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The Balkans Telemedicine Program Receives 21st Century Achievement Award by Computerworld

The Balkans Telemedicine Program, developed by the International Virtual e-Hospital (IVeH) Foundation (www.iveh.org), a not-for-profit organization, received the 21st Century Achievement Award in the Health Category by Computerworld on June 20, 2011 in Washington DC. This award was presented to IVeH for developing and implementing telemedicine in the Balkans and other countries. Dr. Rifat Latifi, president, accepted this award on behalf of IVeH. The IVeH began this development in Kosova and Albania and is now spreading throughout the region. IVeH's Initiate-, Build-, Operate- and Transfer-strategy serves as a model for telemedicine in developing countries. IVeH is lead by Rifat Latifi, Ronald Merrell (vice president), Charles Doarn (executive director) and other ATA members Ronald Weinstein, Kathe Boucha, and Fred Pearce. The Health Category recognizes organizations for their innovative use of information technology to conduct research; develop new diagnostic or treatment methods and services; improve the safety and quality of patient care; or improve access to, or the affordability of, healthcare. For information on the Computerworld Awards see <http://www.eiseverywhere.com/ehome/CWHONORS2011/21121/>.

