

# Preface

MEDNET2000 is the leading world conference about the Internet in the Healthcare sector. The MEDNET conferences aim at bringing together key developers, researchers and users, with either medical or technological backgrounds (or both).

This series of conferences was initiated by the Society for the Internet in Medicine (SIM) in 1996. The first 3 MEDNET Conferences were held in the United Kingdom (Brighton and London), the 4th was organized in Germany (Heidelberg).

This conference is organized by MDF, the Medical Discussion Forum, in collaboration with SIM and will be held in Brussels from November 23th to 26th 2000, at the VUB Life Sciences Campus.

MEDNET2000 focuses on “real world” medical applications. In which ways does medicine really benefit from the exploding Internet technology, beyond gadgetry and focusing explicitly on the patients’ benefit? All points of view, both technical and medical are of interest.

This publication presents all abstracts of the scientific papers, tutorials and some keynote presentations. The following topics are covered: Clinical Applications, Telemedicine, Education, Epidemiology, Evidence Based Medicine, Medical Records, Portal Sites and Legal Issues.

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