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Editor's Notes...

Greetings!

We have revised the frequency of our SIGHealth newsletter to a quarterly format, and our first article in the October newsletter reports the activities and plans of our SIGHealth president, Vance Wilson. The other feature articles present a short bio on our new membership chair and remind us about the firm paper submission date for ECIS 2013.

As a new addition to our newsletter format, we have included a section on the professional accomplishments of the SIGHealth membership. We want our members to share in their professional and community success, so please email your accomplishments and community news to sighealthnewsletter@gmail.com.

In closing, I would like to continue the call to the SIGHealth membership for help in identifying SIGHealth resources. I hope you will share your practitioner and research experiences with other SIGHealth members through contributions to your newsletter. Please use our gmail account to expedite your submissions. Content received during each quarter will appear in the up-coming issue and timely material can be added to the SIGHealth Website or bundled into a special newsletter issue. Suggested content categories are:

- News about SIGHealth members (up to 300 words)
- We welcome SIGHealth related essays (about 900 words) from industry professionals.
- News and approaches to teaching e-health (up to 1800 words)
- “How to’s” on research methods, getting papers published, reviewing papers, etc.
- Any other announcements (up to 300 words for each item).

In the meantime, please remember to re-designate your membership in SIGHealth when you renew your AIS membership during conference registration.

This newsletter issue also highlights upcoming networking and publishing opportunities for regional and international workshops and conferences, with more details posted via <http://www.aissighealth.com>.

Warmest regards,

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Feature Articles...

President's Report...

Vance Wilson

The third quarter of 2012 started with a big AMCIS bang, with SIG-Health hosting a pre-conference workshop, over 30 presentation and panel events, and our annual business meeting. Here is a month-by-month recap of third-quarter activities.

August -- The half-day "Health-IS Professional Development" workshop SIG-Health hosted immediately prior to AMCIS drew 28 attendees. The workshop featured a teaching panel, roundtable discussions, and a presentation updating my 2004 AMCIS Tutorial titled "Research and Publication Opportunities in Health: A 2012 Update". Handout materials from the teaching panel and presentation may be downloaded from the Resources section of the SIG-Health website (<http://www.aissighealth.com>). SIG-Health was well-represented in AMCIS research presentations and panels; thanks to all presenters, mini-track chairs, and panelists! Three new elected officers were announced at the SIG-Health Annual Business Meeting held on August 10. These are President-Elect Gondy Leroy, Secretary Gary Hackbarth, and Treasurer Ann Fruhling. Business Meeting minutes are available for download from the Bylaws and Records section of the SIG-Health website.

September -- As a result of the new SIG-Health Executive Board structure, the board decided to retire the following appointed SIG positions: Budget Chair, Publicity Chair, and Publications Chair. Thanks respectively to Ann Fruhling, Bengisu Tulu, and Chon Abraham for their work in these positions. In addition, Kaushik Ghosh was recruited as Membership Chair. Thanks to Gary Poe for his work in this position over the past two years.

October -- Although SIG-Health is not hosting formal activities at ICIS 2012 in Orlando, We have reserved a room at the conference beginning 6:30pm Monday, December 17 for an informal meeting of SIG-Health and other AIS members interested in networking and discussing Health-IS research. Stay tuned for location and additional information as this date approaches.

Vance Wilson,
SIG-Health President (2012-2014)

Welcome Aboard to Our New Membership Chair...

Kaushik Ghosh

Kaushik Ghosh is an Assistant Professor of MIS in the College of Business at Lamar University, Texas. He received his Ph.D. from The University of Mississippi in 2010.

Kaushik's research interests include IT-enabled healthcare, open source software use and adoption, and IT security. His work has been published or is to appear in Journal of Computer Information Systems, International Journal of e-Collaboration, and others. He has presented papers at conferences such as Americas Conference on Information Systems (AMCIS), Academy of Management (AOM), and Decision Sciences Institute (DSI). He serves as a reviewer for academic journals and conferences.

