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This document contains an overview of the dissemination activities carried out by the Heartfaid consortium along the first year of the project. In particular, a detailed description of the specific dissemination activities performed by each partner is given.

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Executive Summary

In this deliverable we detail the most relevant issues related to the activities carried out during the first reporting period, concerning the dissemination of the knowledge “extracted” from the overall activities of HEARTFAID project.

The deliverable provides a general overview of the horizontal dissemination activities and dissemination to the general public. Moreover, the specific dissemination activities carried out by each partners have been extensively presented

The contents of the document are organized as follows. After the introduction, in which the dissemination guidelines (reported in the deliverable D6) have been briefly described, the section 2 presents the general dissemination activities carried out by the whole consortium.

The section 3 contributes for almost all the document and regards the specific dissemination activities carried out by each partner. In fact, for each partner, after a brief introduction on the most important activities carried out and the indication of some future activities, details are given in the form of table, by which it is possible to summarize, in a “synoptic” way, all the specific types of dissemination activities performed.



1 Introduction

The HEARTFAID consortium is carrying out dissemination activities which will be developed and upgraded along the entire duration of the project. These activities concern the wide diffusion and distribution of knowledge and information related to the project and to the establishment of a close cooperation with potential end-users, the scientific community and professional organizations. The consortium is trying to balance the need of a capillary diffusion of the information that can better be done using individual efforts by all the partners with the provision of a uniform image of the consortium itself.

According to the early plan for using and disseminating knowledge (deliverable D6), the dissemination activities have been mainly organized on the basis of the following items:

- The members of the HEARTFAID consortium have raised awareness of their own project but have also actively participated in activities that have raised the profile of the HEARTFAID initiative in general. The partners have collaborated and cooperated amongst each other, and also have participated in some “clustering” activities, e.g. workshops or joint review meetings.
- A project website has been created and it will be maintained during the project period and beyond it in order to inform the public worldwide about the aims and the main results of the HEARTFAID project. Public deliverables are making available on the web site.
- Dissemination activities beyond the consortium: publications, conferences, workshops and web-based activities aiming at disseminating the knowledge and technology produced.
- The project is promoting both the coordinated publication in research journals as well as in sector oriented magazines.
- Each partner is operating its own dissemination activity as well using its web site and its dissemination channels mainly on a geographical base.
- As it is already established in the Project Handbook, if the Work Package Leaders Group has agreed a Project Deliverable to be available to the public, any partner may publish information included in such Project Deliverable without any notifications to the other partners and without any other partners’ consent. At this stage of the project, publishable results are coming from the following deliverables:
 - WP1: D5 and D8.
 - WP2: D14.
 - WP3: D11.
 - WP5: D15.



2 Consortium Dissemination Activities in the First Reporting Period

2.1 Dissemination to the General Public

Raising public participation and awareness is a strategic activity of the whole project, which is involving all the partners.

In order to create a wider project awareness impact, the main objectives of raising public participation and awareness are the effective involvement of all relevant intermediaries, actors and stakeholders, with particular attention to European regional governmental bodies, health care professional associations, patient associations and Higher Education institutions.

With the contribution of all the partners, an inner circle of User Interest Groups made of healthcare organizations and institutions from the 5 countries of the consortium is going to be established.

In the different countries, a larger circle of a User Interest Group will also be established, to publicise by seminars in each country the project to a wider audience of healthcare institutions. The involvement and interaction with end-users health care organizations will encourage further experimentation and clinical validation of the developed systems, services and tools.

Strong interactions is going to be established also with the interested intermediary organisations (European regional governmental bodies, healthcare professional associations and patient associations), by holding, in cooperation, seminars, workshops and press conferences.

Particular attention has been devoted to the interaction with European higher education institutions (i.e. Universities and Colleges), with the end to disseminate the innovative results of HEARTFAID to young student at several grade levels (bachelor, master and PhD).

Suitable connections and agreements is going to be established with Schools of Medicine, Faculties of Biology and Faculties of Engineering, by organizing specific initiatives, based, for instances, on e-learning and face-to-face short courses (to this end, an “E-learning Area” of the project web site will be developed).

Also secondary education institutions, at European level, will be involved by disclosing events which could improve the awareness of young people on the broad matter of information technologies in medicine and health care delivery.

Especially at the launch of the project, but also during its run, particular attention has been paid to the issue of press releases, in order to give wide public resonance to the overall project’s activities.

