WG15 – Organization and Social Issues

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Brief Background

The purpose of the Organizational and Social Issues working group is to promote Organizational and Social Issues and the role they play in medical informatics. Given the increased implementation of health information technology and the focus on approaches such as Big Data, Patient Participatory Medicine and collaborative care delivery, it is more important than ever to ensure that organizational and social contexts are considered and studied as part of the design and evaluation of informatics-based solutions.
Achievement - Events and projects conducted and publications completed

The WG collaborated with the IMIA Telehealth WG to publish a paper in the IMIA YB:

Kuziemsky, C.E., Gogia, S.B., Househ, M., Petersen, C. Basu, A., 2018

We have also collaborated with the IMIA Primary Care WG and have published one paper in collaboration with that WG.

Participation - Engagement and participation in IMIA and health informatics events and activities

The WG had a meeting at MIE 2018 in Gothenburg and with two other IMIA working groups to plan submissions and participation at MedInfo 2019.

Craig Kuziemsky was co-chair of Context Sensitive Health Informatics (CSHI) 2017, a pre-MedInfo conference held in Hong Kong on August 18&19. Christian Nøhr was co-chair. The OSI WG will also be planning CSHI 2019 in Marseilles, France as a pre-MedInfo 2019 conference.

The OSI WG was part of a workshop at MedInfo 2017 on Multi-Sided Markets in Healthcare.

Outreach - Recruitment and engagement of new members and target communities, publicity and representation at major events and/or on social media

Our WG has held meetings at MedInfo 2013, 2015 and 2017 to attract new members and collaboration with other groups. We are also active in Twitter.

Collaboration - Working with other IMIA WG/SIGs or external organizations or institutions

Craig has been working with the IMIA Primary Care, Patient Safety and Telehealth Working Groups.

Craig has met with Laurie Novak, Jessica Anker and Jos Aarts at to look at establishing connections between the AMIA People and Organizational WG and our IMIA WG. Craig has also met with Rebecca Randall, Chair of the EFMI Human and Organizational Factors (HOFMI) WG, to build linkages between the EFMI HOFMI WG and our IMIA WG.