

VPH2012

Integrative approaches to
computational biomedicine



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**Conference
programme**

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Welcome and conference overview

Dear VPH2012 Attendee,

We are pleased to welcome you to the VPH2012 conference on 'Integrative Approaches to Biomedicine'. This conference is the second in the series of international VPH conferences organized by the Virtual Physiological Human Network of Excellence (VPH NoE), and is supported by the European Commission ICT for Health / DG Information Society and Media.

VPH2012 is a celebration of all things related to the Virtual Physiological Human and is a place where leading experts and PhD students alike can come together to share, discuss and exchange ideas and visions in the effort to improve healthcare for all in the future. Marco Viceconti (outreach officer of the VPH NoE) once referred to the Virtual Physiological Human as a 'grand challenge', with a related challenge of identifying those applications where VPH technology can more easily show its efficacy and make a bigger impact. In the four years since the VPH Initiative began, many VPH-related projects – within Europe and beyond – have been achieving exactly that goal. The overall conference theme this year is "Integration", and VPH2012 is an opportunity to find out what other VPH teams have been working on around the world.

The program this year will consist of four conference themes: (1) **Physiome**: multiscale modelling of physiology and pathology; (2) **Virtual Physiological Human**: infrastructures and technologies for integrative biomedical research; (3) **Systems Medicine/ -omics**; and (4) **VPH in Translation**. Within each of the themes are sub-themes composed of individual sessions which show the huge diversity and complexity of the VPH. There will be over 150 VPH papers presented at the conference from participants all over the world – making this a truly international conference.

We are delighted to welcome four keynote speakers, who are internationally acclaimed leading experts in their respective fields: Professor Raimond Winslow (Director, Centre for Cardiovascular Bioinformatics and Modeling, Johns Hopkins School of Medicine, USA), Professor Salvador Moncada (Wolfson Institute for Biomedical Research University College London, UK), Professor Douglas Kell (Chief Executive, Biotechnology and Biological Sciences Research Council (BBSRC), UK) and Professor Hiroaki Kitano (President, The Systems Biology Institute, Japan, and Principal Investigator, Okinawa Institute of Science and Technology).

We collected feedback at VPH2010 and many of you in the community asked for more workshops and hands-on sessions in the second VPH conference. This year, we have scheduled seven workshops to take place alongside the main conference. "Sessional" workshops focus on a particular theme, whilst "hands-on" workshops will give attendees a deeper knowledge and familiarity of a specific set of tools or concepts, often in the context of demonstration sessions (see programme for details).

We are pleased to announce that a selection of VPH2012 papers (invited for peer-review on the basis of conference reviewer scores) will be published after the conference in Interface Focus. This follows on from the success of the VPH 2010 conference issue, appearing in Interface Focus in 2011. The publication of a second VPH themed issue in such a prestigious journal shows a continued interest in the VPH field.

This conference is also a chance to bid farewell to the VPH NoE. The project will officially end in May 2013, following a six-month extension granted this year. The VPH NoE was created by a leading group of universities, institutes and organisations and was set up with 'service to the community' of VPH researchers as its primary purpose. Since its foundation in 2008, the VPH NoE has created:

- A 'VPH Toolkit' and web portal to encourage best-practice for common standards, open-source software, freely accessible data and model repositories.
- A 'Vision and Strategy' document (a roadmap for the VPH, included in your conference packs).
- A 'VPH Textbook' and Education Engine, which will be available in early 2013.

This momentum will be carried on by exciting projects pushing at each of these frontiers. Attendees will get a glimpse of the future at 2pm on Day 1 of the conference: Vanessa Diaz will discuss DISCIPULUS (the roadmap for the digital patient), Keith McCormack will present the work of the VPH Toolkit and web portal, Peter Hunter will discuss the 'Vision and Strategy' of the VPH Initiative, and Marco Viceconti will introduce you to the new VPH Institute for Biomedical Research.

The VPH Institute is an international non-profit organisation, whose mission is to ensure that the Virtual Physiological Human is fully realised, universally adopted, and effectively used both in research and clinic. The VPH institute will take over from the VPH NoE in many respects, including hosting the VPH conference series in years to come. Every two years, they will steer a bid selection process to assign the conference format to a local organising group.

One other important achievement of the VPH NoE is the Exemplar Projects (or EPs), externally funded projects with a "physiome" aspect, whose coordinators cooperate with the development of the VPH Toolkit by adopting Toolkit features as they become available, and, perhaps more importantly, by serving as a testing ground during development of tools, and adapting the software they develop for inclusion in the VPH Toolkit. The Exemplar projects can be viewed as a lasting legacy of the VPH NoE. We are happy to announce that VPH2012 gives you an opportunity to see some of these outstanding results:

- A multi-nephron model of whole-kidney function for simulation of renal pathologies and blood pressure regulation by Moss *et al.* (**EP1**) – Multiscale applications session, Day 1 (18 September)
- seedEP2: Integrated modelling of musculoskeletal system by Van Sint Jan *et al.* (**EP2**) – Musculo-skeletal modelling session, Day 1
- Multiple systems ontology model of the lower limb by Bonnechère *et al.* (**EP2**) – Image data and visualisation session, Day 3 (20 September)