Finally, additional material is going to be developed during the project’s lifetime like fact sheets, leaflets, press releases, web links and articles, etc. and this will further contribute to the dissemination activities.



2.2 Horizontal Activities

This section identifies current and potential future horizontal activities of the HEARTFAID project. This includes joint work with other projects as well as further co-operations and exchange activities. Moreover, the participation to concertation and clustering activities organized by EU Commission has been taken into account.

From the beginning of the project, it became obvious that there are many projects and initiatives with which a co-operation should in principle be possible. HEARTFAID is generally open to all these co-operation activities. However, mainly because of resource issues, each co-operation opportunity needs to be evaluated carefully, considering resource requirements, mutual benefits and synergies, and time lines of the different activities.

The HEARTFAID partners have agreed on a process within the consortium to handle these co-operation activities. The key points are:

- A free exchange of overview information with any other activity that shows interest in HEARTFAID (or, with activities to which HEARTFAID partners would like to set-up a contact).
- In case that there is mutual interest and certain activities or potential working areas are defined, the consortium will agree on whether HEARTFAID shall engage in this co-operation.
- If the consortium supports such an activity, a responsible contact person (“liaison officer”) will be appointed, representing HEARTFAID and acting as key interface to the other project.
- The definition of co-operation details, including topic areas and formal steps that might be required, will be defined on a case-by-case basis.

At this stage of the project, some potential links to other European projects have been identified. In fact, very interesting relationships are going to be established with the following FP6 projects:

- MYHEART (IST-2002-507816): MyHeart mission is to empower citizens to fight cardio-vascular diseases by preventive life style and early diagnosis. This is achieved by a continuous monitoring of the vital signs of the individual. The approach is therefore to integrate system solutions into functional clothes with integrated textile sensors.
- ACGT (IST-2004-026996): the project is developing a biomedical GRID infrastructure supporting seamless mediation services for sharing clinical and genomic expertise for diagnosis and treatment of cancer. The development of a knowledge GRID infrastructure for the distributed mining and knowledge extraction from data repository is one of the key issue of the project.

The overall activities of HEARTFAID project could take into account, extend and integrate, in a suitable way, the results of the above mentioned projects.



During the first year of activities, HEARTFAID participated to all the relevant concertation and clustering activities organized by the EC. Moreover, particular attention has been devoted to the participation to IST events (conference, workshop, exhibition) held during the 2006.

3 Individual Dissemination Activities

3.1 Dissemination Activities of UNICAL

The HEARTFAID's research activities of the partner UNICAL is mainly facing by the Department of Electronics, Informatics and Systems (DEIS) within the Research Laboratory on DECISION ENGINEERING FOR HEALTH CARE DELIVERY (*de_Health Lab*), whose scientific responsible is Prof. Domenico Conforti.

The *de_Health Lab* is currently working on developing models, methods and techniques for the support of decision making in health care. This activity is doing in collaboration with several health care institutions. In particular, the overall activity covers two broad research items: the development of Knowledge based Decision Support Systems for medical diagnosis, prognosis and therapy; the development of quantitative models and methods for the Health Care Management.

The specific dissemination activities, which are currently carrying out by UNICAL, are the following:

- As HEARTFAID coordinator, interaction and collaboration with other EU projects.
- Participation to concertation and clustering meeting and IST events.
- Dissemination of HEARTFAID results and methodologies within the world wide scientific community of Operations Research and Management Science.
- Publication of HEARTFAID methodological results on international journals of Operations Research and Management Science.
- Transferring of HEARTFAID methodological results to undergraduate, graduate and PhD courses.
- Transferring of HEARTFAID results to the health care operators involved in the relevant medical domain.
- Development, within the Project Web Site, of an e-Learning platform for dissemination to the general public and long-life learning.



