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Working Group EVAL: Assessment of Health Information Systems

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Objectives of the WG

- To foster interdisciplinary discussion on evaluation issues in health informatics.
- To support communication of experiences by organizing tutorials and workshops.
- To promote European networking on evaluation issues in health informatics.

Selection of members

There is no formal membership. Interested persons are invited to participate to the workshops and other events of the WG. The mailing list of the working groups contains about 45 subscribed participants (April 2003).

Recent activities

The working group was founded in August 2002 during MIE2002 in Budapest. Activities:

- Establishment and operation of a website (<http://www.umit.at/efmi>) and a mailing list..
- Establishment and operation of a bibliography on evaluation publications.
- Establishment and operation of a list of evaluation web resources.
- Organization of a tutorial on evaluation at MIE2003 in St. Malo, May 2003.
- Organization of two workshops (one on educational issues, the other on practical issues) at MIE2003 in St. Malo, May 2003.
- Contribution to the ESF Exploratory Workshop on Systematic Evaluation of Health Information Systems (HIS-EVAL), April 2003, Innsbruck.
- Active participation in the establishment of a European Network on Evaluation as a result of the HIS-EVAL workshop.

Future activities

The working group will actively contribute to the following activities, which are done in cooperation e.g. with IMIA WG 15 and the HIS-EVAL network:

- Development of guidelines for Good Evaluation Practice.
- Development of standards for reporting on evaluation studies.
- Establishment of an evaluation portal.
- Workshop and tutorial together with IMIA WG 15 during Medinfo 2004 in San Francisco.