Welcome to the third edition of the International Workshop on Interdisciplinary Research on E-Health Services and Systems, being held on Monday, June 20th, 2011 in Lucca, Italy, in conjunction with IEEE WoWMoM conference. It has been our great pleasure to organize this one-day workshop, dealing with a variety of research advances and challenges around e-health services and systems.

We believe that in order to effectively design and deploy reliable e-health systems, a strong cooperation among several diverse research areas of ICT is necessary, in addition to a strict interaction and cooperation among medical specialists and ICT experts. To this aim, IREHSS would provide a forum for the interaction of experts belonging to these different research areas as an important chance to discuss and understand what aspects have to be considered to provide effective e-health systems.

This year’s program includes 8 papers, out of 19 submissions, selected by our Technical Program Committee Members. These papers address important issues on e-health with particular attention to innovative technological aspects related to wearable sensors, diagnostic systems, the definition and deployment of personal health systems and access and management of electronic medical records.

The high quality of the program is the result of the dedication and the hard work of many colleagues. Special thanks are due to the members of the Technical Program Committee and to the external referees for their invaluable help with the paper reviews. We would also thank the Publicity Chair Eleonora Borgia and the Web Chair Maria Bucci for their outstanding contribution to the success of the workshop. Finally, we are very grateful to all the authors who chose to present their results at IREHSS 2011.

The workshop program includes two technical sessions and an invited keynote speech by Harry Holthofer from the Centre for Bioanalytical Sciences of Dublin City University.

We hope you enjoy the workshop and we wish you a pleasant and fruitful stay in Lucca looking forward to your opinions and suggestions on IREHSS 2011.

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