- A-model, a deep look into the atherogenesis onset by Gomez-Cabrero *et al.* **(EP3)** – Vasculature session, Day 1
- Multiscale simulation and prediction of drug-induced cardiotoxicity: Integrating molecular, cellular and tissular levels by Obiol-Pardo *et al.* **(EP4)** – Cardiac electro-mechanical models session, Day 2 (19 September)
- Ontology-based knowledge management : RICORDO and ApiNATOMY by de Bono *et al.* **(EP6)** – Predictions and pharmacology session, Day 3
- A toolbox for causally cohesive genotype-phenotype modelling by Vik *et al.* **(EP7)** – Predictions and pharmacology session, Day 3
- Virtual experiments for reusable models by Cooper *et al.* **(EP7)** – VPH data and information session, Day 2
- Building a shared data infrastructure: a narrative by Varma *et al.* **(EP8)** – Data and computing infrastructures session II, Day 2
- EP9: A virtual imaging platform for the Virtual Physiological Human by Glatard *et al.* **(EP9)** – Image data and visualisation session, Day 3
- Multiscale modelling of Chlamydia trachomatis infection by Sutton *et al.* **(EP10)** - Immune System session II, Day 2
- Vascular tissue modelling environment by Owen *et al.* **(EP11)** – Cardiovascular modelling session, Day 1

Finally, we wish to give a big thank-you to the organizers of VPH2012; Miriam Mendes, Tara Chapman and Katherine Fletcher. Special mention should be given to Katherine Fletcher who also co-ordinated and organised the Scientific Programme. We would like to thank the reviewers of VPH2012 for their hard work and enthusiasm and finally we thank you, the VPH community, for continuing to support the endeavours of the VPH NoE to bring together all manner of people from different fields ranging from industrial personnel, to politicians, scientists, clinicians, researchers and many more to participate in this grand and exciting challenge to create the Virtual Physiological Human.

We hope you have a very successful and enjoyable conference.

The VPH2012 Scientific (Organising) Committee:

Peter Coveney (Chair), University
College London, UK
Vanessa Diaz (Vice-Chair), University College London, UK
Stephen Emmott, Microsoft Research Laboratory, UK
Norbert Graf, University of Saarland, DE
Peter Hunter, University of Auckland, NZ
Paul Kellam, Wellcome Trust Sanger Institute, UK
Peter Kohl, Imperial College London, UK
Ferran Sanz, Universitat Pompeu Fabra, ES
Jesper Tegner, Karolinska Institutet, SE
Marco Viceconti, University of Sheffield, UK

Conference Programme



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Day 1 – Tuesday, 18 September

- 09:00** **Welcome to VPH2012** – Lecture Theatre
Keynote lecture: Salvador Moncada
Connecting cell cycle progression to metabolic requirements
- 10:00** **Respiratory modelling** – Lecture Theatre
Neurology and vascular applications – Siemens Room
Cardiovascular modelling – Thompson Room
Vasculature – Mountbatten Room
Sessional Workshop: *Cardiovascular applications and medical device design and assessment (MeDDiCA)* (10:00 – 18:00) – Council Chamber (c.bonacasas@uva.nl)
- 11:20** **Coffee break**
- 11:35** **Musculo-skeletal modelling** – Lecture Theatre
Neurological applications – Siemens Room
Multiscale modelling applications – Thompson Room
Multiscale applications – Mountbatten Room
- 13:00** **Lunch**
- 14:00** **Keynote lecture** – Lecture Theatre
Peter Hunter, Vanessa Diaz, Keith McCormack, Marco Viceconti
The VPH and the NoE
- 14:50** **Multiscale techniques and applications** – Lecture Theatre
Personalised medicine – Mountbatten Room
Sessional Workshop: *Modelling for patient safety* (14:50 – 18:00) – Siemens Room (gabriele.dubini@polimi.it)
Hands-on Workshop: *High performance atomistic simulations of physiological processes* (14:50 – 18:00) – Thompson Room (rossen@kth.se)
- 16:05** **Coffee break**
- 16:20** **Workflows** – Lecture Theatre
Data fusion – Mountbatten Room

Day 2 – Wednesday, 19 September

- 09:00 Keynote lecture** – Lecture Theatre
Raimond L Winslow
Translational aspects of VPH
- 09:50 Cardiac electro-mechanical models** – Lecture Theatre
Data and computing infrastructures I – Siemens Room
Hands-on Workshop: VPHOP: Multiscale modelling of the skeleton to predict the risk of fracture in osteoporotic elders (09:50 – 14:15) – Council Chamber
(m.viceconti@sheffield.ac.uk)
Hands-on Workshop: RICORDO: Semantic interoperability for clinical data and VPH models (09:50 – 14:15) – Thompson Room (bdb@ebi.ac.uk)
- 11:20 Coffee break**
- 11:35 Cardiovascular models: mathematical approaches** – Lecture Theatre
Data and computing infrastructures II – Siemens Room
- 12:20 Signalling and pathways** – Siemens Room
- 13:00 Lunch**
- 14:00 Physiome: Cardiac architecture and activity** – Lecture Theatre
Immune system I – Siemens Room
- 14:20 Tools for translational studies** – Council Chamber
Integrating data sources – Thompson Room
- 15:20 Keynote lecture** – Lecture Theatre
Douglas Kell
Pharmaceutical drug transport: The issues and the implications that it is essentially carrier-mediated only
- 16:05 Coffee break**
- 16:20 VPH data and information** – Lecture Theatre
Immune system II – Siemens Room
Musculo-skeletal applications – Council Chamber
Oncology – Thompson Room
- 19:30 Conference dinner** – Riverside Room (third floor)

Day 3 – Thursday, 20 September

09:00 **Keynote lecture** – Lecture Theatre

Hiroaki Kitano
VPH in industrial research

09:50 **VPH Infrastructures: looking ahead** – Lecture Theatre

Predictions and pharmacology – Mountbatten Room

Sessional Workshop: *The mathematics of multiscale modelling* (09:50 – 13:30) – Thompson Room (martin.nelson@nottingham.ac.uk)

Hands-on Workshop: *VPH-SHARE: Sharing data, tools and models for workflows in biomedical research* (09:50 – 13:30) – Council Chamber (d.testi@scsitaly.com)

