



FINAL CALL FOR PAPERS

3rd International Conference on Global Telehealth - GT2014

(to be held jointly with ICT4Health Conference 2014)

Durban, South Africa 10-11 November 2014

“Integrated, Innovative, Scalable and Sustainable Solutions”

<http://gt2014.org>

Venue:

Subtropical Durban, with its spectacular beaches, beautiful inland valleys and sugar country, blend of many cultures and cuisines, and a wide range of local tourist attractions to suit all tastes, is the host city for the 3rd Global Telehealth Conference, 10-11 November 2014. The luxurious Southern Sun Elangeni and Maharani Hotel complex located in a prime beachfront setting offers an inspiring location for the gathering of thought leaders and researchers, to share current work and discuss international trends in Telehealth and eHealth.

Scope:

Telehealth, including Telemedicine and Telecare, has experienced rapid increase in adoption worldwide. Deployment of new information and communications technologies, and enabling systems and infrastructure, offer many avenues for implementation of Telehealth solutions. Widespread initiatives by public and private sector health providers along with government reimbursement and regulatory support are transforming formerly small scale activities into widely adopted solutions, improving access and quality of healthcare globally. The Telehealth domain of interest covers a broad scope: from enabling direct clinical interventions and interactions by real-time or store-forward processes, to communicating and managing health information in electronic formats, to patient centred care needs such as personal monitoring and care team support, and to education, policy and professional aspects. Mainstream activities in healthcare systems internationally address these areas, and so this conference provides a platform for sharing of best practice and directions. Telehealth is also acting as a major change driver in global health, particularly in resource constrained countries. This is aided by the rapid uptake of leapfrog technologies such as mobile wireless communications, smart phones and tablet computers, and new models of healthcare delivery. The conference will give emphasis to this sector and invites participation from Africa, Asia-Pacific and Latin America.

Contributions are sought addressing current research and practice in Telehealth, including (but not limited to):

- clinical applications of telemedicine
- teleconsultation and telecollaboration
- teleprocedures and robotic surgical methods
- telecare and remote patient monitoring
- tele-education and clinical training
- evaluation and benefits of telehealth
- smart homes and assistive technologies
- mobile, web and wireless applications
- telehealth software and systems
- telehealth technologies and methodologies
- telehealth for rural or remote areas
- telehealth in resource limited settings
- telehealth policy and governance issues
- international trends and perspectives for telehealth

Submissions:

Original unpublished contributions in all fields of Telehealth (and closely related areas of eHealth) are invited. These may be offered as Full Papers (maximum 8 pages or approx 4000 words, not previously published) subject to expert peer review by an international programme committee of technical experts, or as Short Papers (maximum 2 pages or approx 1000 words) also subject to peer review. It is intended that Full Papers will appear in a commercially published and indexed e-book in the IOS Press series “Studies in Health Technology and Informatics” and may selectively be considered for invited journal publication in an extended form. Short Papers will appear in separate proceedings to be distributed to delegates at the event.

Submissions must contain a clear statement of aims, methods, results and conclusions for the work reported. Papers will be judged on originality, significance, technical quality, relevance to the conference, and presentation. Submission of a Full Paper or Short Paper will imply an undertaking that, should it be accepted, at least one author will register and attend the conference to present the work.

Submissions should be prepared in Word or LaTeX using the IOS Press book formatting instructions and style files available at <http://www.iospress.nl/service/authors/latex-and-word-tools-for-book-authors/> Papers should be sent by email as a pdf file of <4MB to submissions@gt2014.org and authors should complete the form at <http://www.ict4health.org.za/Abstracts/Abstract-Submission-Form/>

Dates:

Submission of Full and Short Papers:	Monday 28 July 2014
Notification of acceptance to authors:	Monday 18 August 2014
Camera-ready copy for proceedings:	Monday 1 September 2014
Registration deadline (Authors & Early-bird)	Monday 1 September 2014

Workshops:

The conference may offer a limited number of half-day Workshops, for presentation of “work-in-progress” on thematically related sets of current Telehealth projects, and half-day Tutorials, for experts to provide concentrated overviews on topics of contemporary interest. These associated events will be available to delegates at very modest fees. Persons interested in offering to organise either a Workshop or a Tutorial should e-mail a 1 page summary of their proposal (including details of coverage and names and affiliations of intended presenters) to enquiries@gt2014.org by the above Notification date. Other satellite events may be arranged concurrently.

Organisers:

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For further details on organisation, venue and the joint ICT4Health Conference 2014 visit: <http://www.ict4health.org.za/>