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Newsletter

April 2014

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The ISfTeH Newsletter is published quarterly for members of the telemedicine community to provide up-to-date information regarding current happenings in the international telemedicine and e-Health industry.

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If you would like to submit an article or be added to our email distribution list, please email Aliana at asvechak@amdtelemedicine.com.

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Are you heading a national telemedicine/eHealth organization?

Do you offer telemedicine products and solutions?

Are you doing research on telemedicine and eHealth applications and technologies?

Does your organization provide (or wants to offer) care services by means of telemedicine/eHealth technologies?

Are you engaged in healthcare policy?

If so, you may be interested in joining the ISfTeH network to expand your global reach or to learn from existing experiences and best practices.

[Membership information is available here.](#)

Or send an [e-mail](#) with your question or membership request.

Letter from the Executive Director

Dear Reader,

Welcome to this 11th edition of the Newsletter. This issue coincides with our annual fixed event, Med-e-Tel. Of the more than twenty thousand readers of this Newsletter fewer than one thousand will have the opportunity to attend this event. So, let me support your vicarious engagement with Med-e-Tel, by sharing with you my welcome message to the participants.

Begin Med-e-Tel message

Dear Participant,

Welcome to this 12th edition of Med-e-Tel. I have had the privilege of attending every Med-e-Tel since its inception in 2002, and I never cease to be amazed at how much I get out of my participation each year, in terms of the three main promises that the event offers - education, networking and business. I am greatly encouraged that each year we get closer to the dream of "weaving eHealth into the fabric of the health system" in countries around the globe. For this and other reasons, Med-e-Tel remains, to my mind, a mainstay of our ISfTeH event calendar.

Here is some of what we have in store for you this time. The opening ceremony will have our traditional partners: the Government of Luxembourg, represented this year by the Minister of Social Security as well as a senior official of the Ministry of Health. Our collaboration with the World Health Organization (WHO), where the ISfTeH is an NGO in official relations, continues to grow. WHO will be represented at Med-e-Tel by the Coordinator of the Organization's ePORTUGUESe Program.

This year, Med-e-Tel unveils a new collaboration, with the Luxembourg Government's "Agence eSanté" (National eHealth Agency), who have organized two special round table sessions, and put together a Luxembourg pavilion in the Exhibition area to welcome you. In the same vein, a formal cooperation agreement in the form of a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) will be signed to herald the ISfTeH's joint work with the International Council of Nurses (ICN), and also with the Diplomatic Council (DC).

Continuing the innovation from last year, a special session on women titled "Women, eHealth and Telemedicine at All Ages of Life: From Birth to Old Age" is presented by the Women Observatory for eHealth (WeObservatory) and the ISfTeH Working Group on Women (WoW). The session is a collaboration with "Connecting Nurses" and "Connecting Midwives", with support from Sanofi.

Two EU consortia (RECAP and eMedic) will be actively engaged in the conference program, focusing on intelligent decision support systems for chronic disease management. They will also discuss telemedicine (teleconsultation/telemonitoring) initiatives in Baltic Sea region. The European Junior Doctors are also back in force with their special session.

I have often called evidence on eHealth, or the business case for eHealth, the Higgs Boson[1] of our area of endeavor. We know it is out there - all the theories and some of the practice indicate that it exists. We just cannot seem to definitively identify it. Well, the session on eHealth Economics, initiated last year, will continue this year and just might bring us a little closer to that body of evidence. And if you feel that your knowledge and skills need a little honing, there will be a session on Education/Training/Skills Development. A good number of these sessions are getting excellent responses in terms of preregistration. So, mark your Med-e-Tel agenda and come early to ensure you get a seat.

