

INVITATION

From euphoria to pragmatism: The experience and the potentials of eHealth in Asia

Public Lecture

At the Sri Lanka Medical Association, Colombo 7.

14 September 2010 from 1500Hrs to 1730Hrs

About the event

The new paradigm, called eHealth, is being adapted widely, from primary to tertiary health care in many countries. However, looking at the current literature on the subject, the reviews have been mixed. For every successful and sustainable initiative that has been adopted several have fallen on the wayside. This lecture will look into the experiences of eHealth in Asia. Especially, using more appropriate and relevant technologies, such as mobile technologies in telehealth and health informatics.

Speaker



Angelo Ramos, M.D., M.P.H., is a physician by training, and is also an expert in public health education and promotion. He is particularly interested in the use of Information and Communications Technologies for Health, and has been involved in international research and project implementations on eHealth, especially on mobile health, medical informatics and telemedicine. He is a project mentor of the PANACeA e-health project, under IDRC, and is the Director of Molave Development Foundation, Inc., an NGO based in the Philippines. He also teaches Medical Informatics at the Ateneo School of Medicine and Public Health in Manila.

Discussants



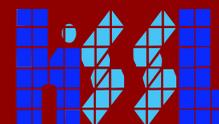
Vinya S. Ariyaratne, M.D., M.P.H., MSc. (Comm. Med.), M.D. (Comm. Med.), is the General Secretary of the Lanka Jatika Sarvodaya Shramadana Sangamaya. Trained in medicine, with two doctorates from the De La Salle University, Philippines and University of Colombo, he is best known for his community work, leading Sarvodaya, the largest community-based organization in Sri Lanka for the past decade. Ariyaratne was directly involved in developing Sarvodaya's "Suwadana Center" Comprehensive Community Health Program. He will discuss Sarvodaya's expected state of health in the communities through a holistic approach and how eHealth can be leveraged in complementing these initiatives.



Gordon Gow, PhD, is an Associate Professor in Communication and Technology at the University of Alberta. His teaching and research examines the impact of new communication technology on public health and safety. His areas of expertise include mobile and wireless communications, telecommunications policy, Internet and social media. Dr. Gow is also director of the MARS micro-lab (Mobile Applications for Research Support) at the University of Alberta. He will discuss the social and institutional barriers to adopting eHealth, emphasize the sustainability challenge of ICT based public goods, and outline some of the prospects for a social media strategy in eHealth.



Jayantha Weerasinghe, B.D.S., M.S., PhD, affiliated with the Faculty of Dental Sciences, University of Peradeniya, Sri Lanka, is a Professor and Consultant-Surgeon in Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery. His current research interests are in adopting e-Learning methods for Dentistry and has extensive research experience in e-Health Telemedicine with Saga University Japan. Currently, Prof Weerasinghe is a member of the specialty Board in Biomedical Informatics and also the President-Elect of the Health Informatics Society of Sri Lanka. He will discuss the utility and shortcomings of dedicated telemedicine software when used in surgical operations based on research evidence.



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