

VPH Newsletter: July issue



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Monthly newsletter of the Virtual Physiological Human Institute for Integrative Biomedical Research & The Digital Patient News

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We are in the middle of the Summer break so probably most of you are enjoying their deserved holidays, while the VPH Institute life has been intense also during this hot month.

The Call for Supporting members has given its fruits, making possible the finalization of the Board of Directors composition for the upcoming business year. We are very happy to announce that some of the most important organizations that excel worldwide for their prestigious and research quality in the VPH field are now leading members of the Institute.

The Policy Affair Work Group was recently established and this month it has been busy to identify the VPH policy opportunities and strategic policy advice to shape our activities program for the next year. From now onwards our



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newsletter will include also news on the major initiatives that are happening both at the European Parliament and Commission level, such as public consultations, call for experts, and all the decisions that could have some influence in VPH domain.

In order to reach our the widest possible audience, the VPH Institute has made its first step into the world of “social media”. You can now follow us on Twitter, join our LinkedIn network and watch our suggested videos on YouTube. We want to create a strong community and for doing this we need your active participation.

Talking about participation, we wish to remind you that in the afternoon of Sept 17th, 2012 in London we will host the second General Assembly of the Institute, just before the VPH2012 Congress. At the meeting, we will report you the activities carried out by the Institute during the past year, we will propose you a new business plan for 2013 and we will discuss with you about the new initiatives we plan to undertake, taking in consideration also your ideas and suggestion. Useless to say that you presence will be very important!

We look forward to seeing you all in London for a fresh start after the Summer break!

Regards,

Martina – VPH Institute Manager

VPH at large

News of general interest for the VPH Research community

VPH Institute supporting members for 2012/13

The list of the new supporting members for the upcoming year has now been finalized. From September these institutions will officially own a seat in the Board of Directors of the Institute and will have a fundamental role in driving the Institute policy.

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The VPH Institute opens to social networks

Follow us: the VPH Institute is now on Twitter, LinkedIn and YouTube.

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Adriano Henney on Personalised Medicine

Interviewed at the COST conference on Personalised Medicine, Adriano Henney comments on the relationship between physiology and in silico biology. He also discusses drug safety issues related to in silico methods.

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European Parliament workshop on eHealth held

On 7 June 2012, a workshop was held in the European Parliament on eHealth.

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A Reinforced European Research Area (ERA) Partnership for Excellence and Growth

On 17 July 2012, the European Commission published a Communication on “A Reinforced European Research Area Partnership for Excellence and Growth”. The Commission seeks to reduce the brain drain and the wide regional differences in research and innovation performance, aiming at excellence across the EU through smart specialisation.

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Horizon 2020 to boost open access publishing

On 17 July 2012, the European Commission announced its plans to make open access to scientific publications a general principle of Horizon 2020.

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Commission Consultation on plans for a public-private partnership in life sciences research and innovation

The Commission has launched an open consultation on plans for a public-private partnership in life sciences research and innovation under Horizon 2020.

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European Commission seeks experts on eHealth, health information systems and patient registers

On 5 July 2012, the European Commission adopted a Decision to set up a “multisectoral and independent expert panel to provide advice on effective ways of investing in health”. This panel will consist of 17 Members who are to respond to an open call for applications and will be appointed for a period of 3 years.

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MySpine: Patient Specific Spinal treatments simulations

MySpine project (ICT-2009.5.3 VPH) aims to create a clinical predictive tool that will help to determine the best treatment for low back pain by providing clinicians with patient-specific biomechanical and mechanobiological analysis. For more information you can now watch the video!

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EUDAT: Toward a Pan- European Collaborative Data Infrastructure

EUDAT is a project that will deliver a Collaborative Data Infrastructure (CDI) with the capacity and capability for meeting future researchers' needs in a sustainable way. This is a timely and important project, as we face the challenges of massive expansion in the volume of data being generated and preserved and in the complexity of that data and the systems required to provide access to it.

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DISCIPULUS News

The Second Consultation meeting for the Digital Patient roadmap

26th/27th November 2012, Barcelona

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DISCIPULUS: Finding Effective Ways to Engage the Public

How do we develop the public agenda? An important aspect of building the roadmap for the digital patient is engaging the public.

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Contributors for DISCIPULUS wiki on Cardiomyopathy

We are currently looking for clinical scenarios for VPH technology on the Cardiomyopathy page of our DISCIPULUS wiki.

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Forthcoming events

Digital Research 2012

10-12 September 2012, St Catherine's College, Oxford, UK

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VPH Institute 2012 General Assembly

The VPH Institute invites you to attend the first General Assembly meeting scheduled for September 17th 2012 in London.

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From Imagination to Knowledge Visualization in Multiscale Human Body Modelling

26 October 2012, Genoa

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