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## The Balkans

## The Balkans Telemedicine Programme Receives 21st Century Achievement Award by Computerworld

The Balkans Telemedicine Programme, developed by the not-for-profit organisation International Virtual e- Hospital (IVeH) Foundation (<a href="www.iveh.org">www.iveh.org</a>), received the 21st Century Achievement Award in the Health Category by Computerworld in June 2011 in Washington DC. This award was presented to IVeH for developing and implementing telemedicine in the Balkans and other countries.

Dr. Rifat Latifi, president, accepted this award on behalf of IVeH. The IVeH began this development in Kosova and Albania and is now spreading throughout the region. IVeH's Initiate-, Build-, Operate- and Transfer- strategy serves as a model for telemedicine in developing countries. The Health Category recognises organisations for their innovative use of information technology to conduct research; develop new diagnostic or treatment methods and services; improve the safety and quality of patient care; or improve access to, or the affordability of, healthcare.

For more information on the Computerworld Awards, please visit:

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