UNICAL Overview Table

Dates and Place	Event	Type	Type and Size of Audience	Countries addressed	Partner responsible /involved
02/02/06 Lucerne (CH)	Concertation Workshop of IST projects	Conference	Coordinators of related EU projects. About 15 people	EU	UNICAL
02/02/06 Lucerne (CH)	Consultation Workshop on PHS	Conference	Research. About 50 people	EU	UNICAL
23- 24/02/06 Cosenza (IT)	Heartfaid Kick-Off Meeting	Press release (press/radio/ TV)	General public	Italy	UNICAL
23- 24/02/06 Cosenza (IT)	Heartfaid Kick-Off Meeting	Film/Video	General public	Italy	UNICAL
05/06 Rende (IT)	Establishment of the first version of Heartfaid Web Site	Project Web- site	General public	All over the World	UNICAL
07/06/06 The Hague (NL)	Int Council for Medical Care and Compunetics (ICMCC 2006)	Conference	Physicians, Medical Doctors, Computer Scientists, Expert in Health Care delivery. About 50 people.	All over the World	UNICAL
07/06/06	Contribution to: L. Bos, L. Roa, K. Yogesan, B. O'Connell, A. Marsh, B. Blobel, eds., Medical and Care Compunetics 3, pp. 108 – 125, IOSPress, Amsterdam, 2006.	Publication	General public and research	All over the World	UNICAL
29- 30/06/06 Brussels (BE)	ICT for Biomedical Sciences 2006	Conference	Project coordinators. Professional related to EU projects.	All over the World	UNICAL



Dates and Place	Event	Type	Type and Size of Audience	Countries addressed	Partner responsible /involved
			<i>About 200 people.</i>		
<i>10-20/07/06 Erice (IT)</i>	<i>Int. Workshop "Mathematics and Medical Diagnosis"</i>	<i>Conference</i>	<i>Research</i>	<i>All over the World</i>	<i>UNICAL</i>
<i>Oct 06</i>	<i>Contribution to: The Journal of Information Technology in Health Care 4(5)(2006) 283-300</i>	<i>Publication</i>	<i>General public and research</i>	<i>All over the World</i>	<i>UNICAL</i>
<i>Oct 06</i>	<i>Contribution to: IEEE EMBS Int. Special Topic Conf. on Information Technology in Biomedicine, Ioannina (Greece).</i>	<i>Publication</i>	<i>General public and resarch</i>	<i>All over the World</i>	<i>UNICAL</i>
<i>15/01/07</i>	<i>Heart Failure 2007</i>	<i>Conference Abstract submission</i>	<i>Research</i>	<i>All over the World</i>	<i>UNICAL</i>

3.2 Dissemination Activities of UNICZ

Concerning the contribution of UNICZ and in particular of Cardiovascular Disease Unit to dissemination of HEARTFAID, we have presented HEARTFAID approaches and methods at the following meetings:

- national meeting of Italian Society of Internal Medicine (2006)
- national meeting of Italian Society of Cardiology (2006)
- national meeting of ANCE (National Association of Not-Hospital Cardiologists) (2006).

HEARTFAID results will be presented in the same meetings in 2007 and 2008.

Moreover we are going to organize some sessions also in meetings organized by the same Cardiovascular Disease Unit so as "The Magna Græcia Meeting", "Cardiovascular Prevention Days", and others in which are involved both local and national participants.

In addition Cardiovascular Disease Unit typically organizes forums and round tables to discuss about clinical and research topics. In this context we are going to insert the information about HEARTFAID methods and results, to bring the knowledge above all to young people.



About the publications of HEARTFAID scientific topics, all the scientific activity which has been developed in WP1 could lead to original contributions, which could be submitted to some important international clinical journals as Circulation, European Heart Journal, etc.

UNICZ Overview Table

Dates and Place	Event	Type	Type and Size of Audience	Countries addressed	Partner responsible /involved
07/06/06	<i>Contribution to: L. Bos, L. Roa, K. Yogesan, B. O'Connell, A. Marsh, B. Blobel, eds., Medical and Care Compunetics 3, pp. 108 – 125, IOSPress, Amsterdam, 2006.</i>	<i>Publication</i>	<i>General public and research</i>	<i>All over the World</i>	<i>UNICZ</i>
Oct 06	<i>Contribution to: The Journal of Information Technology in Health Care 4(5)(2006) 283-300</i>	<i>Publication</i>	<i>General public and research</i>	<i>All over the World</i>	<i>UNICZ</i>
Oct 06	<i>Contribution to: IEEE EMBS Int. Special Topic Conf. on Information Technology in Biomedicine, Ioannina (Greece).</i>	<i>Publication</i>	<i>General public and research</i>	<i>All over the World</i>	<i>UNICZ</i>
15/01/07	<i>Heart Failure 2007</i>	<i>Conference Abstract submission</i>	<i>Research</i>	<i>All over the World</i>	<i>UNICZ</i>
Jan 07	<i>Health Care professional associations</i>	<i>Meeting Conference</i>	<i>Cardiologists, Internal Medical Doctors</i>	<i>Italy</i>	<i>UNICZ</i>



3.3 Dissemination Activities of UNIMIB

At the moment we may foresee presentations of methods and results to future meetings of the Italian Society of Cardiology and the Italian Society of Hypertension (year 2007) and publications on the same topics as soon as sufficient and adequate material will be available. In this frame, the possibility to publish a concise version of the Deliverable N.5 on the Journal of Cardiovascular Medicine (the official Journal of the Italian Society of Cardiology) will be explored.