ECIS 2013...

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The deadline for ECIS 2013, Utrecht is approaching. Please make sure you submit your paper before the 7th of December.

More information via: <https://sites.google.com/site/ecis2013nl/the-conference/tracks-and-keynotes/track-e-health>



Quick Response Code (QR code) for SIGHealth...

Mike Dohan



QR code (abbreviated from Quick Response Code) is a type of matrix barcode that has gained commonality with the advent of smartphones. QR's provide quick and effortless access to websites and thanks to Mike, here is SIGHealth's QR.

Professional Accomplishments & SIGHealth Community News...

Professor Guy Pare was elected to membership in the Academy of Social Sciences of the Royal Society of Canada in September 2012. The official induction ceremony will take place in Ottawa, Canada on November 17, 2012. All the details can be found via: http://www.hec.ca/en/news/2012/nouv_201282_GuyPare_SRC_e.html.

Vance Wilson and Diane Strong received 23 submissions for the "Patient-Centered E-Health" Special Section they are guest-editing in Communications of the Association for Information Systems (CAIS). The Special Section is scheduled for publication in early 2013.

Networking Opportunities...

Spread the word: SIGHealth is a group on **LinkedIn**®

November 2012...Renewal of AIS Membership and Re-designating SIGHealth Interest

Many colleagues renew their AIS membership during conference registration. Please be aware that when you renew your AIS membership, you must also re-designate your interest in SIGHealth. Currently, membership in SIGHealth is \$10 USD per year. Not sure if you have paid your SIGHealth membership? A current listing of SIGHealth members is available on the SIGHealth Web page www.aissighealth.com.

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December 2012... International Conference on Information Systems (ICIS)

Dates: December 16 – 19, 2012
 Location: Orlando, Florida
 Registration: Regular registration through December 4, 2012.
 Cost: \$675 | \$725 after December 4th



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January 2013... 46th Hawaiian International Conference on Systems Sciences (HICSS)

Dates: January 7 – 10, 2013 (HICSS starts on Monday this year.)
 Location: Grand Wailea, Maui, Hawaii
 Registration: Regular registration until December 1, 2012.
 Cost: \$695 – til December 1 | \$795 after December 2



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June 2013... 21st European Conference on Information Systems (ECIS)

Dates: June 5 – 8, 2013
 Location: Utrecht, Netherlands
 Registration: Early registration after March 2013
 Papers due: December 7, 2012 (strict deadline)



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Publication Opportunities...**CFP... ACM Transactions on Management Information Systems (ACM TMIS)****Special Issue on Informatics for Smart Health and Wellbeing**

Despite a substantial percentage of GDP spent on healthcare per year, preventable medical errors are still inevitable due to fragmentation of medical information. In recent years, a significant effort has been placed on advancing information technology for effective healthcare and wellness in both academic and industrial applications. There is increased effort to transform reactive care to proactive and preventive care, clinic-centric to patient-centered practice, training-based interventions to globally aggregated evidence, and episodic response to continuous well-being monitoring and maintenance. To address the challenge of smart health and wellbeing we need to include the following (a) an interoperable, digital infrastructure of shareable health data and knowledge, (b) utilizing diverse data to provide automated and augmented insight, discovery, and evidence-based health and wellness decision support systems, (c) a cyber-based empowering of patients and healthy individuals that enables them to play a substantial role in their own health and treatment, (d) monitoring and assisting individuals using intelligent systems (including sensors, devices, and robotics) to maintain function and independence, and e) technologies such as data/text mining that assist in the management, curation, discovery of new knowledge for decision support..

Key Dates:

- Paper submissions are due by November 30, 2012
- Notification of first review will be made by February 4, 2013

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CFP...Health Systems Journal

Palgrave Macmillan and the OR Society have launched Health Systems, a new interdisciplinary journal. Health Systems will provide insights and perspectives to advance health systems knowledge in research and practice.

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