

Esigetel and Sciences Po win the Steria Foundation - Institut de France Student award

On May 25 last, the Steria Foundation - Institut de France jury met to announce the winners of the 2011 award, **supporting student projects which make information technology available to vulnerable groups.**

This year, the jury made a joint award to two projects: **D'HOMEsanté** by the Engineering School of Computer Science, Networks and Telecommunications (Ecole supérieure d'ingénieurs en informatique et télécommunications, Esigetel) and **Un Stage et Après** (USEA) presented by Sciences Po (Institute of Political Sciences) students.

D'HOMEsanté: technology to help patients

D'HOMEsanté is a technological project which aims to provide chronically ill and dependent individuals with a remote alert system using mobile communications devices.

The system uses smartphones to provide remote, real-time monitoring of patients' physiological data. The two key players in this scheme are the doctor and the patient.

Patients have a Bluetooth-enabled phone equipped with one or more intelligent sensors: these monitor physiological parameters such as heart rhythm, temperature, blood pressure and blood sugar levels. An intelligent server linked to a GSM modem coordinates communications between doctors and patients. The doctor can receive the data transmitted by the patient's phone on their own smartphone, PC or laptop using a specific application. The same application also allows the doctor to manage the list of people to contact in the event of an emergency for each patient.

An initial pilot study is to be carried out in Cameroon, where a high percentage of patients with cardiovascular diseases die relatively quickly because they do not receive care fast enough.

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Un Stage et Après: finding out more about jobs

The non-profit body Un Stage et Après (USEA) aims to optimise the way lower secondary school pupils seek and prepare internships. The purpose is to enable all pupils, irrespective of their personal network and academic abilities, to know more about different jobs and find a placement which is beneficial for their future.

The project's success relies on the involvement throughout the year of local stakeholders in order to create an educational community which can help inform pupils' career choices and create a local dynamic with the help of new technologies. USEA is hoping to set up a web platform which can be consulted on a mobile phone, as well as an application which will make the system more agile in the short term. The association is also committed to setting up workshops dealing with information and search technologies. Lower secondary school pupils

can learn how to use social networks effectively and understand the significance of these new communications channels. For instance, LinkedIn can be used to establish partnerships with local businesses and help find placements, while the association's blog provides information for interns' families – as well as sharing details of the experience well beyond the placement itself.

www.sciencespo.fr

The Steria Foundation at the Institut de France

Presided by its Chancellor, Gabriel de Broglie, the Institut de France brings together and oversees a large number of foundations relating to a wide variety of fields. Under its aegis, the purpose of the Steria Foundation is to promote initiatives which place information technology at the service of people in need. More specifically, the Foundation aims to overcome the digital divide by supporting projects in which information technology directly benefit the vulnerable and underprivileged. The Foundation works in three broad areas: education and training; the development of innovative solutions to improve day-to-day life; and support to social entrepreneurs.

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