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the President of the Republic of Algeria**



**EMISPHER International Dissemination Twin Conferences on
“Continuity of Health Care”,
25-26 June 2004 in Algiers, Algeria and Nicosia, Cyprus**



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We have the great pleasure to invite you to the third **EMISPHER International Dissemination Twin Conferences on “Continuity of Health Care”** (www.eumedis.net/en/events/) from **25-26 June 2004 in Algiers, Algeria** (<http://www.and.s.dz/emispher/index.htm>) and **Nicosia, Cyprus** (<http://grid.ucy.ac.cy/emispher2004cc/>), hosted by our EMISPHER partners ANDS (“Agence Nationale de Documentation de la Santé” of the Algerian Ministry of Health and Population; General Director Prof. Hamid Kessiss, hkessiss@sante.dz), and the University of Cyprus (Department of Computer Science, Prof. Marios Dikaiakos, mdd@ucy.ac.cy).

The EMISPHER project (Euro-Mediterranean Internet-Satellite Platform for Health, medical Education and Research, see www.emispher.org, co-funded by the EC under the EUMEDIS Programme; see www.eumedis.net) is dedicated to Telemedicine, E-Health and medical E-Learning in the Euro-Mediterranean area. In order to maximise its impact EMISPHER is committed to organise in its second project year in the various Mediterranean EMISPHER partner countries four International Dissemination Conferences.

Even more important, with these Conferences, EMISPHER pursues and expands the cluster activities among the 5 current medical pilot projects in the EUMEDIS Programme:

- EMISPHER – Euro-Mediterranean Internet-Satellite Platform for Health, medical Education and Research (www.emispher.org, Co-ordinator, Dr. G. Grasczew, SRU OP 2000, RRR/MDC, Charité, Berlin, Germany, grasczew@mdc-berlin.de)
- EMPHIS – Euro-Mediterranean Public Health Information System (www.emphis.org, Co-ordinator: Prof. H. Debois, Fondation Merieux, France, Henri.Debois@fondation-merieux.org)
- BurNET – Euro-Mediterranean Burn Centres Network (www.burnet.org, Co-ordinator: Prof. M. Masellis, Mediterranean Council for Burns and Fire Disasters, Italy, mbcpa@medbc.com)
- PARADIGMA – PARTicipative Approach to Disease Global Management (www.paradigmamed.org, Co-ordinator: Prof. M. Moia, Ospedale Maggiore di Milano IRCCS, moia@policlinico.mi.it)
- EuMed Cancer - GeMed Network – Euro-Mediterranean Cancer Prevention and Genetic Medicine Network (www.eurogene.org, Co-ordinator Prof. G. Romeo, romeo@eurogene.org).

During the present Conference in Algiers, a EUMEDIS Cluster Workshop on “Infrastructures for Disease Control” with numerous expert contributions from various European and Mediterranean countries will be held as co-production of EMISPHER and EMPHIS.

Why twin Conferences in Algiers and Cyprus?

Of particular importance is the new aspect of twin Conferences: two linked Conferences, taking place simultaneously in Cyprus and Algiers. Following the recommendations by the

EC at the project's Mid-Term-Review, EMISPHER has chosen this new concept for the following reasons:

- 1) Since May 1, 2004 Cyprus has become an official member of the EU;
- 2) Follow-up on the previous success of the EUROMED 2004 Conference:
EUROMED 2004, the first Euro-Mediterranean Conference on "Views on Health" was organised by the Algerian Ministry of Health and Population, on February 14-15, 2004 in Algiers, Algeria and brought together international experts from the health sector and political decision-makers (Algerian President, all Ministers of the Algerian Government, representative of the EC-DG Information Society, ambassadors from many European and Mediterranean countries, Ministers of Health from various neighbouring countries like Tunisia, Italy, etc.; in total over 1200 participants) and aimed to identify the needs and possible strategies for **lasting and sustainable international co-operation in health care in the Euro-Mediterranean region**. Building on the experiences gained in EMISPHER, the concepts of an **International Mediterranean Hospital (IMeHO)** as key structure for lasting and sustainable international co-operation in health care in the Euro-Mediterranean region were presented at this conference for the first time. As concrete outcome of EUROMED 2004, an official resolution of the recommendations of the Algerian President was adopted, recommending the development and deployment of an International Mediterranean Hospital as key structure for future activities. It aims to facilitate and accelerate the interconnection and interoperability of the various services being developed (by different organisation at different sites) through real integration. This integration will take into account the social, human and cultural dimensions and strive towards common approaches but open and respectful of cultural differences: **striving to move more and more and step by step from aid towards multi-lateral co-operations**. **IMeHo activities** will include the Mediterranean Medical University (e-learning), real-time telemedicine (for improved patient care), Medical Assistance (for tourists and ex-patriates), implementation of Evidence-Based Medicine, as well as Fellowship programmes for training of young medical doctors, providing complete and area-wide coverage including all Mediterranean countries.

Building on the outcomes of EUROMED 2004, on Friday June 25th in Algiers, the prime activities will be round table discussions to elaborate key aspects and requirements of the **International Mediterranean Hospital – IMeHo – for lasting and sustainable international co-operation in health care in the Euro-Mediterranean region**.

On Saturday June 26th, the EMISPHER International Dissemination twin Conferences on **"Continuity of Health Care"** will be held both in Algiers and Nicosia. Key note lectures cover topics in the field of ICT Applications & Development of New e-Health Technologies, e-Infrastructures, GRID Health applications, Intensive Care Medicine applications, Telemedicine and Home Care Applications, Telediagnosis, e-Health Applications and Networks, Health Data and Information & Patient Data Security, Patient Administration Systems, Medical Knowledge via Web, Multimedia & Medical e-Learning, Real-time Telemedicine, Medical Assistance, Security in Telemedicine, Telemedicine tools for Continuity of Care, Space Medicine applications for Citizens, etc..

The lectures will be followed by a summary of the outcomes of the round table discussions on the International Mediterranean Hospital to both conferences which will be linked together online.

Conference Venues in Algiers:

Friday 25 June 2004 (Workshop and round table discussions):

Hilton Algiers Hotel

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Saturday 26 June 2004 (Dissemination Conference on "Continuity of Health Care"):

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Conference Venue in Nicosia Cyprus:

Saturday 26 June 2004 (Dissemination Conference on "Continuity of Health Care"):

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