UNIMIB Overview Table

Dates and Place	Event	Type	Type and Size of Audience	Countries addressed	Partner responsible /involved
07/06/06	Contribution to: L. Bos, L. Roa, K. Yogesan, B. O'Connell, A. Marsh, B. Blobel, eds., Medical and Care Compunctics 3, pp. 108 – 125, IOSPress, Amsterdam, 2006.	Publication	General public and research	All over the World	UNIMIB
Oct 06	Contribution to: The Journal of Information Technology in Health Care 4(5)(2006) 283-300	Publication	General public and research	All over the World	UNIMIB
Oct 06	Contribution to: IEEE EMBS Int. Special Topic Conf. on Information Technology in Biomedicine, Ioannina (Greece).	Publication	General public and research	All over the World	UNIMIB
15/01/07	Heart Failure 2007	Conference Abstract submission	Research	All over the World	UNIMIB



3.4 Dissemination Activities of JUMC

The dissemination during the first year has been mainly characterized by internal activities, by the participation at national meetings of the Polish Cardiac Society. In terms of planned activities, JUMC may contribute to the dissemination of HEARTFAID through presenting its design and, if possible, preliminary experience or results at several scientific meetings:

- XI International Congress of Polish Cardiac Society (September 2007)
- Scientific meeting of the Section of Noninvasive Electrocardiology and Telemedicine of Polish Cardiac Society (March 2007)
- 4-th Central European Meeting on Hypertension (11-13.10.2007, Krakow)
- XI Meeting of Polish Hypertension Society (2008)
- at the scientific meeting of the Krakow Division of The Polish Cardiac Society (2007)
- at the scientific meeting of the Krakow Division of The Polish Hypertension Society (2007)
- internal meeting for the staff of I Cardiac Department of JUMC
- if possible at a national bioengineering meeting, in cooperation with JUMC Department of Bioinformatics and Telemedicine (2007)

Further dissemination activities might include publications in national journals: “Kardiologia Polska”, “Folia Cardiologica”, “Choroby Serca i Naczyń”, “Nadciśnienie Tętnicze”, “Przegląd Lekarski”.

The information on HEARTFAID has been placed on the webpages of the I Cardiac Dept. at JUMC (<http://www.cm-uj.krakow.pl/kardiologia1>) and University Hospital (<http://www.su.krakow.pl/hm/kliniki/18.htm>) websites as dissemination knowledge channels.

JUMC will also be willing to join other partners in disseminating information on HEARTFAID through international meetings and journals, in particular “European Journal of Heart Failure” and “European Journal of Prevention and Rehabilitation”.

In order to provide information on HEARTFAID also to the patients and their families, educational leaflets will be prepared on heart failure containing information on the platform design and possible applications.

JUMC Overview Table

Dates and Place	Event	Type	Type and Size of Audience	Countries addressed	Partner responsible /involved
27/03/06	<i>Polish Cardiac Society Meeting</i>	<i>Conference</i>	<i>Physicians, cardiologists, members of the Polish Cardiac Society. About 100 people</i>	<i>Poland</i>	<i>JUMC</i>



Dates and Place	Event	Type	Type and Size of Audience	Countries addressed	Partner responsible /involved
07/06/06	<i>Contribution to: L. Bos, L. Roa, K. Yogesan, B. O'Connell, A. Marsh, B. Blobel, eds., Medical and Care Compunetics 3, pp. 108 – 125, IOSPress, Amsterdam, 2006.</i>	<i>Publication</i>	<i>General public and research</i>	<i>All over the World</i>	<i>JUMC</i>
Oct 06	<i>Contribution to: The Journal of Information Technology in Health Care 4(5)(2006) 283-300</i>	<i>Publication</i>	<i>General public and research</i>	<i>All over the World</i>	<i>JUMC</i>
Oct 06	<i>Contribution to: IEEE EMBS Int. Special Topic Conf. on Information Technology in Biomedicine, Ioannina (Greece).</i>	<i>Publication</i>	<i>General public and research</i>	<i>All over the World</i>	<i>JUMC</i>
23/10/06	<i>Polish Cardiac Society Meeting</i>	<i>Conference</i>	<i>Cardiologists. About 200 people</i>	<i>Poland</i>	<i>JUMC</i>
15/01/07	<i>Heart Failure 2007</i>	<i>Conference Abstract submission</i>	<i>Research</i>	<i>All over the World</i>	<i>JUMC</i>

3.5 Dissemination Activities of VMWS

VMW Solutions Ltd has strongly promote the HEARTFAID project at the ICMCC 2006 event.

