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## WELCOME ... TO EHTEL.

EHTEL (European Health Telematics Association) is a neutral, not-for-profit association of all healthcare actors, for the promotion of telematics solutions in healthcare across Europe.

### AGENDA

Date	Event	Location	Contact
27-30 Apr	American Telemedicine Association 2003 Meeting	Orlando, FL, USA	<a href="http://www.americantelemed.org/conf/annualmeet.htm">www.americantelemed.org/conf/annualmeet.htm</a>
6-7 May	Hospital World 2003	Berlin, Germany	<a href="http://www.mcc-seminare.de/kongresse/hospitalworld2003/english.html">www.mcc-seminare.de/kongresse/hospitalworld2003/english.html</a>
5-9 May	Intl. Symposium on Hand-Held Devices for Healthcare	Rome, Italy	<a href="http://www.mobi-dev.arakne.it/symposium/symposium.htm">http://www.mobi-dev.arakne.it/symposium/symposium.htm</a>
EHTEL workshop: "TransBorder Healthcare Provision in the EU" (21 May, Brussels, Belgium) postponed.			
<b>22- 23 May</b>	<b>eHealth 2003 High Level Conference</b>	<b>Brussels, Belgium</b>	<a href="http://www.e-europeawards.org">www.e-europeawards.org</a>
5-6 June	EHTEL ELO meeting	Hamburg, Germany	contact <a href="mailto:celine@ehtel.org">celine@ehtel.org</a>
18-21 June	WONCA Europe 2003	Ljubljana, Slovenia	<a href="http://www.woncaeurope2003.org/">www.woncaeurope2003.org/</a>
25-28 June	CARS 2003	London, UK	<a href="http://www.cars-int.de/">www.cars-int.de/</a>
26-27 June	Electronic healthcare, eMedicine or State & Perspectives of Healthcare in the	Mytilène, Lesbos, Greece	<a href="http://www.sfes.fed-eco.org/colloques/2003_Mytilene/index.asp">http://www.sfes.fed-eco.org/colloques/2003_Mytilene/index.asp</a>

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11-13 July	1st Intl. Conf. on ICT in Health	Samos Island, Greece	<a href="http://www.ineag.gr/icicth">www.ineag.gr/icicth</a>
1-4 Oct	EHFG: "Health and Wealth"	Bad Gastein, Austria	<a href="http://www.ehfg.org">www.ehfg.org</a>
21-23 Oct	eHealth 2003: Integrated Healthcare	Dresden, Germany	<a href="http://atg.gvg-koeln.de">http://atg.gvg-koeln.de</a>
<b>24 Oct</b>	<b>EHTEL AGM</b>	<b>Dresden, Germany</b>	<b>Annual General Meeting of the Members of the EHTEL Association</b>
26-28 Nov	Intl. Social Security Assoc. Conf.	Limassol, Cyprus	<a href="http://www.issa.int">www.issa.int</a>
4-5 Dec	.be Health Telematics: Symposium	Brussels, Belgium	<a href="http://www.health.fgov.be/telematics/symposium/index.html">www.health.fgov.be/telematics/symposium/ index.html</a>

Please also see the [What's New](#) section for more details on the above events.

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## WHAT'S NEW?

### Note to all EHTEL Members: AGM will be held in Dresden, 24 October 2003

Céline van Doosselaere,

### **MARK YOUR CALENDARS!**

**The next EHTEL AGM will be held on Friday 24 October, in Dresden, Germany, following the eHealth 2003 Congress + international day.**

### eEurope Awards for eHealth: 22-23 May 2003, Brussels, Belgium

Céline van Doosselaere,

The eEurope Awards for eHealth are to be presented at the "[eHealth 2003: ICT for Health](#)" - High Level Conference on eHealth, to be held in Brussels, 22-23 May 2003.

The Commission will organise, in collaboration with the Greek Presidency, a high-level conference on eHealth in Brussels, Belgium, on 22-23 May 2003. The "eHealth 2003: ICT for Health" Conference will bring together European ministers and senior policy makers both from the telecom and health sectors. The objective of this event is to disseminate information on best practices in eHealth and to promote the adoption of eHealth applications across Europe.

### eEUROPE AWARDS FOR eHEALTH CALL FOR APPLICATIONS

### eEurope Awards for eHealth: Press Release "Delivering better healthcare: EU to showcase 33 "best practices" based on IT and communications

## **technology"**

Céline van Doosselaere,

### **Press Release of 24 March 2003**

33 healthcare applications representing "the best of Europe" have been selected for exhibition at the EU's 22-23 May Ministerial Conference eHealth 2003: ICT for health. Ministers responsible for health and for telecommunications from 28 countries will attend the conference to discuss how technology can assist in delivering better and more cost-effective healthcare. The exhibition in the conference centre will show Ministers practical examples of best practices already being implemented in Europe. The 33 exhibits were selected by a panel of independent experts from 179 applications received. Local, regional and national health organisations from 13 Member States, from 5 Accession Countries and from Norway are represented in the exhibition. A full list is published on the eEurope Awards Website given below. The conference will culminate with a Ministerial declaration, and the presentation of eEurope Awards to the best of the exhibitors.

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### **eEurope Awards for eHealth: 33 eHealth Applications To Be Demonstrated**

Céline van Doosselaere,

#### **eHealth Evaluation Results**

The first phase of the evaluation of the applications for the 2003 eEurope Awards for eHealth has now been completed. The results will be sent to the respective applicants by 21 March 2003.

This first phase took place in Brussels on 5-7 March 2003 with a view to selecting applications to be exhibited at the High-Level eHealth Conference in Brussels on 22-23 May 2003.

A total of 179 applications for the 2003 eHealth Awards were received, each of which was evaluated by a minimum of three expert evaluators. The sole purpose of this evaluation was to identify those eHealth applications which best serve the objectives of the 2003 eHealth Conference, i.e. are most suitable for demonstration at this event. Therefore the results of this selection have no merit other than for the purpose for which the evaluation was conducted. The inclusion or exclusion of the proposal as a result of the evaluation does not constitute an assessment of the eHealth application itself by the European Institute of Public Administration, the European Commission, the evaluators or any other organisation or persons involved in the Conference, the exhibition or the Awards. The final selection of Awards winners will be made at the abovementioned Conference.

#### **33 eHealth applications to be demonstrated**

### **The European Convention: Working Group XI on building a Social Europe**

Céline van Doosselaere,

The [Convention](#) has begun its work on drafting the Articles of a Constitutional Treaty for the European Union, of which a first draft has been published on 6 February ([Articles 1-16](#)).

The discussions have only just begun...

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