11:20 **Coffee break**

11:35 **Image data and visualisation** – Lecture Theatre

Diseases and diseaseomes – Mountbatten Room

14:00 **Satellite Session:** *Science as an open enterprise. Towards Open Science: EUDAT for the VPH Community* – Council Chamber

Contact: Riam Kanso (riam.kanso@sjc.ox.ac.uk)

Friday, 21 September 2012

09:00 **Satellite Meeting:** *Tech2012: Workshop on the VPH ToolKit and portal*

JZ Young Lecture Theatre, UCL Anatomy Building

Gower Street, WC1E 6BT

Contact: keith.mccormack@sheffield.ac.uk

Register: <http://noe-toolkit.eventbrite.co.uk/>

Conference tracks at a glance

Tracks

Physiome: multiscale modelling of physiology and pathology

VPH Infrastructures

Systems Medicine / -omics

VPH in Translation

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Time	Ground floor Lecture Theatre	Ground floor Siemens Room	Second floor Council Chamber	Second floor Thompson Room	Second floor Mountbatten Room	
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10 : 00	Respiratory modelling Chair: Peter Hunter Intro/Admin	Neurology and vascular applications Chair: Rod Hose Intro/Admin	Sessional Workshop Cardiovascular applications and medical device design and assessment (MeDDiCA) Intro/Admin	Cardiovascular modelling Chair: Norbert Graf Intro/Admin	Vasculature Chair: Filippo Castiglione Intro/Admin	
: 05	<i>An Integrated Multi-Scale Multi-Physics Computational Model of the Respiratory System</i>	<i>Identification of mechanistic differences in a virtual population ... variation in response to simulated statin therapy</i>		<i>Modelling blood flow and metabolism in the preclinical neonatal brain during physiological insults</i>	<i>Patient-specific prediction of coronary plaque growth from CTA angiography: a multiscale model...</i>	
: 10	Alexopoulos et al, abstract 45	Wahba et al, abstract 71		Hapuarachchi et al, abstract 53	Vozzi et al, abstract 22	
: 15	<i>SYNERGY-COPD: Abnormal O₂ transport/O₂ utilisation leads to high mitochondrial ROS generation...</i>	<i>An automated procedure... to evaluate risk on abdominal aortic aneurysm</i>		<i>Estimating changes to brain oxygenation delivery through multi-scale modelling of the cerebral microvasculature</i>	<i>Multiscale Simulation on the initial stage of thrombus growth</i>	
: 20	Cano et al, abstract 125	Lotti et al, abstract 96		Park et al, abstract 77	Takagi et al, abstract 120	
: 25	<i>Computational models of the airways to unravel the pathophysiological mechanisms in asthma and COPD...</i>	<i>Modelling the transport behaviour of platelets in intracranial aneurysms</i>		<i>Cardiovascular flow simulation by correlation based optical flow</i>	<i>A multiscale mechanobiological model of in-stent restenosis</i>	
: 30	Burrowes et al, abstract 89	Mountrakis et al, abstract 88		Otsuki et al, abstract 105	Zahedmanesh et al, abstract 86	
: 35	<i>Mathematical model of ion transport in human nasal epithelia:Cystic Fibrosis...</i>	<i>Differentiating pathological brain atrophy from normal aging: promising diagnostic...</i>		<i>Vascular tissue modelling environment</i>	<i>A-model, a deep look into the atherogenesis onset</i>	
: 40	O'Donoghue et al, abstract 97	Lorenzi et al, abstract 122		Owen et al, abstract 9	Gomez-Cabrero et al, abstract 95	
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: 35	Musculo-skeletal modelling Chair: Marco Viceconti	Neurological applications Chair: Norbert Graf		Multiscale modelling applications David Gavaghan	Multiscale applications Chair: S Randall Thomas	
: 40	<i>seedEP2 : Integrated modelling of the musculoskeletal system</i>	<i>PredictAD – From Patient Data to Personalised Healthcare in Alzheimer's Disease</i>		<i>A multiscale model of sprouting angiogenesis during fracture healing</i>	<i>A multi-nephron model of whole-kidney function...</i>	
: 45	Van Sint Jan et al, abstract 104	Lötjönen et al, abstract 113		Carlier et al, abstract 28	Moss et al, abstract 58	
: 50	<i>A novel active lumbar spine muscle model</i>	<i>Generic evidence-based disease profiling for predicting outcomes: ... Alzheimer's and Traumatic Brain Injuries</i>		<i>Multi-scale biomechanical modeling and energy loss evaluation of aortic aneurysm</i>	<i>Validation of patient specific multi-scale hemodynamic model for planning vascular access surgery in hemodialysis patients</i>	
: 55	Toumanidou et al, abstract 117	Lötjönen et al, abstract 116		Liu et al, abstract 103	Manini et al, abstract 33	
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: 05	<i>Mechanical effect on cell viability in healthy and degenerated intervertebral discs</i>	<i>Wave transmission in 3-dimensional non- homogeneous viscoelastic brain model</i>		<i>Multiscale modelling of the interplay between global and local structural changes in viral drug target proteins</i>	<i>Multi-scale modelling of epithelium homeostasis</i>	
: 10	Malandrino et al, abstract 50	Boccia et al, abstract 48		Wright et al, abstract 126	Domínguez Hüttinger et al, abstract 65	
: 15	<i>Simultaneous prediction of musculo- tendon, joint, ligament, and bone forces...</i>	<i>Modelling of the Physiological Response of the Brain to Stroke</i>		<i>A spatially distributed approach of intrapertoneal fluid kinetics and transport through the interstitium...</i>		
: 20	Dumas et al, abstract 14	Orlowski et al, abstract 108		Stachowska-Pietka et al, abstract 118		
: 25	<i>Mesh convergence is affected by poroelasticity in multi-tissue ...</i>			[...]		
: 30	Ruiz et al, abstract 52					
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: 05	Keynote lecture: Peter Hunter, Vanessa Diaz Keith McCormack, Marco Viceconti				
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: 25	VPH Network of Excellence / VPH Institute				
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: 35	<i>The VPH and the NoE</i>				
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: 45	Chair: Peter Coveney	Sessional Workshop	Sessional Workshop	Hands-on Workshop	Personalised medicine
: 50	Multiscale techniques and applications. Chair: Emanuela Merelli	Modelling for patient safety	Cardiovascular applications and medical device design and assessment (MeDDiCA)	High performance atomistic simulations of physiological processes	Chair: Nour Shublaq
: 55	<i>MultiScale exemplary problems</i>				<i>Integration of knowledge for personalized medicine: a pharmacogenomics case-study</i>
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: 05	Planes et al, abstract 37				Hoehndorf et al, abstract 13
: 10	<i>Discrete-continuous mathematical modeling of endocrine systems...</i>				<i>p-medicine – ... data sharing and integration ...to personalized medicine</i>
: 15	Medvedev et al, abstract 107				Graf et al, abstract 81
: 20		Workshop	Workshop	Workshop	<i>Challenges in data warehousing for personalised medicine</i>
: 25	<i>Multiscale modeling of insulin secretion</i>	Modelling for patient safety	MeDDiCA	High-performance atomistic simulations	Jefferys et al, abstract 110
: 30	Pedersen et al, abstract 142				<i>VPH-Share: embodying a patient avatar for computational workflows</i>
: 35	<i>Integration of glucose and lipid metabolism: In silico models of adipose tissue and blood</i>				Varma et al, abstract 128
: 40	Li et al, abstract 61				
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: 20	Workflows Chair: Peter Coveney	Workshop	Workshop	Workshop	Data fusion Chair: Nour Shublaq
: 25	<i>Composition and migration to the cloud of the @neurIST workflow in VPH-Share</i>	Modelling for patient safety	MeDDiCA	High-performance atomistic simulations	<i>Relating ... breast MR images and X-ray mammograms: a validation study</i>
: 30	Villa-Uriol et al, abstract 141				Mertzaniidou et al, abstract 25

