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Newsletter

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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.

Feel free to share this Newsletter with business colleagues by forwarding it to your associates.

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

Letter from the Executive Director

Dear Reader,

Welcome to this first Newsletter of the year. Let me take this opportunity to wish you and those dear to you a prosperous New Year in 2013. At this time of year it is customary to look back and take stock of the year just ended, identifying where we succeeded and the good things that happened, as well as areas which we found challenging and where we might need improvement. In 2012, our Society had a good year. Membership grew in all categories; we held our key events and sponsored many others; national members organized their national conferences, some of which attracted participants from other countries and continents; and there were many successes at individual level.

It is also part of the tradition to look forward and make resolutions for the new year. As we look forward, two obvious items come to mind. Our fixed annual event, [Med-e-Tel, will take place in Luxembourg on April 10-12, 2013](#). And the 18th edition of the ISfTeH Annual Conference, will be organized by the [Japanese Telemedicine and Telecare Association](#) on October 18 -19, 2013 in Takamatsu, Japan, under the chairmanship of Prof. Kazuhiro Hara, Chair of the Society. I look forward to seeing you all in your numbers in Luxembourg and in Takamatsu City. Last year I urged everyone to bring along five other people to Med-e-Tel. Now is the time to deliver on those plans, you have been making since April 2012.

Let us also try to better work together in 2013. In addition to attending the big events, there are other ways of working together. They include sharing information about your organization, whether you are a National Member

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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.

Upcoming

society, Associate Member association, Institutional Member or Corporate member. This year, we will continue with our tradition of featuring various categories of members in each issue of the Newsletter. It is clear that our members read these communications from the ISfTeH. Last year, we sent out a special "blast" issue (between the April and July issues of the Newsletter) announcing the African Development Bank's eHealth Award. The number applications for the award jumped from a handful, to well over one hundred. So, tell the Telemedicine and eHealth community about your events, big and small. Tell us about your plans. They might converge with those of another organization in the community, and give rise to a mutually beneficial collaboration.

The editorial staff are not as well placed as you are to write about your organization. You know best the subtle strengths and facts that make your organization an important member of the ISfTeH community. Share this with others by making a contribution to the Newsletter.

In the same vein, I also invite "Guest Editorials" from any organization that has a special message that they would like to share. To take advantage of this, it suffices to send us an email inquiry. And if the idea catches on, we could make this a regular feature in future issues.

Again, BEST WISHES FOR A PROSPEROUS 2013

Prof. S. Yunkap Kwankam
ISfTeH Executive Director

ISfTeH Meetings and Conferences

The 17th Annual ISfTeH International Conference in Abuja was a success! [To read the Conference report click here.](#)
[To view the Statement and Communique click here.](#)

[18th ISfTeH International Conference](#)

Takamatsu, Japan

October 18 - 19, 2013



The annual ISfTeH Conference is held each Fall.

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

[Med-e-Tel 2013](#)

Luxembourg

April 10 - 12, 2013

ISfTeH- Supported Telemedicine Events

[eTELEMED 2013](#)

Nice, France
Feb 24- March 1, 2013

[Med-e-Tel 2013](#)

*Luxembourg,
Luxembourg*
April 10-12, 2013

[18th Finnish National eHealth Conference](#)

Seinäjokela, Finland
April 18-19, 2013

[eHealth Week 2013](#)

Dublin, Ireland
May 13-15, 2013

[4th International Conference on Transforming Healthcare with IT](#)

Hyderabad, India
Sept 6-7, 2013

[18th ISfTeH International Conference](#)

Takamatsu, Japan
October 18-19, 2013

[For more
information on
Overall Telemedicine
Conferences and
Events, click here.](#)

ISfTeH Ambassadors



Archbishop Emeritus

10-12 APRIL 2013

Med@Tel

LUXEMBOURG
BY ISFTEH

For more information on these events, please visit www.isfteh.org.

Corporate Member Spotlight



GlobalMed, a privately held telemedicine company headquartered in Scottsdale, Arizona, is the leader of telemedicine companies in telehealth hardware and software R&D, design, engineering, manufacture and support. Our team of telemedicine software developers and engineers work closely with scientific and medical professionals-from concept to application-to understand and translate unmet needs into next-generation integrated telemedicine tools unsurpassed in quality, affordability and flexibility.

