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EVENT ANNOUNCEMENT

The 2008 Euro-Southeast Asia Cooperation Forum on ICT research

6 October 2008 - 7 October 2008 Brussels, Belgium

This open event is the first of its kind in Europe and is planned to be a key milestone in the development of EU-Southeast Asia cooperation on ICT research. Over 200 delegates, including 70 to 100 representatives from leading Southeast Asian organisations in the ICT area, are expected to participate. Held only some weeks before the launch of an important FP7 call for proposals related to the ICT theme (Call 4), this Forum will particularly aim at thoroughly discussing the opportunities of strategic cooperation presented in the Strategic Projects section of this web site. Registration for this event is free of charge but compulsory.

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See also: **SEACOOP**

NEWS ARTICLE

ICT for sustainable and interoperable health services

*(25 September 2008)*Ensuring the sustainability of the health systems is a key societal and economic challenge for Europe in the next decades. eHealth provides means to address this challenge. One of the key hurdles in the efficient deployment of eHealth in Europe is the lack of interoperability of eHealth solutions across the Member States and within the Member States. In addition to the major difficulties that this brings to cross-border operations of eHealth systems, it leads to a large fragmentation of the eHealth markets and a weakening of European suppliers of eHealth solutions be it products or services. One project (large scale pilot A), one thematic network and two projects (pilot B) have been funded under the themes 2 and 3 of the CIP ICT PSP work programme. Information on projects are now available on the eHealth website.

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See also: **CIP ICT-PSP**

NEWS ARTICLE

Space for Health by ESA

*(18 September 2008)*Early this year, the European Space Agency (ESA) launched a website on the contribution of space activities to the health area. The 'Space for Health' website aims at providing - an overview of health-related activities ongoing and recently completed at ESA, gathered in main domains: wellness, medicine and telemedicine, environmental health and public health; - links to websites of ESA's partners or health stakeholders that are relevant to the topics addressed; an overview of the different space assets that contribute to health (satellite communications, earth observation etc.); - an overview of what ESA can do in the domain of health and how to collaborate with them.

Contact: **ESA Space for Health team (comments, ideas, questions, newsletter)**

NEWS ARTICLE

Formation et Recherche en Télésanté…vers la création d'une nouvelle filière?

*(17 September 2008)*Le CATEL effectue une recherche sur l'état actuel, les besoins et les perspectives d'évolution des filières de formation et de recherche en télésanté, principalement en France voire en Europe. Si vous êtes ou si vous connaissez : - des collectivités et institutions qui encouragent ce domaine (sur le plan local et/ou sur le plan national) ; - des organismes de formation qui enseignent la télésanté aujourd'hui en France (formations universitaires, d'ingénieur, professionnalisantes, continues, …); - des laboratoires de recherche en télésanté (recherche fondamentale ou appliquée, publique ou privée) ; - des entreprises qui investissent en R&D dans ce domaine (PME créatrices de valeur ajoutée, grands groupes). Partagez votre experience et point de vue en contactant Mr LAVAULT par email ou +33(0)2.22.66.60.67.

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NEWS ARTICLE
First AAL call attracts 117 proposals

*(16 September 2008)*The first call for proposals (AAL-2008-1) of the Ambient Assisted Living Joint Programme has attracted 117 transnational project proposals. Organisations from all AAL Partner States are represented in AAL proposals and project coordinators stem from 19 countries of the 23 AAL Partner States. 950 partners are counted in the transnational project proposals. Total costs of some 370 Mio € were indicated and 230 Mio € are requested as public funding, i.e. short below 2 Mio € per project proposal on average. The total request constitutes a four times oversubscription compared to an announced indicative total funding of 57.7 Mio €. The final selection of the projects is scheduled for 20 and 21 October at the General Assembly of the AAL Association, i.e. the legal entity that is responsible for the AAL Joint Programme. The Ambient Assisted Living Joint Programme is a joint research and development (R&D) funding activity by 20 European Member States and three Associated States with the financial support of the European Community based on article 169 of the EC Treaty.

New in the Library

PROMOTIONAL MATERIAL
European research project PredictAD to explore Alzheimer´s disease diagnosis

25 September 2008

PredictAD project, a EU research collaboration, aims at developing new diagnostic procedures for patients with Alzheimer's disease. Today there is no single test or biomarker that can predict whether a particular person will develop Alzheimer´s disease and a definitive diagnosis is only possible after death – with postmortem analysis. The aim of PredictAD project is to develop an objective indicator to diagnose Alzheimer's disease at the earliest stage possible.

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See also: **PredictAD project**

PROMOTIONAL MATERIAL
@neurIST Project - Newsletter Issue 8

19 September 2008

this issue includes the latest news on the project, two partner profiles, interviews, research highlights, a learning corner, events and workshops, …

See also: **@NeurIST website**

Cross-Border medical assistance - Interoperability of the eHealth systems

19 September 2008

Overview ot the European eHealth initiatives to support medical assistance while travelling and living abroad

Contact: ehealth@ec.europa.eu

See also: **Improving safety and quality of medical care...**

Trans-European healthcare support network for Europe's mobile citizens

19 September 2008

The TEN4Health service aims to improve access of mobile citizens to healthcare provision in other Member States, based on a secure web service and its integration into developing European eHealth networks. Its key components include: pertinent online information for citizens in their language at the point and time of treatment abroad, instantaneous online verification of insurance status, online billing and reimbursement procedures across Member State borders and assurance of interoperability. The TEN4Health service package thereby fundamentally contributes to a better acceptance of the European Health Insurance Card (EHIC) and prepares for its eCard version.

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SHARE the journey - A European Healthgrid Roadmap

17 September 2008

Europe has already played a major part in the development of grids and healthgrids. The European association HealthGrid has set the agenda in this domain with its 2005 White Paper urging the concept, the opportunities and the likely benefi ts on senior decision makers. With that vision as its initial point of reference, the SHARE project (www.eu-share.org) was asked to identify the key developments needed to achieve wide adoption and deployment of healthgrids throughout Europe. The project was asked to organise these as milestones on a road map, so that all technical advances, social actions, economic investments and ethical or legal initiatives necessary for healthgrids would be seen together in a single coherent document. Th e full road map includes an extensive analysis of several case studies exploring their technical requirements, full discussion of the ethical, legal, social and economic issues which may impede early deployment, and concludes with an attempt to reconcile the tensions between technological developments and regulatory frameworks.

See also: **HealthGrid Association**

Summary records on Telemedicine related sessions at eHealth2008

17 September 2008

This document includes the summary records for three sessions P2.1 plenary - Chronic disease management, S2.1 Telemedicine: a new era of patient-oriented services and S2.4 Panel on Commission initiative on "Telemedicine and innovative ICT tools for Chronic Disease Management". The sessions have been organised as part of the public consultation on the forthcoming Commission Communication on "Telemedicine".

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See also: **ICT for Health Policy - Telemedicine**