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16 : 35	<i>Developing a workflow system that integrates scientific development</i>	Workshop Modelling for patient safety	Workshop MeDDiCA	Workshop High-performance atomistic simulations	<i>A Horizontal Data Fusion Toolbox: putting the focus on interoperability</i>
: 40	<i>Silva et al, abstract 2</i>				<i>Bleuze et al, abstract 129</i>
: 45	<i>A case study demonstrating VPH-NoE guideline compliance: ... a graphical tool</i>				<i>Software framework for reconstructing proximal femur from dual-energy x-ray absorptiometry and assessing fracture risk</i>
: 50	<i>Evison et al, abstract 51</i>				<i>Martelli et al: abstract 41</i>
: 55	<i>VPH-Share: Patient-centred multi-scale computational workflows</i>				<i>Advantage of a patient-specific respiratory motion model for the liver</i>
17 : 00	<i>Varma et al, abstract 131</i>				<i>Samei et al: abstract 114</i>
: 05	<i>Neuroswarm: ...constraints of simulation parameters in large-scale networks of biological neurons</i>				
: 10	<i>Gomez-Cabrero et al, abstract 92</i>				
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09 : 00	Intro/Admin			
: 05	Keynote lecture: Raimond L Winslow Director, Institute for Computational Medicine, Johns Hopkins University <i>Translational aspects of VPH</i>			
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		Cardiac electro-mechanical models Chair: Peter Kohl	Data and computing infrastructures I Chair: Ryutaro Himeno	Hands-on Workshop Multiscale modelling of the skeleton to predict fracture risk in osteoporotic elders
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: 55	<i>Multiscale simulation and prediction of drug-induced cardiotoxicity...</i> Obiol-Pardo et al, abstract 69 <i>Interactive electromechanical model of the heart for patient-specific therapy planning and training using SOFA</i> Talbot et al, abstract 63 <i>Functional effects of short QT syndrome gene mutations: electrical & mechanical...</i> Adeniran et al, abstract 72 <i>Shock-induced arrhythmogenesis in the human heart: a simulation study</i> Bernabeu et al, abstract 133 <i>A mathematical model of the electrical and mechanical activity of the uterine cell</i> Testrow et al, abstract 74	<i>Towards a European collaborative data infrastructure</i> Vicente et al, abstract 32 <i>Sim4Life: A medical image data based multi-physics simulation platform for computational life sciences</i> Neufeld et al, abstract 43 <i>AHE and ACD: A gateway into the grid infrastructure for VPH-Share</i> Chang et al, abstract 35 <i>A distributed infrastructure for multiscale biomedical simulations</i> Groen et al, abstract 18	Workshop VPHOP	Workshop Semantic Interoperability
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	Cardiovascular models: mathematical approaches. Chair: Emanuela Merelli	Data and computing infrastructures II Chair: Ryutaro Himeno		
11 : 35	<i>Towards quantifying the impact of blood rheology model on shear stress estimates throughout the cardiac cycle</i>	<i>Building a shared data infrastructure: a narrative</i>	Workshop VPHOP	Workshop Semantic Interoperability
: 40		Varma et al, abstract 78		
: 45	<i>Bernabeu et al, abstract 36</i>	<i>EUDAT: a collaborative data infrastructure supporting the VPH initiative</i>		
: 50	<i>Multi-scale integrative computational model of pulmonary veins: studying arrhythmogenic substrate for AF</i>	Haidar et al, abstract 91		
: 55	<i>Aslanidi et al, abstract 39</i>			
: 00	<i>Integrative model of heart and coronary circulation: ... effect of coronary occlusion</i>	Signalling and pathways Chair: Hans Westerhoff		
: 05	<i>Shim et al, abstract 134</i>	<i>Multiscale modelling of delta-notch pathways</i>		
: 10	<i>3D Bidomain modeling of cardiac virtual electrode pacing</i>	Tankaria et al, abstract 31		
12 : 15	<i>Pavarino et al, abstract 106</i>	<i>Multiscale modelling of P2Y11, a receptor involved in heteromeric GPCR signal</i>		
: 20	<i>GPGPU accelerated cardiac electrophysiology in the human heart</i>	Koss et al, abstract 121		
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	Physiome: Cardiac architecture & activity Chair: Peter Kohl	Immune system I Chair: Bindi Brook		
