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## Preface

The second volume of the series “Global Telemedicine and eHealth Updates: Knowledge Resources”, is now in your hands.

With 128 papers from over 50 countries, the book presents a collective experience of eHealth experts from different continents all over the world. Papers reveal various national and cultural points of view on how to develop and implements Telemedicine/eHealth solutions for the treatment of patients and wellbeing of citizens.

The aim of this volume is to summarize most recent practical achievements and to provide a look at existing solutions and experiences. eHealth/Telemedicine is without doubt, an ICT application that will bring the benefits of health care and medical services to many countries. Many have already recognized it, and we are witnessing a rapidly increasing number of Telemedicine/eHealth projects and applications. It is a fantastic challenge but it also requires networking and planning, and readiness to learn from the others. We are convinced that the book will provide useful information to those who are preparing to introduce Telemedicine/eHealth in their organizations, regions or countries. Thus they may rely on experiences of others, will be aware of the benefits and problems that were encountered during or after implementation of Telemedicine/eHealth systems or services, in order to avoid mistakes and to reduce potential problems.

Yet, it is necessary to underline that:

- The content of the book is divided in chapters covering various areas of eHealth;
- Chapters and papers in each chapter are arranged alphabetically;
- The only exception is the introductory chapter that summarizes the keynote presentations at Med-e-Tel 2009 (The International eHealth, Telemedicine and Health ICT Forum for Education, Networking and Business, [www.medetel.eu](http://www.medetel.eu)). These keynotes outline the strategies for Telemedicine/eHealth implementation from the point of view of several outstanding international bodies;
- “How”, “Where”, “When” and if possible “How Much” – are only part of the questions that authors are trying to answer.

We hope that everyone involved in Telemedicine/eHealth will find this book not only interesting, but valuable as well.

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Enjoy your reading!

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