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Editor's Notes...

In the midst of fall semester, where change is active across our seasons, students, and schedules, I appreciate a moment of your time to introduce myself as your newsletter editor and to explain the rationale for the formatting change to this and subsequent issues. The intent of the change is three-fold: (1) provide a monthly synopsis of present and future activities posted to the <u>SIGHealth website</u>; (2) provide more timely dissemination of member-centric news articles through one or two monthly features; and (3) provide a condensed information channel that is more frequent, timely, and consumable.

Our website will continue to provide pull distribution for new issues as well as archive older issues for reference. The modified newsletter format recaps monthly activity, future publication opportunities, approaching conference updates, upcoming networking opportunities, as well as continuing to offer a distribution channel for features on academic and practitioner news in the field of Healthcare IT. I encourage and appreciate your feedback or content suggestions. My continuing goal is for the newsletter to reflect your needs.

Let me also express a note of sincere appreciation to the outgoing editor, Dr. Nilmini Wickramasinghe, for all of her past hard work on the newsletter and future contributions to SIGHealth.

Warm regards,

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AMCIS 2009 SIGHealth Survey Results...

Members at the AMCIS meeting in August had an opportunity to complete a short survey on participation, newsletter content, and general membership suggestions and feedback. We appreciate all the survey submissions.

From the participation section, we are delighted to have tapped a wealth of resources from members who volunteered to:

- Review for special issues (n=18)
- Be a guest editor for a special issue (n=8)
- Be a mini-track chair at AMCIS 2010 (n=10)
- Lead a PACIS track or mini-track (n=2)
- Become a SIGHealth officer (n=4)
- Attend informal SIGHealth gatherings at ICIS (n=13)
- Attend informal SIGHealth gathering at ECIS (n=8)
- Write a feature article for the newsletter (n=8)

Many thanks for all of your willingness to provide professional service. Any member that has not had an opportunity to volunteer may contact Jim Ryan (jeryan@troy.edu) with your preference.

AMCIS 2010 SIGHealth Tracks

Next August in Peru, SIGHealth will offer publication opportunities in the following six mini-tracks:

- e-health and Quality
- Consumer-Centric Health IS
- Electronic Medical Records and IT
- Business Processes and Standards for Healthcare Integration
- Business Modeling in e-health
- Role of Technology in Improving Healthcare Delivery Processes

More details and mini-track chair contacts will follow in the January 4th, 2010 call for papers...

AMCIS 2009 SIGHealth Survey Results (continued)...

Several of the format changes to our newsletter reflect survey response preferences from the membership. The following newsletter content reflects the membership's ranked preferences (n=19).

Newsletter Content	Mean
News about opportunities to publish	4.78
Notice of upcoming grants	4.11
News about Health IS research centers	4.11
Stories about SIG - Health events	3.89
News about Health IS academic programs and teaching	389
Notice of member publications	3.79
Reports of current events from practitioners	3.68
News about members	3.68
Notice of Health IS dissertations completed	3.53
Academic profession "how to's"	3.50

Topics from the general feedback section of the survey included identification of potential SIGHealth members, requests for more workshops prior to special issues, requests to target specific journals for special issues, and assistance on how to join SIGHealth. The feedback was very positive and we encourage any and all suggestions. Any SIGHealth member may forward the names and contact information for potential new SIG members to Gary Poe (gpoe@aol.com), our membership coordinator. Any AIS member may join our SIG and the steps are available on our website via the join page.

Networking Opportunities...

AMCIS Past...

ICIS 2009 Informal Reception...

SIGHealth will hold an informal meet and greet at ICIS 2009. Mark you calendars for this fun event on Wednesday, December 16th from 6:30-7:30 p.m.

More Details

HICSS 2010...

SIGHealth is planning an informal gathering during a conference lunch for members who will be attending HICSS this January. More details will be available in the December newsletter.

More Details

SIGHealth is a group on Linked in 8

Publication Opportunities...

ACM Journal of Data and Information Quality Call for Papers - Special Issue on Healthcare

Abstracts are due November 20, 2009. Papers are due January 9, 2010. More Details

CFP: Special Issue on "E-Health: Accessing Knowledge for Global Health"

Papers are due January 15, 2010. More Details

Fourth International Conference IT in Health Care: Sociotechnical Approaches (ITHC2010)

Papers are due January 15, 2010. More Details

CFP: Special Issue of International Journal of Medical Informatics on Supporting Collaboration in Healthcare Settings

Papers are due March 31, 2010. More Details