For the next future, VMW Solutions Ltd will promote the project to a number of UK events sponsored by the Department of Trade and Industry.

VMW Solutions Ltd is also arranging to include the HEARTFAID project as a chapter in a upcoming book on homecare technologies and submit a number of joint journal publications.



VMWS Overview Table

Dates and Place	Event	Type	Type and Size of Audience	Countries addressed	Partner responsible /involved
07/06/06 The Hague (NL)	<i>Int Council for Medical Care and Compunetics (ICMCC 2006)</i>	<i>Conference</i>	<i>Physicians, Medical Doctors, Computer Scientists, Expert in Health Care delivery. About 50 people.</i>	<i>All over the World</i>	VMWS
07/06/06	<i>Contribution to: L. Bos, L. Roa, K. Yogesan, B. O'Connell, A. Marsh, B. Blobel, eds., Medical and Care Compunetics 3, pp. 108 – 125, IOSPress, Amsterdam, 2006.</i>	<i>Publication</i>	<i>General public and research</i>	<i>All over the World</i>	VMWS
Oct 06	<i>Contribution to: The Journal of Information Technology in Health Care 4(5)(2006) 283-300</i>	<i>Publication</i>	<i>General public and research</i>	<i>All over the World</i>	VMWS
Oct 06	<i>Contribution to: IEEE EMBS Int. Special Topic Conf. on Information Technology in Biomedicine, Ioannina (Greece).</i>	<i>Publication</i>	<i>General public and research</i>	<i>All over the World</i>	VMWS



3.6 Dissemination Activities of FORTHNET

Information about HEARTFAID and its functionality have be placed in the company's web portal (www.forthnet.gr), through which, visitors will be able to acquire an overview idea of the project and the current results.

FORTHnet's planning on dissemination activities is focused on the presentation of HEARTFAID project development and implementation methods in the following international meetings:

- 1) BioPattern NoE (Network of Excellence) next Project Assembly meeting.
- 2) Computational Intelligence in Medicine and Healthcare (CIMED) international conference, Summer 2007, Plymouth.

FORTHNET Overview Table

Dates and Place	Event	Type	Type and Size of Audience	Countries addressed	Partner responsible /involved
07/06/06 The Hague (NL)	<i>Int Council for Medical Care and Compunetics (ICMCC 2006)</i>	<i>Conference</i>	<i>Physicians, Medical Doctors, Computer Scientists, Expert in Health Care delivery. About 50 people.</i>	<i>All over the World</i>	<i>FORTHNET</i>
07/06/06	<i>Contribution to: L. Bos, L. Roa, K. Yogesan, B. O'Connell, A. Marsh, B. Blobel, eds., Medical and Care Compunetics 3, pp. 108 – 125, IOSPress, Amsterdam, 2006.</i>	<i>Publication</i>	<i>General public and research</i>	<i>All over the World</i>	<i>FORTHNET</i>
Oct 06	<i>Contribution to: The Journal of</i>	<i>Publication</i>	<i>General public and research</i>	<i>All over the World</i>	<i>FORTHNET</i>



Dates and Place	Event	Type	Type and Size of Audience	Countries addressed	Partner responsible /involved
	<i>Information Technology in Health Care</i> 4(5)(2006) 283-300				
Oct 06	<i>Contribution to: IEEE EMBS Int. Special Topic Conf. on Information Technology in Biomedicine, Ioannina (Greece).</i>	<i>Publication</i>	<i>General public and resarch</i>	<i>All over the World</i>	<i>FORTHNET</i>

3.7 Dissemination Activities of SYNAPSIS

Synapsis is a SME operating in the field of healthcare delivery on the territory. In this context Synapsis is disseminating the goals, the advances and the results that are going to be achieved during the project lifetime, to both public and private centres, among its contacts and customers, operating in the cardiovascular field.

In particular, Synapsis, together with partner CNR, presented a paper at the “11th WORLD CONGRESS ON INTERNET IN MEDICINE”, October 13-20, 2006 concerning the design of an advanced middleware to provide decision support services with applications also in the cardiovascular field.