14 : 00	<i>Developing a Virtual Physiological Mouse model of the heart: multi-scale coupling is key for controlling ventricular pressure</i>	<i>The immune system as a biomonitor : explorations in innate and adaptive immunity</i>	Workshop VPHOP	Workshop Semantic Interoperability
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14 : 20	<i>Architecture, antenatal activity and arrhythmia of the human foetal heart: a computational database</i> Pervolaraki et al, abstract 75	<i>Comparing the effects of viral (HIV) and bacterial infection (Staph A) in bone</i> Lio' et al, abstract 115	Tools for translational studies Chair: Norbert Graf <i>Hypermodelling technology for multiscale simulations</i> Testi et al, abstract 23 <i>ObTiMA - an ontology-based application for managing clinico-genomic trials</i> Stenzhorn et al, abstract 79 <i>A collaborative online system dedicated to the study of intracranial aneurysms</i> Courbebaissé et al, abstract 16	Integrating data sources Chair: Nour Shublaq <i>Access to reaction kinetics data: The SABIO-RK database</i> Golebiewski et al, abstract 119 <i>Discovering model-model connections in biological model repositories</i> Gennari et al, abstract 135 <i>The TUMOR project: integrating cancer model repositories ... predictive oncology</i> Sakkalis et al, abstract 99
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: 45	<i>Multi-scale integrative computational model the human atria and torso: platform for investigation of AF</i> Colman et al, abstract 73	<i>Elucidating the origin of resistance in HIV-1 protease using atomistic simulation</i> Hall et al, abstract 127		
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: 10	<i>Development of a 3D computational sheep atria for the study of atrial fibrillation</i> Butters et al, abstract 55			
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17 : 05			<i>...modelling fibrous muscle in motion</i>	
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: 15	President, The Systems Biology			
: 20	Institute, Japan			
: 25	Principal Investigator, Okinawa Institute of			
: 30	Science and Technology			
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: 40	<i>VPH in industrial research</i>			
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: 50	Intro/Admin			Intro/Admin
: 55	<i>Multi-institutional graduate programme</i>			<i>Ontology-based knowledge management:</i>
10 : 00	<i>for Virtual Physiological Human scientists</i>			<i>RICORDO and ApiNATOMY</i>
: 05	<i>(VPH-MIP)</i>			de Bono et al, abstract 68
: 10	Feipel et al, abstract 111			<i>A Quantitative Systems Pharmacology</i>
: 15				<i>model of NGF pathway to aid drug</i>
: 20	<i>VPH tools in clinical education:</i>			<i>discovery and development</i>
: 25	<i>development of an Education Engine</i>			Dua et al, abstract 70
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: 35		Mathematics of multiscale modelling	VPH-SHARE	<i>clinical development of FAAH inhibitors</i>
: 40	<i>A 'Digital Me': key to implementation</i>			Benson et al, abstract 15
: 45	Shublaq et al, abstract 93			<i>Predicting rebound for mAbs using the</i>
: 50	<i>Building sustainable capacity for research</i>			<i>TMDD model</i>
: 55	<i>for health in Africa: AFRICA BUILD project</i>			Derks et al, abstract 139
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: 05	<i>A vision for supporting future VPH</i>			<i>phenotype modeling</i>
: 10	<i>activities through VPH NoE resources</i>			Vik et al, abstract 112
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: 45	<i>A virtual imaging platform for the Virtual Physiological Human</i>			<i>Modelling progressive metabolic diseases with parameter transition trajectories</i>
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12 : 00	Testi et al, abstract 26			Pettersen et al, abstract 34
: 05	<i>Spatial and temporal multiscale interactive visualization: two prototypes</i>			<i>Exploring the diseaseome of COPD and its associated diseases</i>
: 10	Testi et al, abstract 87			Grosdidier et al, abstract 42
: 15	<i>The 'Virtual Population': detailed, whole-body models from medical image data</i>			<i>Visualisation and target prioritisation using computational and experimental</i>
: 20	Neufeld et al, abstract 38			Lees et al, abstract 11
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Friday, 21 September, 2012

