" and "Traceability" are especially engaged in this STC.

Besides keynotes and presentations of invited or submitted papers, the conference aims to encourage various forms of contributions such as workshops reporting project status, lessons learned and further strategies or expert panel discussions on specific subjects. Individual participants and organizations are encouraged to submit research as well as practice papers reflecting this aim. All papers will be reviewed by the Scientific Program Committee. Accepted contributions will be divided into categories of papers indexed in PubMed and those not indexed. All accepted papers will be published in the Conference Proceedings.

The conference addresses, but not limited to, the following topics:

Electronic Health Records, Personal Health Records Interoperability Patient Safety Process and Systems Evaluation		Traceability Patient empowerment Patient Satisfaction Continuity of Care		Security, Privacy, Safety, Quality Standards Device Integration Casemix
Important dates:				
Deadline for the submission of papers	4	January	2010	
Notification of acceptance	2	March	2010	
Resubmission of accepted papers	7	April	2010	
Conference	2 – 4	June	2010	
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For more information please look at the conference website at www.sky.is or contact the Scientific Program Committee

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