**Call for Papers on ICCMIT 2015:**

**“Cross border telemedicine”**

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**Objective and Motivation**

Telemedicine refers to health and medical services performed using Information and Communication Technologies (ICT). Telemedicine becomes cross-border if the patient or the health care provider using or delivering telemedicine services are residing in different countries. Cross border telemedicine presents opportunities for the health systems but poses additional technical, legal, economic, ethical and cultural challenges. Few cross-border telemedicine initiatives were launched within the borders of the European Union as well as in other parts of the world. Some other cross border telemedicine initiatives concern medical staff shortage, medical tourism, migrants, patients using facilities in border regions, or availability of high specialized health care in another country.

**Scope and Interests**

The practice of telemedicine raises the question of the place of delivery of the service. For a national exercise, the difficulty is minor but it is more complicated when it is a cross-border one as countries present number of differences in legislation, implementation, technology, planning and terminology. Technical issues related to cross border telemedicine share number of similar issues as with “within countries” telemedicine, including infrastructure, interoperability, standards and ontology. Connectivity across territories, security of the network, efficiency of telemedicine applications are additional concerns. The main purpose of this workshop was to draw attention to some of the legal and technical matters we see as especially important at present and in the future. Challenges/issues in cross border telemedicine need to be addressed. The topics may include, but not limited to, the following:

* Technical issues of cross border telemedicine
* Interoperability, Standards and ontology in cross border telemedicine
* Legal issues in cross border telemedicine
* Success stories in cross border telemedicine
* Cross border telemedicine in developing countries
* Transatlantic Cross border telemedicine
* Developing cross-border mhealth solutions
* Cross border telemedicine and medical tourism/tourism
* Cross border telemedicine within the EU
* Cross border telemedicine with the international spaces (marine and air)
* Cross border teleradiology
* Financial and Economic issues related to cross border telemedicine
* Ethical issues in Cross border telemedicine
* Online Cross-border initiatives in healthcare services
* Cross border telemedicine and eCommerce
* Cross-Border Medical Care and Telemedicine
* Cloud for cross border telemedicine

**Paper Submission Important Dates**

###### All instructions and templates for submission can be found in the ICCMIT 2015 web site: <http://www.iccmit.net/>. Please, contact the special session organizers if you are planning to submit any paper.

###### Paper submission: until February 28, 2015 Notification of acceptance: March 7, 2015 Final paper submission and authors camera ready: March 15, 2015 Conference Dates: April 20-22, 2015