The 1st edition of the International Conference on e-Health (part of the IADIS Multi Conference on Computer Science and Information Systems 2009) was held in Algarve, Portugal, 21-23 June, 2009.

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This conference focuses on the notion that the use of ICTs (Information and Communication Technologies) in Healthcare Services is the main mechanism to improve efficiency and effectiveness. Therefore, the e-Health 2015 conference aimed to draw together information systems, practitioners and management experts from all quadrants involved in developing computer technology to improve healthcare quality. Submissions were accepted under the following 3 main areas in the field of e-health: Research Issues, Management Issues and Applications.

In 2009, the conference received 95 submissions from more than 24 countries. Each submission was anonymously reviewed by an average of four independent reviewers, to ensure that accepted submissions were of a high standard. Consequently only 20 full papers were approved which meant an acceptance rate of 21%. A few more papers were accepted as short papers, reflection papers and posters.

Extended versions of the best papers were selected to be published in:

- the International Journal of Telemedicine and Applications (IJTA) (ISSN: 1687-6415)
The Conference comprised the presentation of full papers, short papers, reflection papers and posters, and also two keynotes presentations given by Dr Jennifer Zelmer, Chief Executive Officer, International Health Terminology Standards Development Organisation, Denmark and Dr. Manuel Delgado, President of the Management Board in Curry Cabral Hospital and Escola Nacional de Saúde Pública (ENSP) - New University of Lisbon, Portugal.

Keynote Presentation:

BUILDING THE FUTURE WITH E-HEALTH

by Dr Jennifer Zelmer, Chief Executive Officer, International Health Terminology Standards Development Organization, Denmark

Keynote Presentation:

HOW TO LIMIT EXPLODING MEDICAL COST

by Dr. Manuel Delgado, President of the Management Board in Curry Cabral Hospital and Escola Nacional de Saúde Pública (ENSP) - New University of Lisbon, Portugal.

This first edition presented a great opportunity to all their participants to discuss with success the most significant aspects concerning the context of Information and Communication Technologies (ICTs) in Healthcare Services.


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