

VPH Newsletter: May 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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I have always been a computer nerd. But there are a few things I am reluctant to accept as I get older, for example social networks. As worried parent of a teenager girl I am always uncomfortable with her over 400 Facebook “friends”, and in general I find the idea of this public-private on-line mix unsettling.

But with responsibilities comes the need to do also things you do not like, so last week I bent over the pressure and started to use a social network to disseminate the VPH initiative.

To be as professional as possible I picked LinkedIn; great choice: two days ago a Russian hacker stole the entire password database and posted it on-line (BTW, if you have LinkedIn account changing your password now would be a good idea :-). Anyway, beside this small glitch, I am up and running.

You can follow me on: <http://www.linkedin.com/in/marcoviceconti>. I mirror short messages



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also on Twitter as @MarcoViceconti. Now if I only knew what to write every day that is smart, useful, and shorter than 140 characters ...

Marco Viceconti

Executive Director

VPH at large

News of general interest for the VPH Research community

Board of Directors Meeting, Paris May 24h, 2012

The VPH Institute Directors recently met in Paris to discuss about the future developments of the Institute. The discussion has been very focused and effective and brought the Board to take some important decisions, which will ensure support and guidance to the VPH Community.

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VPH International

In the past year, Peter Hunter, representative of the supporting member University of Auckland, has been strongly involved in acting as ambassador of the VPH at international level, establishing contacts with other no-profit organisations active in the Virtual Physiological Human. Read the full report.

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Healthcare science: A catalyst for delivering a new healthcare system

The VPH Institute Executive Director, Marco Viceconti, gave a presentation on the VPH during “Healthcare science” a major event for healthcare scientists held in London on Monday 30th April & Tuesday 1st May 2012.

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The promise and challenge of personalized medicine

Adriano Henney, Director of the German Virtual Liver Network and upcoming supporting member of the VPH Institute, recently published an opinion paper on the Croatian Medical Journal about the challenges that personalized medicine needs to address to ensure its implementation in a clinical setting.

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Changes in DG INFSO as of 1st July 2012

The current Directorate General for Information Society and Media (DG INFSO) will change its name and structure as of 1st July 2012.

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DISCIPULUS News

This month we have been planning and organising clinical and industrial working groups. These groups will allow these stakeholder groups to influence the Digital Patient roadmap, and to provide information on the issues they see as important.

The consortium has also been busy organising the writing of the first draft of the roadmap. We are committed to getting input from the wider stakeholder communities, and for this purpose, we have created an online forum. This forum, hosted on BiomedTown, will allow you to keep up-to-date with the conversations, and to contribute.

The link for this forum is



https://www.biomedtown.org/biomed_town/VPH/VphPublic/discipulus-forum.

You will need to register as a member of BiomedTown in order to contribute. AS the first draft takes shape, input from the community will be especially useful, so we look forward to your views and thoughts!

The DISCIPULUS Consortium

DISCIPULUS: Clinical Working Groups

The clinical working groups will soon be assembled. These groups will provide vital end-user experience and views to the roadmap authors.

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DISCIPULUS Integrating Models: Linking medical imaging and physiological modelling

One of the pillars of the Digital Patient technologies will be that of "information blending, or fusion". We take a look at what this might mean in practise.

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The Human Brain Project: an example of integrating knowledge

A new project aims at producing a model of the most complex organ known, the human brain.

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Forthcoming events

18th Congress of the European Society of Biomechanics

The 18th Congress of the European Society of Biomechanics (ESB2012) will be held at the Instituto Superior Técnico (IST), Technical University of Lisbon, Portugal, on 1st to 4th July 2012.

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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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MICCAI 2012

1 - 5 October 2012, Nice - France

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IUPS 2013

21 - 26 July 2013, Birmingham

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