Moreover Synapsis is involved in other Italian and European IST project regarding eHealth and in these contexts Synapsis will disseminate the main goals and the research objectives of the project, and will compare the different experiences performed within these projects.

SYNAPSIS Overview Table

Dates and Place	Event	Type	Type and Size of Audience	Countries addressed	Partner responsible /involved
07/06/06 The Hague (NL)	<i>Int Council for Medical Care and Compunetics (ICMCC 2006)</i>	<i>Conference</i>	<i>Physicians, Medical Doctors, Computer Scientists, Expert in Health Care delivery. About 50 people.</i>	<i>All over the World</i>	<i>SYNAP</i>



Dates and Place	Event	Type	Type and Size of Audience	Countries addressed	Partner responsible /involved
07/06/06	<i>Contribution to: L. Bos, L. Roa, K. Yogesan, B. O'Connell, A. Marsh, B. Blobel, eds., Medical and Care Compunetics 3, pp. 108 – 125, IOSPress, Amsterdam, 2006.</i>	<i>Publication</i>	<i>General public and research</i>	<i>All over the World</i>	<i>SYNAP</i>
Oct 06	<i>Contribution to: The Journal of Information Technology in Health Care 4(5)(2006) 283-300</i>	<i>Publication</i>	<i>General public and research</i>	<i>All over the World</i>	<i>SYNAP</i>
Oct 06	<i>Contribution to: IEEE EMBS Int. Special Topic Conf. on Information Technology in Biomedicine, Ioannina (Greece).</i>	<i>Publication</i>	<i>General public and research</i>	<i>All over the World</i>	<i>SYNAP</i>
Oct 06	<i>Mednet 2006 11th Conf on Internet in Medicine</i>	<i>Conference</i>	<i>General public and research</i>	<i>All over the Worlds</i>	<i>SYNAP</i>

3.8 Dissemination Activities of CNR

The Institute of Information Science and Technologies (ISTI) is an institute of the Italian National Research Council (CNR). The Institute is committed to producing scientific excellence and to playing an active role in technology transfer. The domain of competence covers Information Science, related technologies and a wide range of applications.



SI (Signals & Images) is an ISTI Research Laboratory working in the fields of signal processing, image understanding and artificial vision. SI Lab (CNR henceforth) is involved in Heartfaid.

CNR is actively involved in collaborations with the academic world and in cooperative research and development programs, both national and international and is using these channels to disseminate the achievements of HEARTFAID.

Moreover, as for internal dissemination, ISTI seminars is organizing and publicizing all over the institutions in the Pisa area, thus covering a wide range of audience.

In recognition of the importance of training in today's Information Society, CNR is disseminating innovative results of HEARTFAID to the doctoral students and post-doctoral fellows that, traditionally, are involved in its research activities.

International conferences and workshops will be organized by CNR on project related topics; the International Conference on Mass Data Analysis of Images and Signals in Medicine, Biotechnology and Chemistry MDA'2007 (jointly organized by CNR and IBAI Institute) is already scheduled.

Exploiting CNR participation to MUSCLE NoE and W3C XG MMSEM and its collaborations with AIM@SHAPE NoE, horizontal dissemination activities will be carried out. In particular, these exchanges may be profitable in spreading the most adequate standard for metadata representation, access and exchange.

Finally, further visibility of HEARTFAID can be obtained by the project page on the CNR website, describing the general goals and the specific partner activity.

CNR Overview Table

Dates and Place	Event	Type	Type and Size of Audience	Countries addressed	Partner responsible /involved
07/06/06 The Hague (NL)	<i>Int Council for Medical Care and Compunetics (ICMCC 2006)</i>	<i>Conference</i>	<i>Physicians, Medical Doctors, Computer Scientists, Expert in Health Care delivery. About 50 people.</i>	<i>All over the World</i>	<i>CNR</i>
07/06/06	<i>Contribution to: L. Bos, L. Roa, K. Yogesan, B. O'Connell, A. Marsh, B. Blobel, eds., Medical and Care Compunetics 3, pp. 108 – 125, IOSPress, Amsterdam, 2006.</i>	<i>Publication</i>	<i>General public and research</i>	<i>All over the World</i>	<i>CNR</i>
13/07/06	<i>Mass Data</i>	<i>Conference</i>	<i>Computer</i>		



