

14th International Conference on Informatics, Management and Technology in Healthcare, Athens, Greece, 1-3 July, 2016

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In the period from 1st to 3rd July 2016 14th International Conference on Informatics, Management and Technology and Healthcare (ICIMTH 2016) was held in Athens. The Conference was organized by the National and Kapodistrian University of Athens and Greek Biomedical and Health Informatics Association, in cooperation with European Federation for Medical Informatics (EFMI) and International Association of Medical Informatics (IMIA). President of Local Organizing Committee was professor John Mantas (Greece) and president of Scientific Program Committee was professor Arie Hasman (Netherlands).

The conference represents one of the largest European gathering in the field of medical informatics (Biomedical Informatics, Biomedical Engineering, Information Science, Health Informatics, Clinical Informatics, Public Health Informatics, Healthcare IT, Decision Support and In-

telligent Systems, Diagnostic Technologies for Medical Decision Support, Formalisation of Knowledge, Ontologies, Clinical Guidelines and Standards of Healthcare, Telemedicine, Interoperability in Healthcare Systems, Imaging, Health Information Management, Knowledge Management, Health Technology Assessment, E-learning and Education, Robotics and Virtual Reality, Socio-Economic Issues, Standards, Social and Legal Issues).

Major focus of conference was to present applications of Biomedical Informatics from Clinical Informatics, Health Informatics to Public Health Informatics as well as on ICT applications in the Healthcare domain.

Scientific Program Committee chaired by professor Arie Hasman received over 100 submissions, from which after reviewing accepted 68 as papers, as well 11 posters, a tutorial, a workshops, a panel and



Figure 1. Participants of the 14th ICIMTH Conference in Athens

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Figure 2. Professors: Theo Arvanitis, John Mantas and Arie Hasman



Figure 3. Professor Izet Masic as invited speaker at ICIMTH Conference

keynote speeches. Over three days, 8 invited lectures (Reinhold Haux, George Demiris, Theo Arvanitis, Arie Hasman, Rolf Engelbrecht, Izet Masic, Alexander Berler, Filippos Tsimpoglou) and 9 sessions, with long discussions (participants were able to participate with presentations of full papers and posters) and all gathered had the opportunity to learn about the latest developments in the world of biomedicine and to



Figure 4. Prof Izet Masic donated his books to National Library of Greece

see many presentations about the use of information technology in the world of medicine. All papers are published in the Proceedings (IOS Press publisher) "Unifying the Applications and Foundations of Biomedical and Health Informatics" and are indexed in MEDLINE. Information technology certainly have growing use in medicine and its use certainly represents the future of clinical medicine.

The field of medical informatics, after increase in the development in late 90s and stagnation in the beginning of the 21st century, returns its direction to development, and is a field where many new achievements are possible, and as such, requires more events like this.



Figure 5. Professors: Engelbrecht, Hasman, Masic, Tsimpoglou, Mantas



Figure 6. Professors: Reinhold Haux, John Mantas, Mirna Becevic and Arie Hasman



Figure 7. Participants of ICIMTH in front of National Library of Greece

Professor Izet Masic, as invited speaker, presented his lecture with title: "Evaluation of Scientific Journal Validity, it's Articles and their Authors", with special attention on a few indices which are now usefull and attractive for measuring scientific outputs of scientists and academics.

The Local Organizing Committee, chaired by John Mantas, who did a really good job, and we hope that this Conference next year will attract larger number of participants, because event like this certainly deserves it.

Participants visited National Library of Greece where professor Izet Masic donated 5 his books.

This event will be remembered by all participants as sweet memory on very well hosted event in Athens by Dr. Filippos Tsimpoglou, director of National Library of Greece in Athens.