The two best papers and the two best posters of the annual scientific meeting

Martin Denz and Judith Wagner had the opportunity to reward the best Swiss contributions to the joint meeting with the German and Austrian associations for medical informatics, biometry, and clinical documentation in Innsbruck on behalf of our association. The two best papers have been “Informatikkonzept und Methoden zur telemedizinischen Patienten-Betreuung mit mobilen Endgeräten” by Dominique Brodbeck (Institute for Interdisciplinary Information Technology, Olten), Roland Gasser (Medgate AG), Juerg Luthiger (Institute for Interdisciplinary Information Technology, Olten), and Serge Reichlin (Medgate AG, Basel) and “Use of a new technology and Markov models to record and analyze the triage procedure in an emergency centre” by Christelle Despont-Gros, Olivier Rutschmann, Josette Simon and Christian Lovis (Hôpitaux Universitaire de Genève, Geneva). The two prices for the best posters have been given to Dragan Bosancic (Uniresearch AG, Nottwil), Benno Sauter (Schweizer Paraplegiker-Zentrum, Nottwil), for their poster entitled “IMIS: ein integriertes Management-Informationssystem für das Spital” and Paul Fabry, Christian Lovis, Henning Müller (Service d’Informatique Médicale, Hôpitaux Universitaires de Genève, Geneva) for their poster entitled “A clinical problems terminology in French: extraction from free text sentences”.

A new web site for our society

After long years, in which the existing web site of our society with their static HTML pages served well, the committee decided to switch to a web site with dynamic content and additional features. With this change, the function of web administrator was passed from Ulrich Woermann to Benno Sauter. It was obvious to choose a Content Management System (CMS) on the base of Open Source (OS). The number of available OS-CMS is impressive. Many different features were integrated into the new system. One is the online job market, where already in the first month two offers were posted. A new section is “Education” (Ausbildung). Here, courses and books on Medical informatics are listed. It is planned to add as a new feature online questionnaires and online testing. Step by step, the other sections will be adapted and appear in the new design.

A specially protected area will be provided for the working groups. There the groups can set up forums and document repositories. Members of our society who want to form working groups or collaborate on projects with different institutions are invited to contact the web administrator (benno.sauter@paranet.ch) to make use of this infrastructure.

Thanks to the new CMS, it will be easier to provide the pages in different languages. The new site will only bear an added value if it will be visited and used regularly. Therefore, all members are called to participate in the new construction and further development of our web site. Feedback of any kind is always welcome.
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