Dates and Place	Event	Type	Type and Size of Audience	Countries addressed	Partner responsible /involved
	<i>Analysis of Image and Signal. Leipzig (Germany)</i>		<i>scientists, Physicists, Mathematicians, Engineers. About 40 people</i>		
<i>Oct 06</i>	<i>Contribution to: The Journal of Information Technology in Health Care 4(5)(2006) 283-300</i>	<i>Publication</i>	<i>General public and research</i>	<i>All over the World</i>	<i>CNR</i>
<i>Oct 06</i>	<i>Contribution to: IEEE EMBS Int. Special Topic Conf. on Information Technology in Biomedicine, Ioannina (Greece).</i>	<i>Publication</i>	<i>General public and research</i>	<i>All over the World</i>	<i>CNR</i>
<i>Oct 06</i>	<i>Mednet 2006 11th Conf on Internet in Medicine</i>	<i>Conference</i>	<i>General public and research</i>	<i>All over the Worlds</i>	<i>CNR</i>
<i>18/11/06</i>	<i>3^o Steering Meeting (Pisa)</i>	<i>Press release (press/radio/TV)</i>	<i>General public</i>	<i>Italy</i>	<i>CNR</i>

3.9 Dissemination Activities of FORTH

FORTH has been active in dissemination activities since the beginning of the projects early publishing the relevant information about the HEARTFAID project on its web site

<http://www.ics.forth.gr/bmi/projects.jsp?projectStatus=&projectType=&mode=projectDetails&projectID=51>

The dissemination activities are continuing on a planned and opportunistic basis. FORTH's dissemination strategy is to focus separately on each stakeholder group stressing benefits and advantages from the HEARTFAID platform of services.

More specifically FORTH dissemination objectives and activities are listed below.

- Collaboration with regional governmental bodies and healthcare professional associations in Greece.
- Raise awareness about the results of HEARTFAID through a large circle of User Interest Groups.



- Organize seminars in Greece for a wide audience of healthcare institutions.
- Execution of promotion activities in FORTH's area of influence.
- Publications in major conferences.
- Participation to ITAB 2006 (Ioannina, Greece) and Computers in Cardiology (Valencia, Spain)

FORTH has participated or plans to participate in several exhibits and conferences promoting the causes and reporting progress in the HEARTFAID project. These conferences include:

- Computers in Cardiology 2007 (Duke University, North Carolina, USA)
- Computers in Cardiology 2008 (Bologna, Italy)
- European Society of Cardiology Annual Congress 2007 (Vienna, Austria)
- European Society of Cardiology Annual Congress 2008 (Munich, Germany)
- International Society of Electrocardiology Meeting 2007 (Istanbul, Turkey)

As other opportunities for publication and presentation of the HEARTFAID results arise, those will be pursued by FORTH.

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07/06/06 The Hague (NL)	<i>Int Council for Medical Care and Compunetics (ICMCC 2006)</i>	<i>Conference</i>	<i>Physicians, Medical Doctors, Computer Scientists, Expert in Health Care delivery. About 50 people.</i>	<i>All over the World</i>	<i>FORTH</i>
07/06/06	<i>Contribution to: L. Bos, L. Roa, K. Yogesan, B. O'Connell, A. Marsh, B. Blobel, eds., Medical and Care Compunetics 3, pp. 108 – 125, IOSPress,</i>	<i>Publication</i>	<i>General public and research</i>	<i>All over the World</i>	<i>FORTH</i>



Dates and Place	Event	Type	Type and Size of Audience	Countries addressed	Partner responsible /involved
	<i>Amsterdam, 2006.</i>				
<i>Sept 06</i>	<i>Computers in Cardiology. Valencia (Spain)</i>	<i>Conference</i>	<i>Physicians, Physicists, Computer Scientists</i>	<i>All over the World</i>	<i>FORTH</i>
<i>Oct 06</i>	<i>Contribution to: The Journal of Information Technology in Health Care 4(5)(2006) 283-300</i>	<i>Publication</i>	<i>General public and research</i>	<i>All over the World</i>	<i>FORTH</i>
<i>Oct 06</i>	<i>Contribution to: IEEE EMBS Int. Special Topic Conf. on Information Technology in Biomedicine, Ioannina (Greece).</i>	<i>Publication</i>	<i>General public and research</i>	<i>All over the World</i>	<i>FORTH</i>
<i>Oct 06</i>	<i>Meeting in Bioinformatics and Medical Informatics. Academy of Athens, Foundation for Biomedical Research</i>	<i>Conference</i>	<i>Research</i>	<i>Greece</i>	<i>FORTH</i>
<i>Dec 06</i>	<i>Contribution to: IEEE Trans. On Biomedical Engineering</i>	<i>Publication</i>	<i>General public and research</i>	<i>All over the World</i>	<i>FORTH</i>