The needs of healthcare providers vary, depending on setting and location. In response, GlobalMed® has introduced two systems for the new generation of healthcare delivery.

Where mobility is of primary importance, providers can utilize GlobalMed's Transportable Exam Station™. This carry-on sized case with handle and wheels easily transports the essential devices needed to conduct a remote patient exam. Inside is an HP Touchscreen Notebook computer for audio and video communication with a distant provider via 3G/4G, Ethernet or Satphone. A control panel integrates medical devices, including the TotalExam™2 Examination Camera, the Littman® Electronic Stethoscope and the OTOcam 300 otoscope, and provides power, either from a wall outlet or an onboard battery. CapSure® Image Automation software acquires medical images that can be shared live with a distant provider and preserved in a patient's EMR PACs system for later review.

Remote clinics are the recommended setting for GlobalMed's FirstExam™ Mobile Telemedicine Station, designed for offices that have limited space, yet need the ability to present a patient to and share medical images with a distant provider. Its sleek design transforms the typical videoconferencing cart into a platform that neatly houses all equipment, including a selection of medical peripherals and a powerful laptop computer. Medical devices and their cable reels are contained in front-opening compartments that can be locked for security. The entire system is designed to be ultra-stable and maneuverable with six wheels and side handles for safe transport from room to room.

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A different Corporate Member will be spotlighted each quarter.

National Member Spotlight



Association for Ukrainian Telemedicine and eHealth Development

Association for Ukrainian Telemedicine and eHealth Development (AfUTEHD) is a non-profit public organisation, which was created for the realisation of aims and subjects of the Statute. The basic principles of AfUTEHD are: democracy, free-will, equal rights, autonomy and publicity for all members. All activity of AfUTEHD is in full accordance with the Constitution of Ukraine, current laws and Statute. The main aim of AfUTEHD is integration of scientific and practical potential of all members for effective development and introduction of professional activity in fields of telemedicine, eHealth, medical informatics and cybernetics, also - protection of social, professional, lawful etc interests of members.

Background of Association for Ukrainian Telemedicine and eHealth Development

The Association for Ukrainian Telemedicine and eHealth Development was founded in 2006. Since January 1st 2007, AfUTEHD became a national member of the International Society for Telemedicine and eHealth (ISfTeH) and a few months later we received associate membership in the European Association of Healthcare IT-Managers.

Ukraine has a unique history of telemedicine. The first tele-ECG system was built here in 1935. Then between 1969-1985 analogous tele-ECG networks were functioned in a number of administrative regions. Huge development of Internet, personal computers and related digital technologies are opening new directions for the telemedicine and eHealth development in Ukraine. There has been an impressive growth of telemedicine networks, special projects, learning and scientific activities since the year 2000. Ukraine has its own health IT industry which includes manufacturing of digital telecardiology equipment, electronic health records and medical information system software development etc. AfUTEHD unites medical professionals, health care managers, technical specialists, industry and business sectors for joint activities focused on an effective, safe and standardized usage of telemedicine and eHealth applications and systems.

Short history of AfUTEHD

President



Dr. Andy Fischer
Switzerland

Vice President



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U.S.A

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Mr. Frank Lievens
Belgium

Other Members



Prof. Rupert Gerzer
Germany



Prof. Yogesan

When founded, the aims of the Association were: be favourable to professional activity of all members; be favourable to activity of any health care establishments; be favourable to determination of best ways for telemedicine and eHealth development, development of scientific researches and its introduction in practice; development and strengthening of relation with other organisations; protection of members' interests.

From its start, AfUTEHD became the main organiser of International Conference "[Telemedicine - Experience and Prospects](#)" (which was founded in 2004). Due to the impressive role of the Association, the conference has since shown annual growth in the number and geography of participants as well as in program topics. Key business companies have been attracted as partners. Presently the Conference is the main national platform for collaboration and information exchange in related fields.

During its first years, AfUTEHD prepared and published special guidelines (methodological recommendations) for physicians, medical staff, managers, decision-makers, tutors etc: "Equipment for Telemedicine Practice in Medical Establishments" (in English, Ukrainian and Russian), "Telemedicine Tuberculosis Network" (in Ukrainian and Russian), "Telemedicine Glossary" (in Ukrainian).

