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Avicenna's Successful First Review

Good progress for project in its Brussels' Review

The Avicenna Project is making good progress in all its objectives according to the European Commission. The assessment follows the project's first annual review, which took place in Brussels on 19th December 2014. Having achieved all of its milestones, the project was also successful in the submission of all its deliverables. The results, which were the opinion of three official reviewers, were received by the project this month.

The project was represented at the review by a team consisting of Marco Viceconti, Martina Contin, Karen El-Arifi, Adriano Henney, Edwin Morely-Fletcher, Anders Kalström and Callum MacGregor.

A final review will be held after the end of project in September 2015.





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Welcome to New Web Officer

Project website officer joins Sheffield team

Avicenna would like to extend a warm welcome to Matthew Burnett, who was recently recruited to develop the project's website.

Matthew joins the Sheffield-based Insigneo PMO office, where his role will be to make strategic changes to avicenna-isct.org to allow the project to communicate more easily with its members and engage with potential stakeholders.

Matthew joins the team, having previously worked in the development sector, where he developed a web presence for a Bolivian community project.

Matthew said: "the Avicenna website is the project's most visible facet - and heavily influences how the project is perceived by prospective stakeholders and the public. I hope to focus on improving the usability of the website, making sure the most relevant content is easily accessible to visitors, and keeping that content up to date and interesting. I'm looking forward to revamping the structure of the site to provide Avicenna with a portal that does justice to the work of the project."

NHS England Search for Pioneering Healthcare Innovators

Opportunity for modelling and simulation projects

A new programme, launched this month by NHS England's Medical Director, is inviting healthcare innovators world-wide to apply to develop and scale their innovations across parts of the NHS.

The NHS Innovation Accelerator Programme, which was launched on January 7th 2015, by Sir Bruce Keogh, represents a potential opportunity for modelling and simulation projects.

It will offer successful candidates support to develop their innovations across parts of the NHS – such as access to international leaders in healthcare development and established networks through high caliber mentors including Lord Ajay Kakkar, Lord Ara Darzi and Sir John Tooke.

The first wave application process is now open. Innovators from across the international healthcare spectrum are invited to apply. For more information, including criteria and the application form, please visit www.england.nhs.uk/accelerator/. The closing date for applications is **27 February 2015**.