It is heartwarming to know that there will be representations from at least ten ISfTeH national member associations. And many other categories of ISfTeH members will be there as well. In total we expect to have some 400-600 participants from 50-

Upcoming ISfTeH-Supported Telemedicine Events

[Med-e-Tel 2014](#)

Luxembourg
April 9-11, 2014

[Geneva Health Forum](#)

Geneva, Switzerland
April 15-17, 2014

[19th Finnish National Conference on Telemedicine and eHealth](#)

Tallinn, Estonia
April 23-24, 2014

[e-Health Forum 2014](#)

Athens, Greece
May 12-14, 2014

[5th International Conference on Transforming Healthcare with IT](#)

Kolkata, India
Sept 5-6, 2014

[19th ISfTeH International Conference - 5th Carrefour de la Telesante](#)

Paris, France
Oct 16-17, 2014

[European Congress on e-Cardiology & eHealth](#)

Bern, Switzerland
Oct 29-31, 2014

[ICT4HEALTH](#)

Durban, South Africa
Nov 10-12, 2014

[SFT-14](#)

Adelaide, Australia
Nov 17-18, 2014

[BIOSTEC 2015](#)

Lisbon, Portugal
Jan 12-15, 2015

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60 countries again this year in Luxembourg.

In a short message like this, it is impossible to cover all the numerous knowledge-sharing sessions and networking opportunities, which the event will offer. So, it is understood that the few I have highlighted above are a microcosm of the thematic breadth of what Med-e-Tel will cover this year.

All in all, a very full calendar is planned for you. So, participate actively and share freely. I can think of nothing more appropriate than to paraphrase Thomas Jefferson, "Knowledge is like a candle. Even as it lights a new candle, the strength of the original flame is not diminished." But together the two will shine brighter. Let us all help trace a brighter future for Telemedicine and eHealth in the service of people around the globe.

End Med-e-Tel message

Finally, do remember that you can still benefit from the information and knowledge from not only this edition of Med-e-Tel, but also all previous editions, through the [Knowledge Resources page of the website](#).

See you at the 19th Annual Conference of the ISfTeH, in Paris on October 16-17, organized by CATEL, our national member Association from France.

Prof. S. Yunkap Kwankam
Executive Director

[1] The Higgs Boson is an elementary particle in physics, postulated by Peter Higgs in 1964, but which eluded discovery until the Large Hadron Collider experiments carried out at the European Center for Nuclear Physics (better known by its acronym from the French "CERN") in the summer 2012 and confirmed in March 2013.

News from ISfTeH Partners



European Junior Doctors

As already published, [EJD](#) signed a memorandum of understanding with ISfTeH and co-chaired the JD session in Med-e-Tel 2013. EJD has also started a series of survey on eHealth. The first of these surveys has been presented in the opening session of Med-e-Tel 2013, showing the fundamental role that literature confers to new generations (junior doctors and medical students) in spreading eHealth knowledge and contributing to the developing of eHealth systems. This year the EJD eHealth working group has designed in collaboration with the **EMSA** eHealth Working Group a second eHealth survey underpinning the following points: usability, medical education and medical career. These stable cooperations with EMO's have been promoted by the work of the [ISfTeH JD Working Group](#).

Dr. Marco Capizzi, the ISfTeH JD WG coordinator has recently started a web project connected to the ISfTeH group in order to:

- develop the importance of the ISfTeH WG and the participation of JDs in the Med-e-Tel annual congress.
- contributing in the development of a **WHO** project

Within the frame of our cooperation with the ISfTeH, we would like to kindly ask you to send the following link to your contacts among Medical Students and Junior Doctors, with the request of filling this 5 minutes survey. Please go to :

www.jrdr.org and <http://tinyurl.com/nl9wqzr>

The project will be presented at Med-e-tel 2014 EJD session (11th of April, 11.00-13.00 am). The final results will be published in cooperation with WHO and EJD.

For more information, to express your interest in joining the EJD co-chaired session, or to schedule an appointment at Med-e-Tel with representatives of this group, contact Dr. Marco Capizzi, ISfTeH JD WG coordinator at capizzi.marco@gmail.com.