In general, the main activity during past years has been the annual Conference, support of regional telemedicine projects, evidence-based development of methodological approaches and solutions for health ICT introduction and usage, evaluation and monitoring of telemedicine efficiency in different administrative areas, learning opportunities development and support. Our members have established partnership and collaboration with a lot of national and international facilities and institutions.

Outlines of Association for Ukrainian Telemedicine and eHealth Development Activities, Trends and Business Opportunities

The main direction of the Association's activities are: development of regional and national telemedicine networks, development and support of standards and protocols in field of telemedicine and eHealth, participation in development of laws for telemedicine and eHealth, methodic and scientific provision of telemedicine in Ukraine, testing of equipment in conditions of Ukrainian health care system, development of organization, clinical, economical, technical, legal and ethical decisions for telemedicine and eHealth in Ukraine, support of national telemedicine projects, organisation of annual events (scientific conferences, schools, workshops etc), and dissemination of knowledge.

Since 2007, a lot of the Association's members have become involved in clinical telemedicine applications. Our main approaches in this field are - a combination of different technologies (IP-based, H.32x-video based, trans-phone based) in dependence of level of care, infrastructure availability and real clinical needs and aims. AfUTEHD supports Ukrainian installation of the telemedicine web-platform "telemed-ipath.org.ua". In general, the Association shows great success in clinical telemedicine, especially in fields of cardiology, traumatology, perinatology etc.

A new special direction of AfUTEHD activity is telecardiology. There is a Working Group which includes physicians, researchers and industry representatives. In 2005 the national tele-ECG network "Telecard" was founded. Currently "Telecard" network covers all regions of Ukraine, and more than 200 thousands teleconsultations were lead. Special tele-ECG project was started in Donetsk in 2009. First time trans-phone ECG transmissions for teleconsultations were performed for support of clinical practice in neonatology ICU. In frame of the project the new tele-ECG system "Unet" was tested. At present time "Unet" network cover urgent ambulance service in a few regions of Ukraine.

AfUTEHD is working in close co-operation with national EHRs developers. Information and learning support, also as project management allows to install HL7-based EHR systems in a lot of state and private hospitals.

The activity of AfUTEHD is the main background of national telemedicine and eHealth policies and laws. In 2008 special guidelines of the Association were officially approved by Ministry of Health Service of Ukraine as main national methodology. Later, at the background of this guidelines MHS has been prepared official Order N261 (26.03.2010) "About Introduction of Telemedicine in Health Care Establishments". And the final step - in January of 2013 project of law "About Telemedicine" have to be submitted in the Ukrainian parliament.

Australia



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Russia



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France



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Executive Director



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Publications

"Ukrainian Journal of Telemedicine and Medical Telematics", articles partly in English, every paper has English abstract. Journal is cited by Index Copernicus.

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Board Member Spotlight



Professor Yogesan
Kanagasingam

Professor Yogesan Kanagasingam is a world leader in medical informatics and Telemedicine. He was educated from the University of Oslo in Norway and the Norwegian Radium Hospital and his present focus area is Ophthalmology. As one of the pioneers and world leader in establishing tele-ophthalmology, he has written two books in this domain which were published by Springer. He developed new and innovative ophthalmic diagnostic technologies and software systems. He is also the world leader in developing ocular biomarkers for Alzheimer's disease and other systemic diseases (e.g. recurrent stroke).

Prof Yogesan is the National Research Director at the Australian e-Health Research Centre, and leading the Broadband for Health team at Commonwealth Scientific Industrial Research Organisation that is Australian's National Science agency. He is also a visiting scholar at the Stanford University School of Medicine, USA where he worked as a Senior Fulbright Scholar at the Department of Ophthalmology. He is a Professor at the School of Medicine, University of Notre Dame in Western Australia. He is a Research Translation Faculty of the National Health and Medical Research Council in Australia.

Prof Yogesan is the founding President of the Australasian Telehealth Society (ATHS) and now the immediate past president of ATHS. He serves as the board member of the International Society for Telemedicine and e-Health and the Vice President and Board of director of the International Council on Medical and Care Compunetics in Holland. He was the Chair of the first Australian National telemedicine conference (Global Telehealth conference) and the 15th Annual Scientific Meeting of the International Society for Telemedicine and eHealth (ISfTeH), which was held in Perth Western Australia in 2010.

