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European Knowledge Tree Group for eHealth



Dear <<First Name>>

Welcome to our twelfth Newsletter.

12 March 2019 - EKTG for eHealth Symposium at Salford, England

From Prophet to Profit....will the digital revolution ever be profitable?

Participants will be encouraged to discuss these topics and speakers will include:

Paul Green, Fair Home, about the Care Home Sector

Norman Niven, Protelhealth, the Technology Aspects

Craig White, White Design Associates, Bristol, who will talk about aspects of their housing and how technology could link with that.

Maggie Ellis, EKTG Coordinator

Alan Willis, EKTG Member

The day is planned with 10.30 coffee, 11.00 start proceedings and finish at 16.00.

Limited invitee places only PLEASE make speedy with contact Maggie Ellis at

m.ellis1.lse.ac.uk@icloud.com for possible places.

Contributions from EKTG International Ambassadors

Elizabeth Mestheneos reports that Greece has now a Ministry for Digital Policy, which should help in the transformation of industry, services and government. It has high expertise in ICT and AI in universities and research centres but nonetheless has a low position in digital transformation. Basic digital skills are low (46% only have basic skills), there is a continuing brain drain leading to a shortage of ICT specialists who can support the digital transformation of the economy. ICT is needed in more than 90% of workplaces. The economic crisis helped delay the implementation of digital transformation but also the lack of life long learning and education has been critical. This has impacted on e-health since funding for health was seriously cut back, with a lack of investment and commitment

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Henk Herman Nap reports that the Dutch nursing home sector will use the 2.1 billion Euro (until 2021) additional resources for the introduction of the Quality Framework for Nursing Home Care for - among others - new technology. This means that labour savings must be achieved - for example, by sensors and cameras that have to reduce physical rounds - as well as improving the quality of life of residents. This may include the use of social robots. Vilans will work together with 12 nursing home organizations in the upcoming 3 years to study and scale-up the use of Augmented Reality for double medication checks, expert advise on a distance, and an intelligent incontinence system with smart diapers.

Brigitte Bührlen reports from Germany that there are projects on the subject of artificial intelligence funded by both federal ministries and state ministries.

Since 2014, Germany has been withdrawing from the European AAL project.

News: Sheryl Sandberg, facebook, has announced that facebook supports the Technical University in Munich, which is founding an institute that wants to deal with ethical questions around the use of artificial intelligence (AI). Over the next five years, the TU will receive 7.5 million dollars, or the equivalent of around 6.6 million euros, from California in return.

One of Sandberg's missions in the coming months will be to expand cooperation in the central European markets and regain lost trust.

Questions about AAL :

- Should it be considered that AAL is an issue for all age groups?
- Is there room to include the needs and experiences of users?
- How should the professional care/family care interface be designed?
- Are the interfaces between economy/science/society/politics addressed?

EKTG Leadership Group

We are pleased to announce that our EKTG Leadership Group is being joined by two new Members, Norman Niven and Colin Ettinger.

Norman is a qualified pharmacist with over 30 years experience in the healthcare market. A former director of BUPA who founded both Surgichem then Protomed, two companies whose products have revolutionised medication management in a number of health and care settings. He is now CEO of Protelhealth, a company that promotes technology for independent living.

Colin is a personal Injury Lawyer who has been very involved in associated work alongside other organisations including the University of Law, Technology and the Law, and the Association of Personal Injury Lawyers.

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Sadly both Bob Champion and Richard Yeo are having to withdraw from the Leadership Group. We are most grateful to them for the effort that have made on our behalf and wish them well in the future.

Accessible Transportation Around the World

The January 2019 Newsletter of Access Exchange International can be [downloaded here](#).

Seven out of ten people do not want robots drafting their Wills, survey finds

More than seven out of ten people would not want their Will to be drafted using artificial intelligence, a survey has found, even as an increasing number of law firms adopt the technology. [Read more.](#)

Citizens Online

Citizens Online are digital inclusion experts who help organisations ensure everyone can access their online services. This means people who have poor digital skills, lack of internet access or need specific support. [Read more.](#)

Google sensor lets you control your phone with the wave of a hand

A Google sensor that allows users to control their smartphones using hand gestures has been given the green light by regulators. [Read more.](#)

How different groups use communications services

Ofcom has published research which uncovers how certain groups use communications services. It focuses on people whose use of different services and devices could be affected by factors such as their age, disability or income. [Read more.](#)

What works in improving integrated care for older people?

How can integrated care for older people in Europe be improved? The European project

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A New Care Technology Platform

'Birdie' <https://birdie.care/> is an innovative London-based "agetech" home care technology platform that supports care professionals and families in delivering better and safer elderly care at home. Caregivers record visit notes directly in the Birdie app. and key in information on the older adult's wellbeing. [Read more.](#)

NAIDEX - Innovations for the Future of Independent Living

Conference and Exhibition. 26 & 27 March 2019, NEC, Birmingham. [See their website.](#)

Data Protection

As a result of the EU GDPR, major changes have taken place to UK law relating to data privacy and protection which includes personal information ("data") which we keep about you.

We have produced a Privacy Notice which deals with:-

- What is Lawful Processing
- What data does the Group acquire and keep about you
- Where does the Group get the data from and how is the data stored
- Does the Group transfer your data elsewhere
- How long does the Group retain your data
- Your rights

You can [download a copy](#) or read it on [our website](#).

*The **Spring EKTG Newsletter** will include similar material. If you would like to suggest material for the next Newsletter please email alan@willis.uk.com before 30 March 2019.*

If you want to know more about us you can download a document that outlines the [background and history of EKTG](#).

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