[Conferences and Events, click here.](#)

ISfTeH Lifetime Achievement Awards



Prof. Louis Lareng,
2012 Recipient



Prof. Robert Merrell,
2013 Recipient

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President



ISfTeH Meetings and Conferences

[Med-e-Tel 2014](#)

Luxembourg
April 9 - 11, 2014

09-11 APRIL 2014

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For more information on Med-e-Tel 2014, please visit: www.medetel.eu or contact: info@medetel.eu

[Click here to read the report from Med-e-Tel 2013!](#)

The **Med-e-Tel 2014 conference** will take place on **9-11 April 2014** in **Luxembourg**. Med-e-Tel is the annual event of the International Society for Telemedicine & eHealth.

The Med-e-Tel event is an important tool to realize the ISfTeH's mission of sharing practical experience and knowledge and forming new partnerships and collaborations among telemedicine/eHealth stakeholders from around the world. Med-e-Tel brings people face-to-face and enhances the exchange of experience/information. Med-e-Tel is attended yearly by about 500 participants from some 40-50 countries worldwide.

The [Med-e-Tel website](#) contains preliminary details about the event and will gradually be updated in the coming months. Presentations from all previous events can also still be found in the [Med-e-Tel Knowledge Resource center](#). The Med-e-Tel 2014 conference topics will include Telehealth for Chronic Disease Management, Telehealth Service Standards, Telenursing, eLearning, Open Source Software in Healthcare, eHealth in Low Resource Settings and Developing Countries, and much more. The Med-e-Tel 2014 exhibition will feature Telemedicine and eHealth products and solutions from leading companies and providers.

[Registration for the Med-e-Tel conference is available here.](#)

For more information, contact info@medetel.eu or visit www.medetel.eu.

[19th ISfTeH International Conference - 5th Carrefour de la Telesante](#) **Paris, France**

October 16 - 17, 2014



Every year, the ISfTeH co-organizes its annual International Conference linked with an event organized by one of its National Members worldwide. After Abuja (Nigeria) in 2012 and Takamatsu (Japan) in 2013, it will Paris (France) on October 16th-17th, 2014. The CATEL (Club of the Actors of Telehealth), ISfTeH National Member since 2006, has organized the "CARREFOUR de la TELESANTE" for the past 4 years, an event gathering 300 to 350 participants, coming from all the components of the telemedicine and telehealth field: institutional, healthcare professionals, providers, researchers, software designers, patients, academics. Therefore, it is with pride that the CATEL has accepted to host the 19th ISfTeH International Conference in conjunction with the 5th CARREFOUR. The conference will take place in the prestigious venue of the City of Science and Industry in Paris. These are the themes

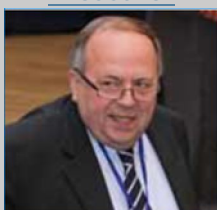
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that will be developed in the various sessions:

1. "What legislation and regulation have been adopted?"
2. "How efficient is telemedicine according to evaluating countries?"
3. "Which methodologies to support eHealth projects?"
4. "What international collaborations are supported through telemedicine?"
5. "New tools and services for eHealth: what contribution to economic development in investing nations?"
6. "Is there meaningful eHealth exchange between developed and developing nations?"
7. "What eHealth success stories are there worldwide?"

Each session, with French/English simultaneous translation, will be co-chaired by a French representative and an International representative. In a few days, a website will be officially opened on where you will find the conditions of participation and also the call for abstracts. Please consider participating and sharing your experiences in the field of telemedicine and telehealth in your country or part of the world. You can also contact us via e-mail if you wish to make a presentation. Please send your message to: andre.petitet@catel.pro and telemedicine@skynet.be.

CATEL and the ISfTeH are pleased to invite you to Paris, capital of France, but also a most attractive tourism capital with the unchallenged reputation as "first world destination"!

