The INFRATECH WHO/PAHO, Clinical Engineering/ HTM Discussion Forum

INFRATECH is the name of a global Internet discussion group that is intended to support developing countries around issues related to healthcare technology management and Clinical Engineering. INFRATECH was first established in January 1999. It has now been running for 13 years.

The discussions take place by email. The mailing list is managed by 'LISTSERV' software that operates on the PAHO (Pan American Health Organization) web site. To date it has been financially supported by WHO (World Health Organization) and administered by the ACCE.

The table shown here is a list of the 48 countries that are represented in the subscriber list as of January 2012.

The INFRATECH web site

The postings as far back as January 2008 are now easily accessible at <u>infratechonline.net</u>. Postings are transferred to this web site by the administrator, who indexes them, and assigns keywords. Postings can be searched by keyword or by any other identifier such as author name.

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Countries Represented on INFRATECH		
Albania	Gambia	Philippines
Argentina	Germany	Poland
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Brazil	Ireland	South Africa
Burundi	Italy	Spain
Cameroon	Jamaica	Switzerland
Canada	Malawi	Thailand
Costa Rica	Malaysia	Trinidad & Tobago
Cuba	Mauritius	Uganda
Denmark	Mexico	UK
Dominica	New Zealand	Uruguay
Estonia	Pakistan	USA
Ethiopia	Panama	Venezuela
France	Paraguay	Zambia
Gabon	Peru	Zimbabwe

In 2012 WHO is changing the name of INFRATECH to more accurately reflect its focus on Health Technology Management and Clinical Engineering, and to reflect the priority of the World Health Assembly resolution on Health Technologies. The new name will be ""WHO/PAHO, Clinical Engineering/ HTM".

To join the INFRATECH discussion group, merely send an email to LISTSERV@LISTSERV.PAHO.ORG with the following in the body of the email: subscribe infratech John Smith (Substitute your own name for "John Smith")

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