

Student Poster Contest



Paul Fisher and Larry Keith

Yun Zhi Zhan ('03) is a graduate student at the University of Calgary majoring in health research. She won first prize for her poster "Information Technology Support for Shared Care Model of Home Care in Chronic Disease Management."

Second prize was awarded to Sihong Huang, a graduate student in our Distributed Stream MSc program, for her poster "A Regional Palliative Service Reporting System at Vancouver Island."

"Methodologic Issues in Health Informatics Trials – Today's Decisions for Tomorrow's Improvements" by Ivan Shcherbatykh of McMaster University received third prize. All three students received a complimentary full registration for the conference (value \$550) plus prizes of \$500, \$300 and \$200 respectively.

The three judges were Paul Fisher (Brazil), Don Juzwishin (Edmonton) and Larry Keith (BC Ministry of Health). They were so impressed with all the posters that after the judging they sequestered themselves for over two hours to debate the merits of each before they came to their final decision.

Workshops

Scott Robertson ('00) ensured the conference got off to a good start by organizing six half day pre-conference workshops. One of the most popular was "EMR Toolkit: Tools for Implementing Electronic Medical Records in Multi-Disciplinary Primary Health Care Settings", presented by Rosemary Gray ('95) and Marty McLeod ('96).

A Quick Overview

Four concurrent tracks ran each of the three days. The papers were presented on topics as diverse as "A Public Health Care Information System for Guyana" to "Development of Measures of Health Literacy for Canadian Schools."



HINF students, alumni and faculty were well represented at the conference. Elizabeth Borycki presented a workshop and two papers and was a member of the panel "Ensuring the Safety of Healthcare Information Systems".

In addition to chairing the conference, Andre Kushniruk presented a workshop and two papers and was a member of the panel "Ensuring the Safety of Healthcare Information Systems."



Andre Kushniruk

Denis Protti presented his paper "A Comparison of Information Technology in General Practice in Ten Countries" on the Friday, and was a member of the panel "Implementation of Electronic Health Records: Issues and Challenges" on Sunday.

The complete conference final program can be found at <http://hinf.uvic.ca/itch/Program/index.htm>

Graduate students John Copen and Mowafa Househ each presented a paper. John also assisted Karim Keshavjee with his workshop.

Craig Kuziemsy (PhD '06) presented two papers, one with Mary Ellen Purkis, while fellow PhD graduate Stefan Pantazi ('06) flew back from Kitchener to present his paper.



Craig Kuziemsy (standing)

Adjuncts Ellen Balka, Paul Fisher, Marilynne Hebert, Jens Jahnke, Malcolm Maclure, Jim McDaniel, Yuri Quintana, and Tom Rosenal all presented papers. The Times Colonist newspaper even ran a story about Yuri's presentation.



Yuri Quintana

HINF alumni John Bartle-Clar ('01), Rosemary Gray ('95), Jim McDaniel (PhD '94), Marty McLeod ('96) and Scott Robertson ('00) were all members of the Conference Steering Committee. Kathleen Jones ('06), Katie Mackle ('05), John Waldron ('01) and Yun Zhi Zhan ('03) presented papers. Katie and John also staffed the Courtyard Group exhibit booth. Jill Strachan ('91) was in attendance with the CIHI exhibit booth and Alicia Campbell ('02) did the honors at the Wolf Medical Systems booth.



Katie Mackle ('05)

HINF students were volunteers for the conference assisting with the registration desk, technical problems, and running errands. They were easy to spot in tee shirts donated by IBM.



Student volunteer, Shujin Wang

Seen Around and About



Rosemary Gray, Scott Robertson and Don Juzwishin



Paul Fisher



Marilynne Hebert



Andre Kushniruk and Richard Alvarez



John Bartle-Clar ('01) and Karim Keshavjee



Mark Marquette ('00)



Francis Ho and Mowafa Househ

THEN AND NOW

In 1982, the University calendar listed Denis Protti as Professor and Director of the School of Health Information Science, with a Community Advisory Committee consisting of Mrs. C. Grierson, GF Strong Rehabilitation Centre; Mrs. L. King, Victoria General Hospital; Mrs. L. Lambert, Riverview Hospital; and, Dr. K. Thornton, Royal Jubilee Hospital.

In 2007, we have 6 full-time faculty, 1 professor emeritus, 27 adjunct faculty, 1 co-op coordinator, 1 senior laboratory instructor and four office staff.

The first School brochure boasted that:
“The University of Victoria offers an extensive range of computing services. The main computing facility includes a DEC VAX 11/780 and dual IBM 4331’s.”

Today students have access to a range of computer resources that include the Student Computing Facilities located in the Human and Social Development building, Business and Economics building, and Clearihue building. These facilities combined have over 500 PC workstations running Windows XP, and over 100 Macintosh workstations running OS X, and offer black and white printers, colour printers, scanners, photocopiers and other resources.

25 Year Celebration



To commemorate the School's 25th anniversary on February 16th, the current faculty and staff of the School of Health Information Science were joined by alumni, students, adjuncts and special supporters of the school. To make it a very special evening we reserved the entire Maritime Museum of BC for the evening. Located in Bastion Square, it is a wonderful place, filled with a vast collection of maritime art, historic memorabilia, naval artifacts and exquisite ship models. It also boasts the oldest operating birdcage elevator in North America.



Gerhard Brauer, Pauline and Rudi Samoszynski

Former staff member, Rudi Samoszynski, now working for the World Health Organization (WHO) was also able to join us. Alumni came from as far away as New York City (John Waldron ('01)) and St. John's, Newfoundland (James Ayles ('02)).

As the 25th celebration was held in conjunction with the ITCH 2007 conference, we were honoured to have all three keynote speakers join us (Edward Shortliffe, Columbia University; Richard Alvarez, President and CEO, Canada Health Infoway; and, Steven Huesing, Executive Director, International Medical Informatics Association) along Jim Anderson from Purdue University, Indiana and Yuri Quintana from St. Jude's Children's Research Hospital in Memphis, Tennessee.



Jochen Moehr and Gerrit Clements



Denis Protti, Gerhard Brauer and Leslie Wood



Steven Huesing and Jeff Barnett



Jason Bond



Jean Grant, Debbie Robertson, Leslie Wood, Angie Francis and Chris Anglin



Jean Grant ('96)



Don Juzwishin and Elizabeth Borycki



Richard Alvarez, Pat Protti and Steven Huesing



Jim Anderson and Don Juzwishin



Angie Francis, Dave Hutchinson and Debbie Robertson



Gerry Bliss ('87) and Denis Protti



Fraser Hacking ('05), Alicia Brazier ('05), Alan Schyf ('98) and Monica Balicki ('05)