Sessional Workshop

Cardiovascular applications and medical device design and assessment (MeDDiCA)

Day 1 – 10:00 – 18:00 – Council Chamber

Workshop overview

This workshop targets young researchers with a focus on cardiovascular applications and medical device design and assessment. A multi-disciplinary approach will be adopted, with experimental and numerical topics included. The uniqueness of this session is that the workshop aims at encouraging young talents to join the VPH initiative, with a call for submissions from young researchers (PhD and early postdocs) only.

The workshop will be open to all: experts in the field, industry representatives and clinicians are encouraged to participate in the discussions. The presentations will provide an overview of current research status, and the following discussions will elucidate future challenges.

Workshop Theme and Topics

The workshop focuses on cardiovascular applications and medical device design and assessment, including (but not limited to):

- Devices: stents, heart valves, balloon catheters, left ventricular assist devices;
- Associated clinical/biological effects: in-stent restenosis, thrombosis;
- Experimental/numerical techniques: multi-scale modeling, 3D numerical simulation, in vitro and ex vivo laboratory models and/or experimentation.

Workshop topics include (but are not limited to) the following:

- Cardiovascular Stenting;
- Tissue deformation and tissue growth;
- Left ventricular assist devices;
- Catheter design;
- Thrombus formation;
- Hemodynamics in complex patient-specific geometries;
- Heart valve dynamics
- Percutaneous implantation of valve devices

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MeDDiCA workshop programme

10:00 - 10:30 - Roberto Ghidini: *Industrial issues associated with translation of research relating to medical devices*

10:30 - 10:45 - Sajjad Soleimani: *Effects of applied pressure and clot viscosity on aspiration catheter performance*

10:45 - 11:00 - Selim Bozkurt: *Improving the Pulsatility in a CF-LVAD Supported Cardiovascular System Applying a Model Control to CF-LVAD Flow Rate*

11:00 - 11:15 - Daria Cosentino: *Risk stratification for stent fracture prediction in percutaneous pulmonary valve implantation through patient-specific finite element analysis*

11:15 - 11:30 - COFFEE BREAK

11:30 - 12:00 - Antonio Amodeo: *From simulations and animal models to clinical recommendations: when we will trust the computers?*

12:00 - 12:15 - Rajeev Kumar Nallamothe: *A Multi-physics model of the Ventricular valve-valve interaction*

12:15 - 12:30 - Yan Li: *Experimental and numerical simulation study of the near-hinge flow field of a bileaflet mechanical heart valve*

12:30 - 12:45 - Benjamin Bhattacharya-Ghosh: *From Cell to Heart: A Multi-scale Lumped Parameter Model of the Cardiovascular System*

12:45 - 13:00 - Eun Bo Shim: *Patient-Specific Identification of Optimal Placement of Ubiquitous ECG using a 3D Heart Model*

13:00 - 14:00 - LUNCH

14:00 - 14:45 - KEYNOTE LECTURE (see main conference schedule)

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15:15 - 15:30 - Alisa Selimovic: *Investigating the correlation between pulsatile-flow hemodynamics and aneurysm growth: a patient-specific, CFD study*

15:30 - 15:45 - Kristof Ralovich: *Hemodynamic Assessment of Aortic Coarctation from MR Images*

15:45 - 16:00 - Guanglei Wang: *Analysis of local and global Hemolysis Index in 2D velocity field of regurgitant flow in mechanical heart valve*

16:00 - 16:15 - COFFEE BREAK

16:15 - 16:30 - Claudia Amatruda, Brandis Keller: *Contribution of mechanical and fluid response to in-stent restenosis*

16:30 - 16:45 - Iolanda Decorato: *Simulation of the fluid-structure interactions after balloon-angioplasty and stenting treatment in a stenosed arteriovenous fistula geometry*

16:45 - 17:00 - Hannan Tahir: *Modelling the influence of re-endothelialization on in-stent restenosis*

17:00 - 17:15 - Iwona Zwierzak: *Three dimensional optical reconstruction method for stent geometry characterisation; data validation using micro CT technique*

17:15 - 17:30 - Kateryna Spranger: *Comparison of computational methods for simulating stent deployment*

17:30 - 18:00 - Concluding remarks and future perspectives discussion.

Sessional Workshop

The Mathematics of Multiscale Modelling

Day 3 – 09:50 – 13:30 – Siemens Room

Workshop overview

This workshop will examine fundamental mathematical techniques which underpin multiscale modelling of the VPH, highlighting novel modelling approaches, recent successes and current challenges. The workshop targets researchers of both mathematical and nonmathematical backgrounds, including leading mathematicians with no previous exposure to VPH-related questions as well as VPH experts, promoting future collaborations between these communities.

Workshop Theme and Topics

- Fundamental mathematical techniques in multiscale modelling for the VPH;
- Homogenisation across multiple spatial scales;
- Asymptotic analysis and its application to multiple timescale problems;
- Associated mathematical techniques for model integration over multiple spatio-temporal scales, including for hybrid (stochastic/deterministic, discrete/continuous) modelling approaches.

The workshop will seek to span scales from gene, signalling and metabolic networks up to tissue and organ levels.

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Workshop: Mathematics of Multiscale Modelling

Day 3 - Thursday, 20 September, 2012 - Siemens Room

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: 30	Contributed Talk	Gerardo Tauriello	Multiscale Simulations of Morphogenesis
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Sessional Workshop

Modelling for patient safety

Day 1 – 14:50 – 18:00 – Siemens Room

Workshop overview

The last two decades have witnessed the development of accurate biomechanical models describing blood vessel mechanics. A new challenge is the exploitation of this knowledge to provide the clinician with technological tools for planning and monitoring of interventional procedures and to increase safety in the use of medical devices in clinical procedures.

In order to achieve this ambitious goal European research must have a spectrum of coordinated initiatives. This Workshop exploits the VPH framework in order to continue the discussion on the definition of new paradigms and new challenges for research in this field.

Workshop Theme and Topics

Amongst recent new trends in clinical care, minimally-invasive medicine has been a major driver of the development of percutaneous procedures and percutaneously-deliverable devices and implants. Interventional cardiology and neuro-interventional surgery are areas where major technological advancements have been made in this respect, with an impressive impact on the quality of care. Progressive adoption of less invasive procedures has reduced access trauma, minimising pain and hospitalisation periods, and also has significant effects on the costs charged to the health care providers. On the other hand, control of the procedure in terms of deliverability, correct deployment and postoperative performance assessment of the device has become a major issue in terms of reducing potential risks for the patient.

