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A Conversation with Pedro Urra Gonzalez, MS
Director, National Medical Sciences Information Center & INFOMED

Friday, February 4
1:00 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. Pacific Standard Time
4:00 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. Eastern Standard Time
The Cuban National Medical Sciences Center & Portal (INFOMED), founded in 1992 with significant funding from the United Nations Development Program, the World Health Organization, the Pan-American Health Organization, and UNICEF, facilitates communication across and coordination within the healthcare system.
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Pedro Urra, MS

Director National Medical Sciences Information Center and Founder and Director of INFOMED Cuban Ministry of Public Health

Mr. Urra is Full Adjunct Professor of Information Technologies at the University of Havana's School of Library and Information Sciences. He has dedicated his professional career to information management, development of Cuba’s national virtual health infrastructure, and training health informatics professionals. He helped develop the Latin American and Caribbean Virtual Health Library and the Virtual Health University. Additionally, Mr. Urra is a member of the MEDICC Review Editorial Board.

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Dr. Nevarez has over 32 years of experience as a physician and 29 years as a public health practitioner, having served as the Director of Department of Health and Human Services and Health Officer, City of Berkeley, California, as well as in various clinical settings including Medical Director at La Clinica de la Raza in Oakland. She is Immediate Past President of the American Public Health Association (APHA). Her areas of expertise include women's reproductive health, community based strategies for chronic disease prevention, and social media for public health.

Website: www.phi.org
Today’s Agenda

1. Philosophy, structure, and evolution of the Cuban National Medical Sciences Center and Portal
2. Modern technology and its impact on health information sharing
3. Challenges and the way forward
4. Discussion and Q & A
**EN INFOMED**

03-02-2011

**Cambios en la dirección del Centro Nacional de Información de Ciencias Médicas**

En la mañana del 3 de febrero, con la presencia de la DraC. Marcia Cobas, viceministra de Salud Pública, se efectuó la presentación, en asamblea con los trabajadores, de la Ing. Damiana Martín como nueva directora del Centro Nacional de Información de Ciencias Médicas-Informed.

El MaC. Pedro Urra, quien fuera director de Infomed por diez años, pasó a ocupar el cargo de Director del Centro Latinoamericano y del Caribe de Ciencias de la Información (Bireme) con sede en Sao Paulo, Brasil.

Le deseamos a ambos éxitos en el ejercicio de estas funciones.

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**CELEBRACIÓN**

04-02-2011

**4 de febrero, Día mundial contra el cáncer**

El cáncer es una de las principales causas de muerte en todo el mundo. La OMS calcula que, de no mediar intervención alguna, 84 millones de personas morirán de cáncer entre 2005 y 2015.

Cada 4 de febrero, la OMS apoya a la Unión Internacional contra el Cáncer y promueve medios para aliviar la carga mundial de la enfermedad. La prevención del cáncer y el aumento de la calidad de vida de los enfermos son temas recurrentes.

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My organization does the following using the World Wide Web/Internet to improve health (check all that apply):

a. Training staff
b. Distributing health information
c. Distributing alerts to care providers/local agencies
d. Transmitting/receiving lab/health data
e. Simulating intervention impact
f. Mapping healthy eating/physical activity locations
g. Mapping/measuring health hazards (crime scenes, air quality, injuries)
h. Gathering input via social network/bulletin board
i. Not applicable
National Medical Sciences Information Center and INFOMED

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Modern Information Technology
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Its Impact on Health

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b. Distributing alerts to care providers/local agencies
c. Mapping healthy eating/physical activity locations
d. Mapping/measuring health hazards (crime scenes, air quality, injuries)
e. Gathering community input
f. Not applicable