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**Linked2Safety Clinical Research and Patients Safety Special Interest Group Workshop
November 13th 2012, Larnaca, Cyprus**

Dear colleagues,

We wish to cordially invite you to the inaugural Linked2Safety Clinical Research and Patients Safety Special Interest Group Workshop, which is held in Larnaca on November 13th 2012. The Workshop is organised as a satellite event of the International Conference on Bioinformatics and BioEngineering (BIBE 2012, <http://bibe2012.cs.ucy.ac.cy/>).

Linked2Safety is an EU-funded project with 11 partners. It started in October 2011 with a vision to support clinical and medical research and ensure and empower patients' safety and improve the quality of healthcare. It aims to advance clinical practice and accelerate medical research by providing pharmaceutical companies, healthcare professionals and patients with a secure semantic framework that facilitates the efficient and homogenized access to anonymised distributed electronic health records (EHRs). The framework will enable integration of clinical care information in EHR with information in clinical trial systems, which will facilitate the early detection of patients' safety issues, the identification of adverse events and the identification of a suitable critical mass of patients to participate in small (Phases II and III) or larger scale (Phase IV) clinical trials.

The project has established an interdisciplinary Special Interest Group (SIG) of stakeholders who are interested in aims and outcomes of the project, in particular in using (and influencing) the proposed infrastructure for designing and operating clinical trials. The SIG is open to clinical research experts and scientists, hospitals, research institutes, universities, pharmaceutical companies, healthcare organizations and individuals (citizens). [See <http://www.linked2safety-project.eu/sig> for details]

The 1st SIG workshop will be both an opportunity to learn of the challenges and solutions developed in the first year of the project and to provide feedback and insight into the on-going activities, in particular on the data infrastructure developed with the project. In addition, the workshop will provide a venue for networking and ideas exchange. The workshop agenda is as follows:

16:00-16:20	Linked2Safety overview: a next-generation, secure linked data medical information space for semantically-interconnecting electronic health records and clinical trials systems
16:20-16:50	Linked2Safety architecture
16:50-17:00	Linked2Safety surveys on current practice in health data access
17:00-17:45	Round table discussion/feedback on the Linked2Safety data infrastructure
17:45-18:00	Consolidating ideas, next steps and potential collaboration

We look forward to meeting you at the Workshop.

Best regards,
Linked2Safety partners