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Welcome to this second edition of the health and care newsletter, which has exciting opportunities for bursaries for those early in their careers and a reminder about the waiver of the application fee for BCS Fellowship until 27 May. Don't miss out! Also a reminder to join the Clinical Informatics Group Discourse forum, which is open to all working in digital health and care to network and discuss with other members.

If there is anything you would like to be included in our next month's edition please let us know.

Jan Hoogewerf,
Head of Health and Care

Philip Scott,
Chair of Health and Care Executive

Exciting Opportunity for Aspiring Digital Leaders

FEDIP have announced that they are now welcoming expressions of interest for Cohort 3 of the Future Digital Leaders Programme. This is your chance to be at the forefront of health and care informatics, shaping the future of digital innovation.

Whether you're a Business Analyst, Digital Nurse, Clinical Coder, Mental Health Support Worker, or any professional working in health or care informatics, this programme is for you. We welcome applicants from NHS and social care. Express your interest today to be the first to know when applications open in May. Read more:
https://www.fedip.org/post/future-digital-leader-programme-cohort-3

Fellowship Application Waiver Open until 27 May 2024

BCS are waiving the £160 application fee for individuals in the health and care sector who'd like to apply to become a BCS Fellow until 27 May 2024. If you're a leader, influencer, or impact-maker in the industry, BCS Fellowship might be for you. As a leader in your field, you're facing increasingly complex challenges and your influence and responsibility has never been more significant. The steps are as follows:

1. Download the Fellowship application guidance and application form from this BCS page to read and complete before applying
2. Visit MyBCS to upgrade your membership using the 'Upgrade' link under 'My membership & registration'

3. Follow the step by step application process, including details of at least one supporter
4. Save and continue to proceed to the payment page
5. Enter discount code* **HCAPP100** where prompted, the £160 application fee will be waived
6. If your application is successful, the Fellowship membership fee will be applied to your membership

Please contact our customer support team if you encounter any issues whilst submitting your application form.

Opportunity for Future Leaders in Primary Care Informatics to attend the Medical Informatics Europe (MIE) 2024 in Athens

The Primary Health Care Specialist Group (PHCSG) is advertising two £1,750 travel awards for Health and Care Informaticians to attend Medical Informatics Europe (MIE) 2024 in Athens on 25th – 29th August. MIE is the annual European Informatics conference co-organised by the European Federation of Medical Informatics (EFMI). The awards are named in memory of Dr Julian Costello a long-time member of the PHCSG.

These awards are specifically for applicants early in their health informatics career (5 years or less) who should be able to show the potential to be a future leader in this field. Their main interest should be primary care, be they working in primary care, a primary care support organisation or primary care related research, whatever their discipline and however part time. This would include those in vocational training. Other characteristics which will also be considered are:

- Undertaking a post graduate degree in health informatics at a UK university
- A member of the current digital academy cohort
- Working in a Digital Health role
- Demonstrable potential to make a meaningful contribution to Health and Care Informatics

The winning applicants will be expected to join the Primary Health Care Specialist Group (PHCSG) as soon as possible. To apply you need to write a proposal on one side of A4, maximum 800 words, in this structure:

- Who are you, how do you meet the award criteria and why do you want to attend?
- Make clear how are you involved in **Primary Care**
- What areas of health informatics covered by the conference are of most interest and relevance to you?
- How can you help promote Health and Care Informatics?
- How will attendance contribute to your personal and career development?

Submit your application as a word document or pdf file attachment to secretary@phcsg.org.uk with a copy to john@fairstead.net

The closing date for applications is Monday 8th April 2024 at 5pm.

Clinical Informatics Community

The CI Discourse channel is really picking up! Don't miss out on the discussions. We have launched a new online community, using Discourse, for all Health and Care members to connect and share expertise. You can join by accepting this invite: https://community.bcs.org/invites/6bnP5UzB1v. Once you have joined, the Clinical Informatics Community will be available in your list of categories.

BMJ Health and Care Informatics Journal Call for Reviewers

Published in association with BCS, the journal provides insight from the industry front line, including research papers and literature reviews. You can find out more here: https://www.bcs.org/about-us/learned-publishing/bmj-health-care-informatics/

The journal is seeking professionals who are willing to commit to long-term collaboration as peer reviewers. Whether you boast a robust history of published papers (H-index > 5), hold a revered reputation in your field, or have substantial teaching experience in relevant areas — we welcome your expertise.

Being a reviewer is not just a responsibility, but a rewarding experience. To show our appreciation for the efforts of our peer reviewers, we are glad to offer a 25% discount on open access charges for those who, within a year of their review submission, present an article as the corresponding author. To find out more please join our webinar on 21 March (see events below) or contact Elisavet Andrikopoulou - elly.an@port.ac.uk

We're also interested to find out what you think about publishing in a journal, and what would motivate you to do so. Please complete this survey, run in conjunction with BMJ HCI https://forms.gle/tY2DQK7xbRrKdijF6

Upcoming events

BCS Peer Reviewers
21st March, 11am - 12pm
Webinar: Philip Scott, Chair BCS Health and Care Exec, Yu-Chuan Jack Li and Usman Iqbal (BMJ Health and Care Informatics Journal).

Digital inclusion in health and social care
26th March, 5pm - 6pm
Webinar: A framework for embedding digital inclusion in health and social care Aaron Slater (SCVO) & Dr Tara French (Scottish Government)

FEDIP Webinar

23rd April, 12pm - 1pm

Webinar: If you want to find out more about applying for the specific health and care FEDIP registration.

Unlocking data for research that improves health, wellbeing and care

23rd April, 5pm - 6pm

Webinar: Unlock data for research that improves health, wellbeing and care with Professor Roger Halliday (Research Data Scotland)

Upcoming BCS, BMJ HCI & Digital Health Journal Clubs:

2nd April, 5pm - 6pm

Journal Club: Performance of large language models on advocating the management of meningitis | Digital Health with Urs Fisch, Paulina Kliem, Pascale Grzonka, Raoul Sutter

7th May, 5pm - 6pm

Journal Club: Navigating the electronic health record in university education: helping health care professionals of the future prepare for 21st century practice | Digital Health with Brian McMillan, Gail Davidge, Fatima Nadeem, Dawn Dowding, Kurt Wilson, Angela Davies

Recent: https://informatics.bmj.com/pages/journal-club hosted by digitalhealth
How to organise a datathon for bridging between data science and healthcare? Insights from the Technion-Rambam machine learning in healthcare datathon event with Leo Celi, Constanza Vasquez, and Mwavu Rogers

Don't miss out: IMIA Nursing Informatics 2024 is being held in Manchester

28th - 31st July

Join hundreds of delegates coming together to share their experience and learn about latest developments and best practice. NI 2024 | 28-31 July 2024 | Manchester, UK

If you have any events for inclusion in the newsletter, please contact elly.an@port.ac.uk

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