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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 European mailing list of the working group contains more than **110 participants** (May 2004).

Recent activities

The working group was founded in August 2002 during MIE2002 in Budapest. Activities between May 2003 and May 2004:

- Operation of website (<http://www.umit.at/efmi>) and evaluation mailing list.
- Completion of the bibliography on evaluation publications and of the list of evaluation web resources.
- Participation as SPC members in the preparation of **MIE STC 2004**, June 2004, Munich, on “Contribution of Medical Informatics to Health Care”
- Organization of a tutorial on evaluation at MIE STC 2004, June 2004, Munich.
- Coordination of the **Declaration of Innsbruck**, as a result of the HIS-EVAL workshop from April 2003, published as: Ammenwerth E, Brender J, Nykänen P, Prokosch H-U, Rigby M, Talmon J. Visions and strategies to improve evaluation of health information systems Reflections and lessons based on the HIS-EVAL workshop in Innsbruck. *Int J Med Inform*, 2004, in press.
- Start of the development of standards for reporting on evaluation studies (**STARE-HI**).
- Contribution to the development of a web-based evaluation portal (e.g. handbook of methods, evaluation database, database of questionnaires).

Future activities

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

- Development of guidelines for Good Evaluation Practice.
- Organization of a workshop on “Good evaluation of Health Informatics Applications” together with IMIA WG 15 during Medinfo in San Francisco, September 2004