

Telemedicine Newsletter

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Telemedicine Workstation

The telemedicine workstation developed by the Medical Research Council and the University of Stellenbosch was once again in the spotlight at the DST Budget Vote on the 24 May 2007 in Parliament.

A number of DST funded projects were invited to exhibit on this day and the interest shown in telemedicine was phenomenal. In addition to merely exhibiting, the Medical Research Council was mentioned in the budget speech as well as Telemedicine was highlighted by the Deputy Minister, Mr. Derek Hanekom.

“The use of Virtual Communication Network in South African Hospitals”

“The use of Virtual Communication Network in South African Hospitals” is the title of the abstract submitted by Noelle Ngobeni. It will be included in the programme as an oral presentation at the KM Africa Second Biennial Conference 2007 taking place in Kenya.

Director of the Telemedicine Lead Programme attends Conference in Austria.

Dr Molefi attended the 1st Joint Congress of the European Association for Trauma and Emergency Surgery –EATES in Graz, Austria from 23 – 26 May 2007.

She presented at the conference and the title of the presentation was ‘Telemedicine experience in SA’. The audience showed tremendous interest with some of the participants offering assistance with future telemedicine consultations. This has once again highlighted the development gap between ‘*developed and developing countries*’ but also highlighted ‘*have and have nots in the rural underserved areas in South Africa.*’

Scientist joins Telemedicine Lead Programme

Miss Nonhlanhla Nxumalo, is a qualified Speech Pathologist and Audiologist and has had extensive experience in the public health sector as a health professional. She is a Scientist within the unit and is currently involved in monitoring and evaluation of telemedicine systems.

Her main area of interest is in health systems research and policy development. Ms Millicent Kachieng'a will be her direct supervisor / mentor and they are current managing the monitoring and evaluation of telemedicine in the Eastern Cape.



Conferences, Courses and Training Opportunities



12th ISfTeH International Conference
3rd T.S.I. National Conference
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