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THE INTERNATIONAL MEDICAL INFORMATICS ASSOCIATION WHITE PAPER
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(Geneva – 4 Jan 2013) – The International Medical Informatics Association (IMIA) is proud to announce the publication of the “Trustworthy reuse of health data; A transnational perspective” white paper in the International Journal of Medical Informatics. Published in November 2012, the white paper is available for download at http://bit.ly/2012EUSTRHDpublication.

“Unleashing the full potential of reuse of existing health data requires trust between all stakeholders. Building this trust requires a better understanding of the respective needs, capacities, and values, then formalization of rules and mechanisms in an explicit framework,” said Antoine Geissbuhler, president of IMIA. “This should be achieved not only at a national level, but also harmonized globally to enable trans-national sharing of data.”

The white paper is the result of dedicated efforts to support and encourage health data reuse discussions and progress and summarizes the output and discussions that took place at the May 2012 Summit on Trustworthy Reuse of Health Data. It describes the approach and methodology used to bring together a group of stakeholders with diverse opinions about health data reuse, shares opportunities and challenges, and provides an outline for next steps.

Proceedings from the 2012 Summit have also been documented via the Summit's YouTube channel. The channel includes all of the plenary sessions and several videos that summarize delegate’s perspectives regarding the trustworthy reuse of health data and is available at http://www.youtube.com/user/EUSTRHD.

Additional information about the 2013 European Summit on the Trustworthy Reuse of Health Data, which will build on the health data reuse discussion stimulated at the 2012 Summit, is available at euhealthdata2013.imia.info.

About the International Medical Informatics Association

The International Medical Informatics Association (IMIA) is the world body for health and biomedical informatics. As an ‘association of associations,’ IMIA acts as a bridging organisation, bringing together the constituent organisations and their members. IMIA provides leadership and expertise to the multidisciplinary, health focused community and to policy makers, to enable the transformation of healthcare in accord with the world-wide vision of improving the health of the world population. Inherent in IMIA’s role is to bring together, from a global perspective, scientists, researchers, users, vendors, developers, consultants and suppliers in an environment of cooperation and sharing.

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