

## **Minutes INTERDEM Assistive Technology Taskforce Meeting**

Date: 20-10-2020

Place: Online before AE conference

Attendees: 29

### **1. Opening**

Franka and Manuel welcomed the participants. Various emails were received from people who could not join but mentioned to be interested in the results.

### **2. State of affairs**

The Taskforce exists now for 8 years and during the years people joined and left the taskforce. As it was not clear who wanted to participate, an email was sent last Summer to inventory who wants to participate. Up till now we seem to have 39 members. We would like to share the members list on our website in the folder Taskforces/Assistive Technology. If anyone objects to this idea, please let Franka know.

We are busy with a paper regarding implementation of technologies: what are contributors for successful implementation and what for unsuccessful implementation? A survey has been sent to all INTERDEM members. The first results will be presented by Henriëtte van der Roest during the AE conference (20 October, 15.15-16.30).

### **3. World JAIN Challenge**

Franka presented an initiative that is supported by our Taskforce: the World JAIN Challenge (WJC). This WJC is an initiative of Hans Arnold, who is an AI expert in the Netherlands, and he intends to organize two-yearly competitions regarding AI/ AT solutions for people with dementia and their carers. We think this is a great idea as sharing information about successful solutions may motivate others/ other countries to use them as well and this could lead to a boost in spread and adoption of AI/ AT solutions in the field of dementia. In the presentation the Joint Artificial Intelligence Network is explained, as well as the WJC. If people are interested to participate in some way, they can send an email to Franka or directly to Hans Arnold: [h.arnold@tignl.com](mailto:h.arnold@tignl.com). Various people have already responded by answering the questionnaire that was sent. The powerpoint will be shared on the website.

### **4. Future activities of and ideas for the Taskforce**

Manuel and Franka explain that they want to discuss the future activities of the Taskforce and expectations and ideas about the Taskforce. Unfortunately, the interaction was hardly possible during the meeting. Via the chat several tips were shared, like:

- A cross-sectional study on technology use in dementia during Covid-19
- Innovative technology being used: remote monitoring/ examination/ videoconsultation by GP (<https://www.medicspot.co.uk/>)
- A network of community groups to provide support for people with dementia during Covid-19 <https://communitymakers.co/> > perhaps extending this to other countries?
- Connect activities with Best Practice Guidance <https://www.dementiainduct.eu/guidance/>
- Health Economics in AT/ Deployment
- New papers: refreshed position paper; technology and Covid-19

To follow up this agenda point, we would like to meet with the Taskforce soon and more frequently. We would like to start with this on 5 or 6 november 2020 (via Zoom). We aim to discuss (now better) the future activities and ideas for the Taskforce. A doodle will be sent for this.