

# The Spanish Healthcare IT Society premieres its Web 2.0 Collaborative Portal

**GMV has developed this portal, which has converted the SEIS Conference in Andalucía into a totally interactive congress with a host of Web 2.0 applications**

*Madrid, 2 September 2009.* – The Spanish Healthcare IT Society (*Sociedad Española de Informática de la Salud: SEIS*) is a non-profit-making body that seeks to develop information technologies applied to healthcare. Each year SEIS organizes the Andalusian Healthcare IT Conference (*Jornadas de Informática Sanitaria en Andalucía*), to be held this year for the seventh time and bringing together top executives of the sector companies and leading figures from the Spanish public health system.

For four years now SEIS has been trying to set up and hold a totally interactive congress, with all participants listening and contributing at the same time, sharing their information and opinions online.

To this end GMV took on responsibility for developing SEIS's collaborative portal, using a host of Web 2.0 applications. This turned out to be an invaluable tool during the run up to the congress, during the congress itself and for debriefing afterwards.

The pre-congress use of the portal allowed organizers and collaborating members of SEIS to exchange information in a coordinated way, cutting down the number of meetings, emails, phone calls, etc. Likewise the congress "goers" were enabled to check out information, programs and agendas before the congress went ahead. During the congress itself the portal served as an information repository, fielded enquiries on agendas or programs and gave notice of any changes, thus allowing all participants to take part online while the various workshops and lectures were actually underway.

The intention is now to keep developing the portal in the future and run it as an interactive post-congress site for enquiries and opinions, with forums, blogs, a document repository and a continually updated congress wiki.

The portal has received very favorable criticism, allowing all participants to get the most out of the congress. New developments are now being planned for new clients and it is also being adapted for internal use by GMV's Healthcare Working Group.



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