

International Congress: Transforming Care - London February 2015

ICT and digital, citizen centric solutions for better care provision
Call for Participation

On 24 February 2015, the **International Congress – Transforming Care** is being held at De Vere Venues - Holborn Bars, in London, UK. This is bringing together health and care professionals, practitioners, carer organisations, policy makers and academia to discuss and further advance the uptake and innovative use of digital technologies to enhance care provision and support services for carers and the leaders who will redefine health, wellbeing and care systems.

It will share findings and results from the European (CIP-ICT-PSP) project DISCOVER that is challenging existing practices to create accessible learning solutions for carers and care workers to improve care provision through unique training methodologies and use of ICT solutions.

The Congress will include Ministerial address, high profile speakers from across Europe and a range of interactive and participative sessions providing the platform for discussion and debate to exchange ideas and discuss concrete solutions to improve and deliver the best possible digital inclusion and services for carers as well as share lessons from successes and failures across the wider care sector and international activity.

Must attend conference

This is a significant international event to head up 2015 dealing with the application of digital technologies to innovate and redefine health, wellbeing and care systems, to tackle social exclusion and health inequalities as well as drive economic growth.

Context

Europe's population is ageing rapidly, with 20% of Europeans expected to be aged 65 or over by 2025 (EU Commission 2012). This will mean increasing demands for care services in the coming decades, most of which will be provided in the home by families and paid care workers. Most people agree that new technologies have a role to play in supporting independent living for greater numbers of older people in the future. To date, the attention has focused largely on telehealth and telecare and the use of devices such as personal alarms and health –monitoring equipment to raise alerts and monitor vital signs such as blood pressure and blood glucose levels. Less attention has been given to the use of technology to support carers (formal and informal) and how online services and support can be made more relevant and useful to those with care responsibilities.

Expected outcomes

Through high profile keynotes, interactive poster, presentation and discussion sessions coupled with real practical applications delegates will gain a greater understanding of the role of digital solutions, and innovative approaches to enhancing care provision and support services for carers now and into the future. The event will facilitate greater collaboration and networking bringing together a cross sector of industry, business, academia and public and third sectors.

To book your place, please visit <https://internationalcongresstransformingcare.eventbrite.co.uk/>

Call for Participation

We are inviting **short position papers and posters proposals** describing initiatives undertaken to advance the use of digital technologies to support care provision and services including training in the following categories:

1. Skills for Home Care - needs of professional care workers and carers (family, friends, relatives); use of technologies to support care and active ageing; personal development and learning opportunities; health coaching and literacy
2. Connected Care – overcoming social isolation and loneliness; supporting independence and active ageing; community development; improving systems to provide information, advice and support; use of data and user centred interfaces to support decision making and tailored healthcare solutions; smart services to support daily activities in the home, monitor health status and improve quality of life

Submission Guidelines

Full papers (Deadline 30th January 2015)

Paper structure should include: Abstract, 4-6 keywords, Introduction, Methods, Results, Discussion, Conclusion and References. Maximum full paper length is four A4 pages. Full papers should follow the format of the provided [template for full papers](#).

All submitted full papers undergo a reviewing process by at least 2 referees. Authors of accepted full papers are allocated 15 minutes including questions and discussion to present their work.

Registration of at least one of the authors before 04th February 2015 is mandatory for publication.

Posters (Deadline 30th January 2015)

Poster proposals should provide an Abstract covering: Introduction, Methods, Results, Discussion. Max. length is 500 words.

All submitted poster proposals undergo a reviewing process by at least 2 referees. Authors of accepted posters are required to present their work in poster sessions. Posters should be prepared in A1 or A0 formats (landscape).

Digital Solution Showcase (Deadline 30th January 2015)

Proposal should describe the digital product or service, what it delivers, what is new, who it is for and what are the benefits. Proposal length: 0.5 page A4. Duration: 5-10 min presentation

All contributions should be submitted via e-mail to discover@birmingham.gov.uk

Submissions by more than one author are welcome; however only the coordinating author (as indicated in the submission) of the selected paper will be invited to take part in the Congress sessions. Additional authors will be able to attend the Congress only if space allows. All selected contributions and associated slides will be published on the DISCOVER website after the announcement of results.

Submissions will be reviewed by the programme committee and you will be notified if your proposal has been accepted by 09/02/2015.

Participation is free however there is no funding to support participants' travel.

Venue

De Vere Venues - Holborn Bars
138-142 Holborn
London
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<http://www.deverevenues.co.uk/en/venues/holborn-bars/>

Dates and Deadlines

Full papers by 30/01/2015

Poster proposal by 30/01/2015

Digital Solution Showcase by 30/01/2015

Actual poster for publication by 09/02/2015

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