He has been working in the field of Biomedicine and telemedicine for more than 20 years and developed innovative technologies and service delivery models to bring specialist eye care to the doorsteps of the underserved. He has developed and commercialised a multi-purpose ophthalmic diagnostic device

ISfTeH New Members

Individuals

Frederic Lievens,
Belgium



Simbo Davidson,
Nigeria



Yetunde Fatogun,
Nigeria



Henryk Skarzynski,
Poland



Arkadiusz
Wasowski,
Poland



Students

Andreea Sufaru,
Romania



Oscar Alberto
Patino Martinez,
Colombia



Renata Mondini,
Brazil



Hassan Rashid,
Malaysia



Ingrid Gradaschi
Lamadrid,
Brazil



Muhammad Suhail
Baig,
Pakistan



(EyeScan) for anterior segment and retinal imaging. This is a low cost device which could perform 7 different functionalities including mydriatic and non-mydriatic retinal imaging, fluorescent angiogram, slit-lamp, red-reflex and tear-film imaging module.

He has won inventor of the year awards for developing low cost easy-to-operate ophthalmic imaging device. He has also obtained Inventor of the year awards for the development of a simple, self-use kiosk for testing the vision abnormalities. This simple to use system is ideal for testing school children by nurses or teachers. This system is installed at several locations including Guidedog Discovery Centre in Perth. His recent achievement is the development of a multi award winning telemedicine platform for ophthalmology called Remote-I. This product won the top National ICT award (iAward), National e-Health award and WA ICT award for e-Health and Asia Pacific ICT merit award.

He has been involved in industry consultation and contractual research for more than 15 years. Prof Yogesan has been working with many companies including OIS from Sacramento California, CustomVis from Perth and Lifeguard Mobile from USA. In addition to the development and commercialisation of diagnostic hardware technologies, he has also developed many Health IT solutions and algorithms for disease grading. He got a patent portfolio of more than 30 patents. He has excellent experience in developing medical technologies from bench to bed.

He has published more than 80 peer-reviewed papers and 4 books in the field (Teleophthalmology and Digital Homecare). He is also part of editorial boards of several health information technology and ophthalmology journals. In addition, he has been moderator for many telemedicine courses at major telemedicine and ophthalmology conferences around the world.

Prof Yogesan has been working with research groups from around the world to develop innovative care models and medical diagnostic technologies. As a visiting scholar to Sankara Nethralaya in India, he has been working with Dr Sheila John and Dr Badrinath to build automated clinical decision support and disease grading systems for blinding eye conditions. He is also working with other clinical and research groups from China (Zhongshen Ophthalmic Centre), India and USA (Massachusetts Eye and Ear Infirmary, Stanford School of Medicine, UC Berkeley, University of California San Francisco).

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ISfTeH Member News

Institutional Member News

MEDCOM

Danish Action Plan

The Danish Government has released a National Action Plan for dissemination of Telemedicine (also translated into English)

[To view the PowerPoint presentation click here.](#)



Brazilian Journal of TeleHealth (BJT)

Salman Muhammad
Ilyas,
Pakistan



Muhamad Saqib
Eijaz,
Pakistan



Nurses

Benjamin Aniugbo,
Nigeria



Sonia Amaechi,
Nigeria



WEBSITE NEWS!

A new section has
been opened on the
ISfTeH website:
Call for Consultants.

Please visit it
regularly for possible
new announcements:
[Call for Consultants](#)



Brazilian Journal of TeleHealth,
launched last August 2012, is
dedicated to the publication of
scientific works of interest for
Telemedicine and Telehealth,
concerning software development
and its application in Telemedicine

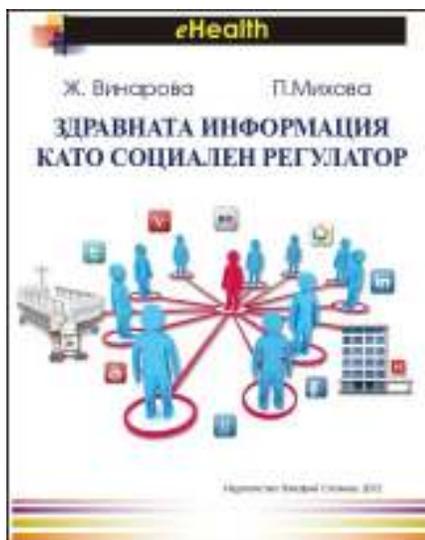
and Telehealth. Brazil is now in a very positive moment of health technologies incorporation in the practice of most health professionals from different government areas. This periodic is quarterly published, online exclusively, in the months of March, June, September and December, every year. It is a bilingual publication and accepts articles in English or Portuguese. Your personal contribution is pretty important to the international cooperation for Telemedicine and Telehealth. [BJT is available online here.](#)