Welcome and looking forward to meeting you in Paris next October.

The annual ISfTeH International Conference is held each Fall.

[Visit ISfTeH's Events webpage for more information.](#)

Institutional Member Spotlight



Apollo Telemedicine Networking Foundation

We are happy to welcome **Apollo Telemedicine** as our new institutional member. Apollo Telemedicine includes [Apollo Telemedicine Networking Foundation](#), a Not-for-Profit Foundation which kick started formal clinical telemedicine for the first time in South Asia when Bill Clinton, the then-President of the USA, commissioned the world's first VSAT enabled telemedicine unit in a village hospital on March 24th, 2000.

Along with the recently constituted commercial arm [Apollo Telehealth Services](#), Apollo Telemedicine is today the largest and oldest multi-speciality telemedicine network in South Asia. The 80,000 teleconsults in 25 different specialties achieved in the last 14 years from its 125 centres (including 15 overseas) is now poised for a quantum leap. A few months ago [DEITY \(Dept of Electronics & Information Technology Govt of India\)](#) entrusted Apollo with the [major task of providing a revenue generating sustainable health care model for its 100,000 internet enabled Common Service centres.](#)

Apollo Telemedicine is part of the [Apollo Hospitals Group](#), Asia's largest healthcare provider. [Ms Sangita Reddy, Executive Director of the Group](#) oversees the IT and Telemedicine initiatives and has made substantial contributions in policy decisions at a national and global level. [Prof. K. Ganapathy](#), Founder/President of ATNF, Director ATHS and a past President of the Telemedicine Society of India and the Neurological Society of India is a well known champion and evangelist for telehealth. Vikram Thaploo, CEO of ATHS, is spearheading the operational details to make the vision of a thousand Apollo telemedicine centres a reality very soon.



Dr. Moretlo Lynette Molefi
South Africa



Prof. Anthony Maeder
Australia



Dr. Andre Petitet
France



Dr. Adolfo Sparenberg
Brazil

Executive Director



Prof. Yunkap Kwankam
Switzerland

We look forward to a close interaction with our new institutional member - Apollo Telemedicine!

A different ISfTeH Member will be spotlighted each quarter.

ISfTeH Member News

National Member News



Australasian Telehealth Society

SFT-14: YOUR INVITATION TO PARTICIPATE

The University of Queensland's **Centre for Online Health (COH)** in conjunction with the **Australasian Telehealth Society** is pleased to invite you to attend the 2014 International Conference on **Successes and Failures in Telehealth (SFT-14)**.

SFT-14 and the *5th Annual Meeting of the Australasian Telehealth Society* will be held from **17-18 November 2014** at the **Hilton Adelaide Hotel**, Adelaide, Australia.

The SFT conference offers a unique forum which explores both successes and failures in telehealth. SFT attracts prominent national and international speakers and delegates worldwide. The conference will deliver a diverse range of presentations in a variety of formats, including academic paper presentations, clinician experiences, industry showcase, government telehealth initiatives, poster presentations and telehealth demonstrations.

SFT-14 will be of interest to academics, doctors, nurses, allied health professionals, administrators, government representatives, policy advisers, service managers, vendors, educators and technicians.

The call for papers will be released shortly. Sponsoring or exhibiting at the conference will provide an excellent opportunity to promote your organisation.

For more info visit www.sftconference.com or contact the event organisers, *Iceberg Events* at **07 3876 4988** or email kara@icebergevents.com.au

Institutional Member News



Apollo Telemedicine Networking Foundation wishes to share the following blogs/articles of interest:

[Is a virtual rural healthcare service the answer for India?](#)

by: Krishnan Ganapathy, former President of the Neurosurgical Society of India and The Telemedicine Society of India

[And now a Virtual Doctor in your Apartment?](#)

Student Member News

ISfTeH New Members

Institutional

Institute of Physiology and Pathology of Hearing,
Poland



Apollo Telemedicine Networking Foundation,
India



Corporate

iHealthLabs Europe,
France



Advanced Medical Solutions,
Czech Republic



Individuals

Qing Liu,
China



Joseph Peterson,
U.S.A.



