Background

The Open Source Health Care Alliance (OSHCA) has successfully provided a forum for individuals interested in applying open source strategy and principles to Health Information and Communication Technologies (ICT). While OSHCA's roots are in North America and Europe, its vision is the realization of "Free/Open Source Software (FOSS) in Health Care as a viable and sustainable alternative for Health ICT worldwide". OSHCA believes that the greatest potential for positive impact on health outcomes and the greatest need lies in the developing world.

This 4-day conference will provide a meeting place for members to define OSHCA's road map for advancing the FOSS Agenda in Health, conceptualizing and defining OSHCA's role in managing FOSS collaboration, and strengthening OSHCA as a whole. The conference will also provide an opportunity to share and provide updates on FOSS applications and technologies used in health care. During the conference issues related to FOSS, open standards, interoperability and data exchange will also be discussed. The conference will also provide training sessions for new Asian programmers on FOSS concepts and health data interoperability.

The benefits and outcome of this conference will be:

- Establishing collaboration in the FOSS community for deployment of FOSS health care applications in developing countries.
- Opportunity for OSHCA to co-ordinate the interconnectivity among these systems with the goal of making them interoperable with the ability to exchange data as a specific response to the Millennium Development Goals.
- Increased knowledge in the use of open standards and data sharing technologies in FOSS health care applications and projects.
- The opportunity to establish a community network of developing countries to participate in a global collaboration for the development and improvement of open source health care applications.
- Education, training, collaboration and technology transfer on concepts and approaches to achieving interoperability between Health ICTs via open standards health ICT's to establish interoperability between open source health ICTs and existing health ICT infrastructure – R&D to test interoperability, interchange of data and standards.
- Training new developers in understanding and applying FOSS concepts, FOSS heath care applications, and health data interoperability.
- Strengthening the network with OSHCA membership and participating in defining OSHCA's evolution towards a strategic role in managing FOSS collaborative services.

Target Audience

This conference targets interested open source Health ICT adopters and potential adopters, from developers to end-users, including senior management both from public and private sectors.

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Friday May 11, 2007 (Training)	
8.30 am to 9.00 am	Pulse check & Announcements (Joint Session)
9:00 am to 10:30 am	Training on FOSS Concepts & Health Data Interoperability - Concurrent
10.30 am to 11.00 am	Coffee/Tea Break
11.00 am to 12.30 pm	Training on FOSS Concepts & Health Data Interoperability - Concurrent
12.30 pm to 2.00 pm	Lunch
2.00 pm to 5.30 pm	Training Continued – Concurrent (Coffee/Tea Break)
5.30 pm to 6.00 pm	Closing (Joint Session)
Friday May 11, 2007	
8.30 am to 9.00 am	Pulse check & Announcements (Joint session)
9:00 am to 10:30 am	OSHCA: Role in a Global Health Agenda for Sustainable Development
10.30 am to 11.00 am	Coffee/Tea Break
11.00 am to 12.30 pm	OSHCA AGM (OSHCA members only)
12.30 pm to 2.00 pm	Lunch
2.00 pm to 5.30 pm	OSHCA Workshop:Getting OSHCA Organized (Coffee/Tea Break)
5.30 pm to 6.00 pm	Closing (Joint Session)

*Conference facilities include internet connection, conference wiki, etc.

Post-conference: 3 days & 2 nights on Beach Resort Getaways or other site-seeing tours (own arrangement or assisted arrangement on request only)

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Fee & Payment Method

- Registration fee per participant is MYR350 (approx. USD100)
- All fees are payable prior to the Conference by crossed cheque/bank draft to "OSHCA". Account No: 514217-101855 Maybank Swift Code: MBBEMYKL
- Payment is required with registration to guarantee your place except with prior approval on request. All registration forms should be returned to:
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