Individual Member News

"Health Information as a Social Regulator"

*Prof. Jivka VINAROVA & Dr. Polina MIHOVA (Individual Members
from Bulgaria)*

The proposed monograph ([Content - View here](#)) is structured in several main groups of authors and users of medical and health information and postinformation products - knowledge, culture, management and policy. Through these information conglomerates are formed dynamic relations and practices of interaction, arising from health and disease, regulating the social health system as part of the social organism by creating groups of followers. Today, dedicated health information flows are distributed not only in the physical but in the virtual world, which coexist in the two realities of different media - text, images, sounds, movements, leading to reformbodies and greatly increases their regulatory roles, becoming planned public health conditions for the authorities, who offer specialized care and services to strengthen individual initiative in the form of a personal health management and "socially approved knowledge." In this digital medical information environment interactions arise, create relationships, offer emotional ties and help to construct new social roles and social control towards the additional health practices.



Jivka Vinarova is the author and founder of the only in our academic training "Computer systems and technologies in medicine and healthcare", which started in 1998 and was successful in undergraduate and graduate curricula in NBU. She is determined by the European Commission - Information Society Technologies: Systems and Services for a National coordinator and collaborator on Telemedicine. She has over 200 scientific publications, 20 teaching

materials on CD, 1 Film discography on eHealth, 7 books, that are underlying for the medical informatics field and its specializations. She is titular professor and author of more than 20 new academic courses as well as 50 projects implemented and working in various medical departments. Her main research interests are related to innovation in university education in biomedical informatics, work and career development of medical informatics and e-health.

Polina Mihova is a graduate of the Department of Biomedical Sciences, NBU Master of Computer Technology in Biomedicine and assistant in cipher 02:21:10 "Application of cybernetics principles in various fields of science - medicine, biocybernetics." Since 2005 is a Director and Titular of programs Bachelors degree program "Natural sciences" and Masters degree program "Regulations and standards of medicine"; author of seven courses in NBU; graduated a full course of CISCO Academy and elected for Face of CISCO in Bulgaria in 2005, possessing several international fellowships and memberships in the European organizations in the field of Telemedicine and eHealth.

Strong participation in introduction of HIS and TIS in hospitals and medical units, author and co-author of three textbooks, 29 discs, over 50 articles and initiator of distance options for academic training versions of medical informatics. Works actively to maintain the virtual education library in the department and successfully graduate with a Bachelor's and Master's levels. Her main research interests are in the field of information systems in biomedicine, telemedicine terminology and medical informatics.

"Social Information as Health Regulator",

J. Vinarova, P. Mihova, ISBN 978-954-09-0726-0, "Zaharii Stojanov" Publishing House, 2012, Sofia

"Blue Torch Home Care Ltd."
on behalf of Ekezie Raluke O., Director

Blue Torch Home Care Limited was one of the recipients of the Connecting Nurses Care Challenge Innovation Award 2012. The Company deals with Home Health Care Delivery in Nigeria, and was represented by its Founder Mr. Ekezie Raluke Oluchukwu (Award winner) with a topic "Home Care Nursing Services" in the Helping Hand Category. Activities of Blue Torch Home Care Limited ranges from but are not limited to: Home health care services, Medical supplies, contracts, ehealth, Telenursing, nutrition and diet support, Preventive medicine, research and development and General Home care nursing.

Home care nursing services, which showcased various approaches used in the delivery of nursing services in the home of client, which includes telenursing and electronic data storage system. Care Challenge is an international recognition program which highlights innovative nurses and their care solutions. As a resource of international nursing innovations, Care Challenge enables nurses to share innovative health care ideas and put them into practice.

