The first virtual Conference of the German Society for Biomedical Engineering (BMT 2020) was held by ICCAS on September 29th until October 1st, jointly organized together with the VDE. The event, which was certified by the Saxon State Chamber of Medicine (SLÄK) with a total of 18 continuing education points, was opened by a video message of the Federal Minister of Health Jens Spahn. Nearly 600 participants of BMT 2020 mainly technicians and biomedical engineers enjoyed an unprecedented attendance from the clinical sector, exceptionally supported by our clinical colleagues from the Leipzig University Hospital. Artificial Intelligence, Personalized Medicine and the new Medical Device Regulation were among the main subjects of the conference as well as topics from the Active Assisted Living (AAL) Congress and from the VDE BMT YoungNet initiative. Not least, it featured greetings from Saxony’s Science Minister Sebastian Gemkow on ICCAS’ 15th Anniversary. BMT 2021 – will take place in Hannover.

At a joint research workshop on Artificial Intelligence (AI) technologies between the German Federal Ministry of Economics and Energy (BMWi) and the French Ministry for Europe and Foreign Affairs (MEF), Thomas Neumuth gave an impulse talk on the potential of Artificial Intelligence (AI) in healthcare. Discussions on how AI can be helpful in the early detection of epidemics or how it could effectively relieve aid organizations during an epidemic followed.

On behalf of the Federal Ministry of Economics and Energy (BMWi), the German Aerospace Center (DLR) organized the launch meeting of the INNOspace network Space2Health. The initiative is now underway with the aim of promoting the transfer of technology between the space and health sectors. Andreas Melzer will work within the steering committee on the translation of medical technology for deep space missions.

Andreas Melzer jointly organized a DGBMT-Session at this year’s 51st Annual Meeting of the German Society for Medical Physics (DGMP) together with Prof. Bernhard Sattler and Prof Ulrich Wolf the two presidents were he hold an invited lecture on state of the art of Focused Ultrasound in medicine, and Martin Reich gave a talk on novel technologies for MRI-guided interventions developed at ICCAS. Further experts provided insights into the latest research and development of various expert committees and demonstrated medical robot applications from ICCAS and the German Cancer Research Center (DKFZ).
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**Thomass Neumuth Speaks on 5G and Healthcare During an EU Directorate General Dedicated Session |**
October 1, 2020, virtual

Thomas Neumuth gave an overview on the application possibilities of 5G technology in the healthcare sector at a virtual event by the CONNECT University initiative. The initiative represents the flagship of the EU Commission’s Directorate General on Communication Networks, Content and Technologies (DG Connect) and is intended to serve the expanded needs of EU Institutions pertaining to Digital, in moving from Digital-as-a-service to Digital-as-society.

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**Research**

**Project Post Stroke Manager at ICCAS**
ICCAS welcomes the members of the new research group Biomedical Data Analysis. Within the project Post Stroke Manager financed by the state of Saxony, the scientists will be working on a patient-oriented, digital system that uses everyday communication channels to enable coordinated preventive long-term care of stroke patients.

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**Honor**

**Thomas Neumuth is “Expamed” Member |**
September 16, 2020

Thomas Neumuth has been appointed to the European Commission’s expert panel “Expamed”, which deals with improved regulation of the approval of medical devices (MDR) and medical devices for in vitro diagnostics (IVDR). It aims to ensure that only safe and effective medical devices are placed on the EU market. The work of the experts includes providing scientific and technical advice to the European Commission, member states and manufacturers.

**Media**

**Video about Innovative Imaging Techniques in Abdominal Surgery at UKL**
Prof. Ines Gockel presents the novel „High-Tech-OP“ with integrated hyperspectral imaging (HSI) at the Visceral Surgery Department of Leipzig University Hospital (UKL), which was developed in close cooperation between the clinicians and ICCAS scientists.
GMDS Video about „ICCAS‘ Management System für ein mobiles Notfall-Krankenhaus“

In the video of the German Society for Medical Informatics, Biometry and Epidemiology (GMDS), Thomas Neumuth explains the management system for a mobile emergency hospital, in which ICCAS participated in the framework of the EU project European Modular Field Hospital (EUMFH).

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MEDIA

ICCAS AT THE SAXON TRANSFER FORUM | November 3, 2020, Leipzig University

In November, the first Saxon Transfer Forum „TransfERleben“ of the innovation platform futureSAX will take place at the Leipzig university campus. During the all-day event, ICCAS will present a hyperspectral imaging method for visceral surgery and share its transfer experiences in an expert panel.

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