3.10 Dissemination Activities of RBI

Laboratory for Information systems work is concentrated on research and applications in the fields of machine learning, knowledge discovery and knowledge representation. With respect to the work under HEARTFAID project contributions to the dissemination activity are mainly carrying out in following areas:



- Presentation of modern intelligent data warehousing solutions simultaneously supporting decision support, knowledge discovery and overall patient management under the HEARTFAID platform;
- Publication of knowledge discovery models obtained during validation and exploitation of the HEARTFAID platform, primarily related to out-patient monitoring process and decision making in that segment;
- Representation of the heart failure related knowledge on the Web using standard ontological language OWL.

Local conferences with topics corresponding to HEARTFAID domain and WP 4 deliverables (like "International Conference on Information Technology Interfaces"), will be used for local dissemination of knowledge in Western Balkans region. Active participation on international meetings like "International Symposium on Biological and Medical Data Analysis (ISBMDA)" and "Conference on Artificial Intelligence in Medicine (AIME)" is also expected.

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07/06/06 The Hague (NL)	<i>Int Council for Medical Care and Compunetics (ICMCC 2006)</i>	<i>Conference</i>	<i>Physicians, Medical Doctors, Computer Scientists, Expert in Health Care delivery. About 50 people.</i>	<i>All over the World</i>	<i>RBI</i>
07/06/06	<i>Contribution to: L. Bos, L. Roa, K. Yogesan, B. O'Connell, A. Marsh, B. Blobel, eds., Medical and Care Compunetics 3, pp. 108 – 125, IOSPress, Amsterdam, 2006.</i>	<i>Publication</i>	<i>General public and research</i>	<i>All over the World</i>	<i>RBI</i>
Oct 06	<i>Contribution to: The Journal of Information Technology in Health Care 4(5)(2006) 283-300</i>	<i>Publication</i>	<i>General public and research</i>	<i>All over the World</i>	<i>RBI</i>



Dates and Place	Event	Type	Type and Size of Audience	Countries addressed	Partner responsible /involved
Oct 06	<i>Contribution to: IEEE EMBS Int. Special Topic Conf. on Information Technology in Biomedicine, Ioannina (Greece).</i>	<i>Publication</i>	<i>General public and resarch</i>	<i>All over the World</i>	<i>RBI</i>
Oct 06	<i>Marie Curie Workshop Zagreb & Belgrade Celebrating Nikola Tesla</i>	<i>Research</i>	<i>Researchers and students from technical domains and natural science domains. About 100 people</i>	<i>Croatia and Serbia</i>	<i>RBI</i>
Jan 07	<i>PAKDD 2007 Abstract submission</i>	<i>Conference</i>		<i>All over the World</i>	<i>RBI</i>
Jan 07	<i>PAKDD 2007 Abstract submission</i>	<i>Conference</i>		<i>All over the World</i>	<i>RBI</i>

3.11 Dissemination Activities of AUXOL

The contribution of AUXOL has been, substantially, the same of UNIMIB. Specific activities will be proposed and coordinated together with UNIMIB.

AUXOL Overview Table

Dates and Place	Event	Type	Type and Size of Audience	Countries addressed	Partner responsible /involved
<i>07/06/06 The Hague (NL)</i>	<i>Int Council for Medical Care and Compunetics (ICMCC 2006)</i>	<i>Conference</i>	<i>Physicians, Medical Doctors, Computer Scientists, Expert in Health Care delivery. About 50 people.</i>	<i>All over the World</i>	<i>AUXOL</i>



07/06/06	<i>Contribution to: L. Bos, L. Roa, K. Yogesan, B. O'Connell, A. Marsh, B. Blobel, eds., Medical and Care Compunetics 3, pp. 108 – 125, IOSPress, Amsterdam, 2006.</i>	Publication	General public and research	All over the World	AUXOL
Oct 06	<i>Contribution to: The Journal of Information Technology in Health Care 4(5)(2006) 283-300</i>	Publication	General public and research	All over the World	AUXOL
Oct 06	<i>Contribution to: IEEE EMBS Int. Special Topic Conf. on Information Technology in Biomedicine, Ioannina (Greece).</i>	Publication	General public and research	All over the World	AUXOL