Care Challenge has been developed with support from Sanofi in partnership with: International Council of Nurses (ICN), Nurse Practitioner Healthcare Foundation (NPHF), Secrétariat International Des Infirmières et Infirmiers de l'Espace Francophone (SIDIEF), FEND (Foundation of European Nurses in Diabetes) and Association Française pour le Développement de l'Education Thérapeutique (AFDET).

Blue Torch Home Care wishes to use this medium to appreciate all organizations involved in the development of this project and lauds their impacts in both the professional development of Nursing and the their impact on the global movement in health care strengthening.

Find out more about Blue Torch Home Care Limited, its services, goals, and objectives at www.bluetorchhomecare.org or contact us at

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From Monika HUBLER, University of Basel (Individual Member from Switzerland) :

I have available 10 used Sliding Microtome for Histological Sections. They will be given away at No charge. However, transportation from Switzerland will have to be paid by the recipient(s).

If you are interested, please contact Monika HUBLER at:
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Report about the SFM 2012 (Telemedicine VII session) Saratov, Russia

The SFM 2012 (Telemedicine VII session) took place on September 28th, 2012 in Saratov and presented the continued development of the topic areas of telemedicine and eHealth in the Saratov region, their importance to the establishment of international standards for these interdisciplinary field, with emphasis on the participation of specialists in the Saratov region and the creation of standards for electronic health care. Members of the seminar - a member of International Society for Telemedicine and eHealth (ISfTeH), PhD Karchenova EV and prof., D.M.. Bakutkin VV Topics of oral presentations: "Monitoring of temperature of human body: Telemedicine application". (Bogdanova T, Bakutkin V., Bolshakov A., Lobanov V.); "Image analysis of anterior segment human eye and telemedicine" (Bakutkin V. Bakutkini., Bolshakov A., Lobanov V., Spirin V.); "Telemedicine and quantitative assessment of aging and degeneration of human intervertebrale disc" (Vyacheslav V. Skvortsov, Valerij V. Bakutkin, Natalia E. Komleva, Vladimir F. Spirin, Oleg V. Fadeev, Scientifically research institute of rural hygiene, Saratov, Russia, Alexandr A. Bolshakov, Viktor P. Glazkov, Stanislav K. Daurov, Vladimir V. Lobanov, Saratov State Technical University, Russia); "Modern Multidisciplinary Clinic Alfa Center" (Vlada V. Saifetdinova, Multidisciplinary Clinic Alpha Health Center, Multidisciplinary Clinic Alpha Health Center, Saratov, Russia).

Special attention was paid to the online report of the educational program of the annual international event Med-e-Tel in Luxembourg, passing through the International Society for Telemedicine and e-Health and the WHO. This event - the key to success for the development of medical science and practice: "Med-e-Tel: A unique education tool for success" (Malina Jordanova, Space Research & Technology Institute, Bulgarian Academy of Sciences, Bulgaria and Frank Lievens, Board Member, Secretary and Treasurer of International Society for Telemedicine & eHealth (ISfTeH), Switzerland & Director, Med-e-Tel, Belgium, lievens@skynet.be). Contribution to the development of the Saratov region in the development of telemedicine is reflected in the report of the Internet "History of telemedicine in Saratov, Russian Federation" (Elena Karchenova, International Society for Telemedicine and eHealth, Alfa health centre, Saratov Russia)

For more information, or to contact Ms. Elena Karchenova, please visit:
<http://sfm.eventry.org/2011/telemedicine/>

Working Groups

Telenursing

Call for Support: National and Institutional ISfTeH Members from Africa

The ISfTeH Telenursing Working Group (TWG) continues to enroll nurses from around the world, with 18 countries currently represented. We would like to increase the size of the group, focusing especially during 2013 on the recruitment of nurses from the countries of Africa. Rather than form another organization, we seek to use the resources of ISfTeH and the TWG to support professional involvement of nurses in this international, multidisciplinary learning environment. Help us to recruit more nurses into ISfTeH and the Telenursing Working Group by advocating for more nurse membership among the members of your professional associations and the attendees of regional conferences.

New Publication:

eHealth Editorial in International Nursing Review December 2012
[Click here to view via the Online Library](#) or [click here to view via Dropbox](#).

