Call for participation - IS4ALL Focus Group

Information Society for All (IS4ALL)
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Background

IS4ALL (Information Society for All) is an EC-funded Thematic Network (Working Group) aiming to advance the principles and practice of Universal Access in Information Society Technologies, by establishing a wide, interdisciplinary and closely collaborating network of experts to provide the European IT&T industry in general, and Health Telematics in particular, with a comprehensive code of practice on how to appropriate the benefits of universal design. The IS4ALL Working Group is co-ordinated by ICS-FORTH (GR), and the members are: MS-HUGe (B), EHTEL (B), CNR-IROE (I), GMD (D), INRIA (F) and FhG-IAO (D). The specific technological / scientific objectives to be attained by IS4ALL can be summarised as follows:

?? Consolidate existing knowledge on Universal Access in the context of Information Society Technologies, which is currently dispersed across different international sites and actors, into a comprehensive code of design practice.

?? Translate the consolidated wisdom to concrete recommendations for emerging technologies (e.g., emerging desktop and mobile platforms) in a critical application domain, which is Healthcare Telematics.

?? Demonstrate the validity and applicability of the recommendations in the context of concrete scenarios drawn from an experimental regional Healthcare Telematics network.

?? Promote the Universal Access principles and practice in Healthcare Telematics through a mix of outreach activities which include seminars and participation in major international conferences, concertation meetings, and project clustering events.

Objective

As part of its on-going data collection and dissemination strategy, IS4ALL will organize several seminars in order to raise awareness and consensus on the prospects of universal design in IST in general and the Healthcare sector in particular. In preparation for the first project seminar (scheduled for October 18, Rotterdam, in co-operation with the EHTEL Conference), IS4ALL runs Focus Groups. An IS4ALL Focus group is a half-day, by invitation only, interactive event including (a) presentation of the project's aims and objectives and (b) feedback from the invited audience. The first IS4ALL Focus Group will seek to collect additional information on universal access methods, techniques and tools by bring together knowledgeable professionals willing to actively contribute to the project's data collection and consolidation phases.

Venue

The first IS4ALL Focus Group will take place on 6 August 2001, under the auspices of the HCI International'2001 and UAHCI'2001 Conferences.

Agenda

09.00 – 09.10   Welcome by Project co-ordinator

09.10 – 09.30   Project overview by Project co-ordinator

                            Project aims and objectives

                            Partnership

                            Organisation and structure

	Expected results
09.30 – 10.30	Approach and methodology
	Technical work programme and state of the art
10.30 – 11.00	Coffee break
11.00 – 13.00	Discussion
	Invited participants to provide feedback and respond on how they could contribute to the project's data collection exercise