Dieter Raebel,
Switzerland



Hassan Fagieh,
Saudi Arabia



Anton Cush,
Australia



Nathalie Ferraud-Ciandet,
France



Joe Warren,
U.S.A.



Gabriel Catan,
Israel

From: Arup Barua (arup_dds@hotmail.com); Student Member ISfTeH; University of Dhaka, Bangladesh

"I am proud to share with you that my [thesis abstract has been selected at the 3rd International Conference on Health Information Science-2014](#), Shenzhen, China: "A Probe into the Status and performance of eHealth in Bangladesh: A Case Study". I am going to present my study findings and feel honored to represent my country there." -Arup Barua

Nurse Member News

The Nursing Service Department (NAUTH) Nnewi, in collaboration with Blue Torch Home Care Limited and National Association of Nigerian Nurses and Midwives, presents a 4 Day International Leadership Training Workshop, themed: Leadership in Nursing-Creating the Environment for Quality Nursing Care.

Speakers Include:

- Dr. Rebekah Carey, Assistant Prof. Wisconsin Lutheran college USA. (virtual)
- Ralph Ojukwu, Mentorship/Leadership training Consultant, Community care coordinator, NHS London
- Engr. Samuel Duru, Seasoned Decision Making Trainer- Turkey
- Barr. Isaac Ojepa, Human Recourse Expert
- Jephther Akaehie, MD Power Edge group- Owerri
- Ekezie Raluke O., CEO Blue Torch Home Care Limited

For inquiries, seat reservation and hotel arrangement, call Comrade Adogu C.O. LOC Chairman at 08037233816

[Pls find attached the flier of the event.](#)

Working Groups



Distance Medical Education: Produce and Publish your own Lectures on the Web

A Workshop about publishing and producing lectures on the web will be held during the Med-e-Tel congress in Luxembourg on Friday, 11th April, at 9:00a.m. in conference room no. 5. The workshop will be held by Anna E. Schmaus-Klughammer (from Klughammer, Germany), member of the [ISfTeH Working Group on Women \(WoW\)](#).

[To read more about the workshop, click here.](#)

TeleNursing

"TeleNrsCare" is a new network that has been launched in Poland that aims to integrate care for elderly and chronically ill people. The project will be implemented by the Medical University of Lodz (MUL) (Division of Nursing) in cooperation with the University of Iceland in Reykjavik. The main objective of the project is to create a network for the exchange of knowledge, technology, experience and best practices with the intent to create a reference center for cross-border telenursing. The goal of the project is to improve access and nursing care quality. The MUL will host a conference on telecare for the elderly and



Students

Leonie Spoerer,
South Africa



Cristian Castillo,
Mexico



Pirjo Olsson,
Sweden



Shadi Azam,
Denmark



Oluwafolaranmi
Sodade,
Germany



Janduy Sousa,
Brazil



Nurses

Asieh Darvish,
Iran



Muhammad Ilyas,
Pakistan



Peter Adedeji,
Nigeria



Kerry Hsu,
Macau



chronically ill and there will be leader training for six Polish nurses in Iceland. Workshops will be used to build care plans for elderly and chronically ill people, using the International Classification for Nursing Practice diagnoses and interventions. [More information about the project can be found here.](#)



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Announcements



ISfTeH Discussion Forum

A discussion forum is open on the [ISfTeH website](#), and is accessible to all duly registered members. Login with your username and password and you will see the "Discussion Forum" appearing on the top menu toolbar. In the Discussion Forum you will find the list of ongoing discussions or messages.

We encourage all members to use regularly this communication tool and to participate as such in dissemination of available experiences and information.

Should you have any additional questions, please submit via: info@isfteh.org

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