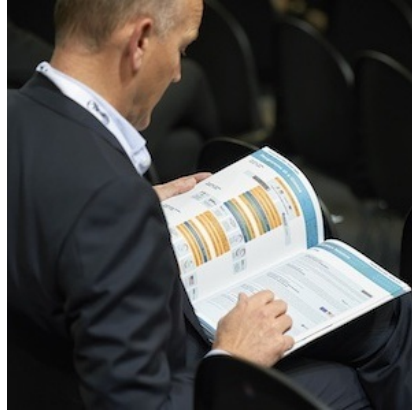




eHealth Week 2016 Speakers Announced



The Dutch Ministry of Health, Welfare and Sport, the European Commission and HIMSS Europe announced the first confirmed speakers who will be presenting at eHealth Week.

Edith Schippers (Dutch Minister of Health, Welfare and Sport), Martin van Rijn (State Secretary of Health, Welfare and Sport), Vytenis Andriukaitis (Commissioner Health and Food Safety), Jeroen Tas (CEO Connected Care & Health Informatics, Philips) and Daan Dohmen (CEO Focus Cura) will be the keynote speakers.

eHealth Week, now in its sixth edition, will address key topics around the development of eHealth in Europe during several educational sessions, with a particular focus on the increasingly important role of the patient.

Three themes - *Empowering People, Trusts and Standards* and *Social Innovation and Transition* - will dominate at this year's congress.

Telemedicine and eMental Health Amongst the Most Anticipated Sessions

Mental health is one of the biggest health challenges of the century worldwide. The World Health Organization even predicts that by 2020 depression will be the second leading contributor to the global burden of disease across all ages. During the eMental Health session at eHealth Week, a focus will be placed on the online prevention and treatment for enhancement of care mental conditions. Speakers for this session include Katherine Martin Albello, Head of Programme I.COM at Trimbos Institute and Isabela Granic, Professor in Psychopathology at the renowned Radboud University Medical Centre.

In addition, speakers taking part in the 'Telemedicine: connecting primary and secondary care' session will be showcasing the major developments and the latest techniques for telemedicine.

Shared Decision Making: Changing the Relationship Between Health Professionals and Patients

eHealth Week will also focus on how Shared Decision Making (SDM) -a collaborative process that allows patients and their providers to make healthcare decisions together- can be supported to empower patients and enhance the relationship between the patient and the provider.

"The diversity of topics and themes that will be covered at eHealth Week this year in Amsterdam will ensure that every single person attending will take many valuable learnings home with them, many of which they can apply the very next day. Our outstanding speakers will provide fruitful and insightful discussions at every level, which will significantly contribute to the betterment of healthcare through IT amongst our countries," said Christina Roosen, Vice-President of Public Affairs at HIMSS Europe.

eHealth Week 2016 is the leading eHealth event in Europe. It will be organised in Amsterdam on 8-10 June 2016, following the Dutch Presidency of the European Council (1 January - 30 June, 2016). The event is organised by the European Commission, the Dutch Ministry of Health and the Dutch Presidency of the Council of the European Union and HIMSS Europe. During eHealth Week 2016, over 2,000 international experts in IT and healthcare, public institutions, professional and patient organisations will be welcomed.

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