Call for papers

3rd Annual International Congress on Telehealth and Telecare
1-3 July 2013
The King’s Fund, London

Background

The purpose of the International Congress on Telehealth and Telecare is to bring together researchers, policy makers, practitioners and innovators interested in the design and application of technologies to share experiences and to showcase new ideas, new research and new innovations in telehealth and telecare that will support improvements in care of people with long-term conditions and other health social care needs.

You are invited to present current or latest research results and/or report on the progress and impact of innovative projects. Authors are encouraged to submit papers to one of the main topics indicated below. Accepted papers will be presented at the congress by one of the authors and published in the proceedings as well as in a special congress edition of the International Journal for Integrated Care. Acceptance will be based on quality, relevance and originality.

Conference Topics

Authors should submit papers under the broad themes of Telehealth (the advancements and benefits of telehealth to long-term conditions such as COPD, Diabetes, Cardiac Conditions, Chemotherapy etc.) and/or Telecare (focusing on the advancements and benefits of telecare systems to people with social care needs including older people, people with disabilities, mental health support needs etc).

The overarching theme for the conference is Innovation, Integration, Implementation.

And then specifically to one of the following topics:

1. Assisted Living – supporting independence in old age
2. Long-term conditions – managing chronic illness effectively
3. Mainstreaming new technology – strategies for successful adoption
4. Innovations in technology – mobile health
5. Improving the user experience – promoting involvement and co-design

Paper Types

The conference committee invites submissions of abstracts for both oral and poster presentations related to the issues and themes of the conference. Submissions should follow one of the following formats:

1. Research
These presentations will provide the results, completed or in-progress, of original research projects. The material should not have been published elsewhere, except in preliminary form,
and it should be ready for publication as a journal article. Papers related to PhD projects, either completed or in progress, are especially encouraged.

2. Projects and innovations
These presentations should focus on telehealth and telecare in practice and should report on recent experiences in the development of new innovations. These papers should present case descriptions of telehealth and telecare care on the national, regional or local level.

3. Policy
These papers may describe any development in policy (whether governmental, organisational, or any other) that have influenced the current and future deployment of telehealth and telecare. Policy papers that make international comparisons are especially welcomed.

Important Information

Conference language: English.

Submission Deadline
All papers must be submitted by 15 February 2013

Conference fees
Please note that all conference presenters should be aware in advance that they will be required to pay conference fees. The organisers are unable to subsidise the travel or conference costs of any participant seeking to make a presentation. On acceptance of your paper you should book your place at the conference website http://www.kingsfund.org.uk/events/third-annual-international-congress-telehealth-and-telecare (Note that you should do this promptly on notification of your papers being accepted as last year this congress sold out. If you are planning to attend in any case, do feel free to book your place immediately!)

Format
Please go to https://www.conftool.pro/telehealth-telecare-2013/ and follow the submission instructions, you should include:
- Names and details of the presenting authors, including institutional affiliations and contact details,
- Indicate whether your papers is related to telehealth, telecare or both,
- Indicate to which of the 5 themes you are submitting under,
- Indicate your preference for the type of presentation: oral paper or poster,
- Indication of type of paper: research, projects and innovations, or policy,
- Include a structured abstract of no more than 500 words including: introduction, aims and objectives, methods (for a research paper only), results, conclusions.

Confirming presentations
All submissions will be reviewed by the conference scientific committee and you will be e-mailed notification of the results of your submission by 15 March 2013.

Due to the limited number of time slots available for oral paper presentations, the committee reserves the right to request that a presenter who submits a preference for an oral paper presentation, present their work as a poster presentation instead.

Publishing abstracts
The International Journal of Integrated Care (www.ijic.org) will publish the abstracts in a special conference supplement. All those presenting at the conference will be encouraged to submit articles to IJIC for peer-review and publication.
All paper abstracts accepted for the conference will be published on The King’s Fund website (www.kingsfund.org.uk) and on the pages of the International Foundation of Integrated Care (www.integratedcarefoundation.org).

**Prizes**
The conference committee will award prizes to the best student poster as well as the best practical or research poster presentation. To submit a poster, please follow the general submission procedure.

**Profiling Opportunities**
Telehealth and telecare developments are prime examples of public and private health care providers working together to achieve a common aim. The Congress seeks to include the independent sector that supplies the hardware and systems to make telehealth and telecare possible.

For further information on sponsorship, exhibition and other profile raising opportunities please contact Caroline Viac: c.viac@kingsfund.org.uk.

**Congress Format**
The congress will cover 3 days:

**Monday, 1 July 2013:** a pre-congress seminar looking at the latest research and evaluation methodologies and considerations aimed at academics. In 2011 this was held as an evening master class. In 2012 this could be a half day seminar, allowing for more exploration and greater content. This could work as a standalone event for academics and others involved in the evaluation of telehealth and telecare programmes who may not necessarily attend the full congress.

**Tuesday, 2 July 2013 and Wednesday, 3 July 2013:** Both days will have plenary sessions and breakouts focusing on the advancements and benefits of telehealth and telecare aimed at NHS and local authority commissioners and long-term conditions clinical leads, programme leads and commercial and third sector providers as well as residential and domestic care managers.

We are currently exploring the possibility of holding each session twice to allow more delegates to see each session. This may mean that you will need to repeat your session.

**Breakout sessions:** breakout speakers and some plenary speakers will be selected through the abstract process. Speakers will be allocated 20 minutes to present their research.

**Poster presentation:** the congress will also feature a poster exhibition with time built into the conference agenda for poster presenters to defend their findings to the full congress. Poster presenters will only be allowed 3 minutes each as part of a special session in the main programme.

**Virtual conference:** Building on the success of 2012, we are again running a virtual conference alongside the physical conference to expand its reach and allow more people to access the content produced. We will be live-streaming some sessions, creating video and audio content accessible online and placing all slides and other content up on our website for virtual delegates.