Main themes: Identification of future paradigms and challenges for the application of simulation technologies in interventional procedures:

- Investigation of the interaction between the device - and the delivery system components - and the patient both during and after the procedure;
- Assessment of the level of potential damage to the patient's tissues and structures (e.g. the artery walls and the surrounding tissue);
- Definition of quantitative indicators for improving quality and safety of the interventional procedures;
- Identification of the best strategies for the development and calculation of safety indices, biomechanical and functional models in real-time during the interventional procedure.

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Hands-on Workshop

High performance atomistic simulations of physiological processes

Day 1 – 14:50 – 18:00 – Thompson Room

Workshop overview

The workshop addresses the fast growing demand the Life Sciences put on the capabilities of simulation software and the capacity of this to perform life-realistic simulations. The workshop will present state-of-the-art computational methods for the simulation of biological molecules using three software packages: Dalton (QM), Gromacs (MD) and Discrete (CG). The emphasis will be on both the simulation capacity of these packages and the possibilities they bring to the Life Sciences research as well as on their efficient usage on High Performance supercomputer systems.

Workshop Theme and Topics

Efficient simulation of physiological processes at atomistic level on HPC:

- QM and hybrid-QM/MM techniques
- Molecular dynamics methods
- Coarse-grained approaches

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Hands-on Workshop

VPH-SHARE: Sharing data, tools and models for workflows in biomedical research

Day 3 – 09:50 – 13:30 – Council Chamber

Workshop overview

The workshop aims to reach out to potential end-users of the first important outcomes of the VPH-Share Integrated Project (<http://www.vph-share.eu>), a large-scale VPH project funded in FP7. VPH-Share aims to develop an infostructure to expose and share data and knowledge within the VPH community, and to jointly develop multiscale models for the composition of new VPH workflows. During its first years of activity the VPH-Share consortium will develop the important ICT and technical components of the new infostructure. The services will be exposed outside the consortium by integrating them with the already operational PhysiomeSpace data sharing service (www.physiomespace.com).

Besides data sharing, the VPH-Share infostructure will increase collaboration in the VPH community by providing also services to share and use fundamental VPH modelling components making them available for the composition of new biomedical workflows. The involvement of the VPH community in using this new infostructure is relevant not only to the VPH-Share project, but also to the community itself as it will provide a useful system to start sharing and building new knowledge.

Workshop Theme and Topics

Biomedical data, tools and model sharing, VPH workflows composition and execution, multiscale modelling.

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Hands-on Workshop

RICORDO: Semantic interoperability for clinical data and VPH models

Day 2 – 09:50-14:15 – Thompson Room

Workshop overview

The first two hours of the workshop will take the form of presentations, while the second half of the workshop is dedicated to hands-on training and software demonstrations.

Introduction: the challenges and importance of semantic interoperability for the VPH.

Introductory presentations: short presentations on specific aspects of the RICORDO work and contribution that will give the conceptual background for the hands-on session.

Hands on session: focused on acquiring an experience with the reference implementation of the RICORDO infrastructure, demonstrating deployment of the infrastructure and its capabilities, and prototype implementations of applications built on the framework (lead presenter: Sarala Wimalaratne).

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Hands-on Workshop

VPHOP: Multiscale modelling of the skeleton to predict the risk of fractures in osteoporotic elders

Day 2 – 09:50-14:15 – Council Chamber

Workshop overview

The workshop aims to present the most important outcomes of the VPHOP Integrated Project, one of the first large-scale VPH projects funded in FP7. During its four years of activity the VPHOP consortium has been developing a personalised multiscale modelling technology that targets an understanding of the most important mechanobiological processes affecting the risk of the elderly to experience low-energy impact fractures. The personalised models account for the whole body, organ, tissue, and cellular level interactions, and are able to predict progressive changes to material properties, structure and ultimately fracture risk over time, and how pharmacological and interventional treatments might modify these risks. The modelling system is paired with a new generation of imaging and biomedical instrumentation technologies that are capable of collecting the most important information required for initialising personalised models. This system specifically works under the tight constraints required for clinical applications, which impose low radiation doses and moderate costs. From an information technology perspective, the VPHOP consortium has developed a hypermodel environment that is capable of wrapping heterogeneous modelling software packages into a single system for examining fracture risk, and execute them according to a user-defined workflow in a fully integrated fashion.

The workshop will also dedicate a presentation session to the early results of the NMS Physiome Project, the international collaboration between VPHOP and the American SIMBIOS (the NIH Center for Physics-based Simulation of Biological Structures) which aims to develop synergies in terms of tools, infrastructures, and research activities related to musculoskeletal predictive medicine.

Workshop Theme and Topics

Multiscale modelling of the musculoskeletal system, hypermodelling technologies.