[To read the presentation entitled "Integrating Telenursing into Home Care" by Ekezie Ralueke Oluchukwu, RN from Nigeria and Nurse member of the ISfTeH, presented at the 17th World Congress of the International Society for Telemedicine and eHealth, Abuja, Nigeria, November 2012, click here!](#)

Connecting Nurses Program

["The Connecting Nurses Initiative"](#) (in Partnership with the Foundation Millennia 2015)

Nurses are at the fore front of patient care in a wide range of areas, and their role is key in chronic disease management and patient education. Their role will expand and become even more important in the future.

The Connecting Nurses program is an initiative for nurses supported by Sanofi and developed in collaboration with Nurses Federations (The Nurse Practitioner Healthcare Foundation (NPHF), International Council of Nurses (ICN), the Secrétariat International Des Infirmières et Infirmiers de l'Espace Francophone (SIDIIIEF), and the Association Française pour le Développement de l'Education Thérapeutique (AFDET)).

Connecting Nurses intends to provide a web 2.0 collaborative platforms for nurses from all around the world to share their ideas, advice and innovations.

[Click here to learn more about the Initiative.](#)

You may also contact the Connecting Nurses Program contact: *Sylvie Coumel, Stakeholder & Advocacy Project Director, Sanofi Corporate,*
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Or, visit the website at: www.connecting-nurses.com

International Tele-Ophthalmology Working Group (ITOWG)

Due to considerable demand from around the globe for tele-ophthalmology, we are in the process of establishing a Working Group for Tele-ophthalmology under ISfTeH. ITOWG and its activities will promote the use of telemedicine in fields related to ophthalmology and optometry. It will support and advice the use of Tele-ophthalmology among new professionals, and also contributing to its development, producing innovation, knowledge, techniques, results and impacts.

We expect ophthalmologists, optometrists, eye care providers, nurses, researchers and industry to be member of this WG and contribute their expertise to the group. We will have a blog for this WG and expect to have regular web-conference sessions talking about various tele-ophthalmology projects from around the world. We are also interested to establish a project database from around the world which will have access to our members only.

This WG is expected to kick start from 1st January 2013 and coordinated by Prof Yogesan from Australia who is on the Board of Directors of ISfTeH.

Journal of the International Society for Telemedicine and eHealth



The Education Working Group is pleased to announce the upcoming launch of a scientific publication, the Journal of the International Society of Telemedicine and eHealth, the Official Journal of the ISfTeH.

JISfTeH is an open access, online, peer reviewed journal published under a creative commons license. It seeks to disseminate information on all aspects of eHealth activity from around the world. eHealth is as defined by the WHO - "the use of information and communication technologies (ICT) for health." Being open access, all interested readers will be able to freely access the journal online without the need for a subscription.

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As an international journal, **JISfTeH** is actively seeking to promote publication of work from developing world countries, some of which may best be presented as work in progress or a short report.

We already invite you to submit a paper to **JISfTeH**. [Manuscripts should be submitted to the journal online here.](#)

You will be required to register with the journal as an author. After logging in, go to 'author' on the User Home page and follow the five step submission process.

There will be no publication charges to the authors for the first issues.

We look forward to receiving your submissions.

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Working Group on Women (WoW)

A new Working Group WoW (Working group On Women) will be created within the frame of the ISfTeH and officially launched at Med-e-Tel 2013.

[Click here to view the Presentation paper of the W.G.](#)

You can also find a draft of the planned program of the special session here: ["Women and eHealth", which will be held at Med-e-Tel 2013 in Luxembourg on Wednesday, 10th April 2013.](#)

ISfTeH Partners

EJD (European Junior Doctors) and ISfTeH sign Memorandum of Understanding

We announce with great pleasure that EJD (European Junior Doctors), ISfTeH and Med-e-Tel have signed, in November 2012, a memorandum of understanding for the creation of a framework of collaboration with the aims of implementing common actions and initiatives through the exchange of resources and experiences in the field of European and global eHealth.

EJD has become the European medical organization with the most comprehensive national membership, representing over 300.000 Junior Doctors all over Europe. Over the last four decades, the EJD has actively intervened in defense of the medical profession in Europe with the purpose of contributing to the development of Junior Doctors' work and education and has had an important role as a background group for the organizations of Junior Doctors in countries preparing to join the European Union.

More news on this in the coming months and at Med-e-Tel 2013 in Luxembourg (10-12 April 2013).

In the meantime, for any additional information, please feel free to contact:



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