

MUHS and Persistent Systems, Hosts National Consultation for Promoting Research in Instrumentation and Robotics for Surgery

PUNE, INDIA – March 26, 2012: Maharashtra University of Health Sciences (MUHS), Nashik, alongwith Persistent Systems (BSE & NSE: PERSISTENT) the leader in outsourced software product development (OPD) services company and Precision Automation & Robotics India Ltd. (PARI) today announced that they are hosting a two days exclusive conference for Promoting Research in Instrumentation & Robotics for Surgery. The two day conference will be held at Persistent Systems, Dewang Mehta Auditorium, Senapati Bapat Road, Pune office on April 7 and 8, 2012.

The consultation will bring together a multi-disciplinary community of eminent surgeons, physicians, engineers and computer scientists to discuss latest advances in the field of surgical robotics and medical instrumentation. The sessions will emphasize on promoting collaborative research in this field and will also brainstorm regarding India's preparedness for building indigenous surgical instrumentation and robots.

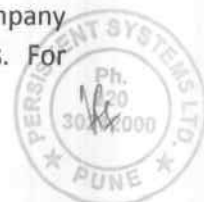
The Hon'ble Vice Chancellor Prof. Dr. Arun Jamkar made the announcement about this conference today. The two days conference will be inaugurated by the hands of Central Minister of Science & Technology and Ministry of Earth Sciences, Hon'ble Shri. Vilasrao Deshmukh and Pro-Chancellor of MUHS & Govt. Maharashtra, Minister of Medical Education Hon'ble Dr. Vijaykumar Gavit, while Director & Professor, College of Engineering Hon'ble Dr. A. D. Sahasrabudhe, Founder & Executive President of Maharashtra Academy of Engineering & Educational Research Hon'ble Dr. V. D. Karad, Vice Chancellor, Kochin University of Science & Technology, Kochi Hon'ble Dr. R. Thakkedath, Vice Chancellor, Dr. Babasaheb Ambedkar Marathwada University, Aurangabad Hon'ble Dr. V. M. Pandharipande will be the guest of honour for the inauguration.

Dr. Arun Jamkar, Vice Chancellor, Maharashtra University for Health Sciences (MUHS), Nashik, said, "We are extremely happy to partner with Persistent Systems and PARI for organizing this distinctive event. Technology is a key contributor towards the success and developments that take place in healthcare. We need knowledge sharing platforms like these, where experts from both the domains can effectively collaborate and pave the way to bring out new advancements in the healthcare in our country."

"We are delighted to host this unique and progressive conference that aims to promote research in instrumentation and robotics for surgery in India," said Dr. Anand Deshpande, Chairman and Managing Director, Persistent Systems. "At Persistent Systems, we are continuously tracking new industry trends, innovations and fostering fresh ideas in healthcare, life sciences and other domains. We believe robotics surgery is a new technology advancement that holds great promise. Through this consultation, we aim to provide effective recommendations to the MUHS for promoting research in the area of surgical instrumentation and robots. I also take this opportunity to thank the fraternity and experts in robotics for being a part of this event.

Some of the key speakers attending the consultation are Dr. Ramakant Panda (Asian Heart Institute and Research Centre, Mumbai); Dr. Hemant Bhansali (Consultant Laparoscopic & Thoracoscopic Surgeon); Mr. Imran Shaikh (LENITZ Medical Solutions Pvt. Ltd.); Mr. Nandkumar S (Perfint Healthcare Pvt. Ltd.); Dr. Shailesh Puntambekar (Galaxy Care Laparoscopy Institute); Dr. Kavi Arya (IIT, Bombay); Dr. M Manivannan (IIT, Madras) and many more.

This conference is spearheaded by Dr. Jamkar and Dr. Abhay Jere, Assoc. Vice President, Life Sciences Business Unit, Persistent Systems. This event is part of BioCrats, a unique idea generation platform where researchers can post, discuss and brainstorm on new scientific ideas and projects. Recently, the company also hosted an International Workshop on Next Generation Sequencing (NGS) under BioCrats. For registrations kindly visit www.biocrats.co.in.



About Persistent Systems:

Established in 1990, Persistent Systems (BSE & NSE: PERSISTENT) is a global company specializing in software product development services. For more than two decades, Persistent has been an innovation partner for the world's largest technology brands, leading enterprises and pioneering start-ups. With a global team of 6,700+ employees, Persistent has 300+ customers spread across North America, Europe, and Asia. Today, Persistent focuses on developing best-in-class solutions in four key next-generation technology areas: Cloud Computing, Mobility, BI & Analytics, Collaboration across technology, telecommunications, life sciences, consumer packaged goods, banking & financial services and healthcare verticals. For more information, please visit: www.persistentsys.com.

About Maharashtra University of Health Sciences (MUHS):

The Govt. of Maharashtra has established this Health Sciences University at Nashik by promulgating MUHS Act 198 on 3rd June 1998 to ensure the proper and systematic instruction, teaching, training and research in modern Medicine and Indian system of Medicine and to have planned growth and to improve the quality of Health Sciences education in the State. This University has five faculties- Faculty of Medicine, Faculty of Dentistry, Faculty of Ayurved & Unani, Faculty of Homoeopathy and Faculty of Allied Health Sciences (which includes Nursing, Physiotherapy, Occupational Therapy, BASLP, BPO etc.)

At present, there are 309 Health Science Colleges affiliated to this University and 18552 is the total students intake capacity. The University has prepared and updated syllabi and academic curriculum of all Post Graduate Courses and have started functioning accordingly (except Faculty of Pharmacy). In future, University is planning to establish one Medical College & Hospital, Ayurved College & Hospital at University campus, Department of Excellence, unique Global Medical Laboratory and the proposal for starting new Post Graduate institute in collaboration with Civil hospital, Nashik is already forwarded to Govt. of Maharashtra for its consideration.

The University is striving hard to achieve academic excellence by doing collaboration with the various National & International agencies, making students vigilant with changing scenario of Global Medical Education and trying to produce basic doctors having social and professional skills.

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