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VPHOP workshop programme

- 09:50 - 10:10 Marco Viceconti, University of Sheffield: Project overview and primary achievements
- 10:10 - 10:45 Debora Testi, SCS srl: The VPHOP hypermodelling technology. Description and hands-on demonstration
- 10:45 - 11:00 Giordano Valente, Istituto Ortopedico Rizzoli: NMS Physiome: An integrated modelling environment for subject-specific musculoskeletal dynamics – LhpBuilder and OpenSim
- 11:00 - 11:15 Gordon Clapworthy, University of Bedfordshire: Towards automatic muscle volumetric wrapping in inverse dynamics musculoskeletal models
- 11:15 - 11:30 Coffee
- 11:30 - 11:45 Ralph Müller, ETH Zurich: Predicting disease progression and effect of pharma treatment
- 11:45 - 12:00 Stephen Ferguson, ETH Zurich: Predicting the reduction of the risk of bone fracture due to interventional treatment
- 12:00 - 12:15 Keita Ito, Technical University of Eindhoven: Bridging the tissue meso-scale combining patient information with tissue morphology databases
- 12:15 - 12:30 William Taylor, Julius Wolff Institute: Predicting skeletal loading using subject-specific anatomical and functional information
- 12:30 - 12:45 Enrico Schileo, Istituto Ortopedico Rizzoli: Using a personalised multiscale model to predict the risk of bone fracture in elderly patients: preclinical and clinical validation
- 12:45 - 13:00 Rainer Thiel, Empirica: The socio-economic impact of the VPHOP technology: a preliminary cost-benefit analysis
- 13:00 - 14:00 Lunch
- 14:00 - 14:15 René Rizzoli, Université de Geneve: The last word: a clinical perspective on the VPHOP technology: strengths and limitations

Interactive Satellite Session

Science as an open enterprise

Towards open science: EUDAT for the VPH community

Day 3 – 2:00-3:00 – Council Chamber

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The ability to question and probe data in an open and intelligent manner lies at the heart of the scientific enterprise, with substantial benefits for society and the economy. The European Commission (EC) has launched a wide-ranging open data initiative, opening its own stores of data through a new portal, and providing substantial funds to improve the way data is handled.

European Data Infrastructure project (EUDAT), part of the EC's Framework Programme 7, aims to contribute to the production of a Collaborative Data Infrastructure (CDI) for the VPH community, among other research communities. The challenges and difficulties of such an endeavour, from a technical, political, and legal perspective, are not trivial. The benefits, however, are becoming increasingly obvious.

Join us on this interactive networking session where active and future connections between VPH and EUDAT are explored. The session will include speakers from the VPH community who are exploring EUDAT services for their research data.

This session will provide the opportunity for VPH members in the audience to obtain information about EUDAT, drawing on the benefits and challenges presented in the talks and discussion.

Satellite Workshop

VPH NoE ToolKit - The still-throbbing heart of the VPH NoE Tech2012: ToolKit Annual Technical Meeting

Friday, 21 September (the day after VPH2012)

JZ Young Lecture Theatre, UCL Anatomy Building
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Register: <http://noe-toolkit.eventbrite.co.uk/> (attendance is free of charge)

Programme

08:30	<i>Registration</i>	
09:30	Welcome & Introduction	Peter Coveney, NoE Leader
09:40	The GRID & Cloud - in minutes	UCL makes it all clear
10:20	Aspects of the Toolkit	Oxford gives deep insights
11:00	<i>Coffee</i>	
11:15	Image Processing, Interoperability	The Imaging Team: CNRS, INRIA, UPF
12:45	<i>Lunch</i>	
13:45	Molecular Simulation	PSMAR exposes the magic
14:00	Markup languages	Auckland report on the future of MLs
14:40	Semantics	EBI: Annotation, annotation, annotation
15:20	<i>Coffee</i>	<i>...and a chance to plan that consortium</i>
15:50	Data & Guidelines	Sheffield says 'We all need data – here it is'
16:30	Closing Remarks	So long (and thanks for all the fish)

Why should I attend?

Delegate	Why come along?
VPH-I, NoE WP2/EPs	Your tools in the Kit; your project's destiny fulfilled, your project officer happy
Call 6 Infrastructure	We can help each other – cooperation towards a complete VPH service.
AMEE (Educators)	Meet the VPH team, learn about ToolKit details, develop interactions
NoE WP4	See what's new, meet AMEE the Educators, develop NoE training
NoE WP3	Ha! No choice, guys!
VPH colleagues	Learn more, meet the teams; it's free - get your VPH 2012 money's worth

2012 ToolKit Annual Meeting in Detail

Background

The Virtual Physiological Human Network of Excellence is the key focus for both the development of the VPH Community and the establishment of central resources, and it provides a welcoming fireside at which the new or curious, looking for a more satisfying destination for their physiological modelling interests, can warm their toes. Everyone in Europe who is involved in trying to understand the workings of human physiology belongs here.

The ToolKit

The VPH NoE ToolKit is the place to find everything you need to complete your modelling project. It's a central European repository for Tools, Models and Data that will provide the missing component to help you build your application. And when you're done it, it's the ideal repository in which to place your results, so that others can benefit. The NoE is working with large EC projects to create an environment in which collaborative working can thrive and models and data can be exchanged safely and securely.

Meeting Themes

This year's meeting gives you the chance to hear from each institution participating in the NoE's Technical Workpackage. The development teams will put their work in technical and international context, and they'll outline the developments that are being considered for implementation during Horizon 2020. They'll also involve you in their planning, so prepare to enjoy a little bit of audience participation.

GRID & Cloud	If you're not using it already you will be soon. Learn how remote computing is being tamed.
Tools for simulation	The VPH NoE ToolKit contains many riches. Learn about the Toolkit, the new VPH Portal and the details of the new web-friendly cardiovascular suite.
Image processing	Image processing workflows have recently made huge progress, thanks to interoperability. Learn from the teams who write the code.
Molecular simulation	Taming a complex challenge using innovative techniques and specialised computation: See a successful demonstration of the VPH at its best.
Markup Languages	Standardisation makes everything easier. Learn how standardised language representation has altered the face of the VPH.
Semantics	The world of annotated entities promises a lot, and is now delivering on the promise. Learn, or fall behind...
Data	We all need data, but it's not easy to get it. Learn how the VPH is building infrastructure to make it easy.

Venue: UCL, London. Registration: <http://noe-toolkit.eventbrite.co.uk/>

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