Dear Friends and Colleagues,

We have been engaged in a variety of exciting activities during the month of June, and we would like to share a few of these with you in this issue of our bulletin.



### INNOVATION AT A GLANCE

We are pleased to feature **GASTROClear**, the first microRNA blood test that is approved for early detection of gastric cancer.

The **GASTROClear** test was developed by a team of Singapore-based clinicians and scientists as a tool for assessing the risk of having gastric cancer. People who are tested positive will undergo endoscopy for definitive diagnosis. The team aims to use this non-invasive, and potentially cost-effective test to help increase the proportion of early gastric cancers detected in the general population.

CIH is proud to be supporting innovators who are committed to improving population health through their disruptive innovations.

If you would like to obtain further information, please feel free to reach out to my team at <a href="CIH@nuhs.edu.sg">CIH@nuhs.edu.sg</a>

The GASTROClear booth at CIH's innovation showcase room.



### THE VISIT TO CHI-CENTRE FOR HEALTHCARE INNOVATION

It has been our pleasure to meet our colleagues at CHI-Centre for Healthcare Innovation. I wish to thank the CHI team for inviting us and for the hospitality they provided. The visit to their centre has been an enjoyable experience for me and my team.

As we work towards a common goal of improving patient care through innovations, we look forward to collaborating in developing an evaluation and deployment framework. We believe the framework will facilitate the adoption of practice changing innovations.

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CIH-CHI teams in front of the CHI Wall of Partners. Photo credit: Ryan Jin (CHI)



# 3. [POST-EVENT HIGHLIGHTS] CIH WELCOMES DELEGATES FROM 32<sup>nd</sup> EUROPEAN PARTNERSHIP OF SUPERVISORY ORGANISATION IN HEALTH SERVICES AND SOCIAL CARE (EPSO) CONFERENCE

We are pleased and privileged to have hosted the Ministry of Health (MOH) Singapore, Duke-NUS Medical School Centre of Regulatory Excellence(CoRE), EPSO European Partnership for Supervisory Organisations in Health Services and Social Care and APAC delegates during their 32nd EPSO Conference.

We are delighted to know that the delegates enjoyed the lively discussions, panel session, and interaction with partner innovators, including IHIS (Integrated Health Information Systems).

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CIH hosted key opinion leaders, and senior leaders from MOH, CoRE, EPSO and APAC.



## 4. [POST-EVENT HIGHLIGHTS] CIH WELCOMES SPANISH STARTUP COMPANIES FROM THE DESAFIA SINGAPORE PROGRAMME 2022

Our team had the pleasure of hosting the DESAFIA SINGAPORE PROGRAM 2022 on 29 June, organised by <u>MedTech Actuator</u> with the support of <u>ICEX (Spanish Institute for Foreign Trade)</u> and met in-person with representatives of eight start-up companies based in Spain.

In this event, we discussed key insights with these Spanish start-ups, Nadetech Innovations, aptaTargets, KAUKA, REGEMAT 3D, Xkelet, Ahead Therapeutics, and LENS UNDERGONE ZONULA GLOBAL SL about their technologies in the areas of therapeutics, 3D printing tissue engineering, ophthalmology, and immersive technologies. We trust that everyone gained valuable insight into the Singapore market and made valuable connections.

Please stay in touch and we look forward to further collaborating with foreign start-ups and global innovators in the future.

CIH played host to the participants of the Desafia Singapore Program.









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### **UPCOMING EVENTS**

In this section, we present curated events with our partners which you may wish to attend and share with your network and friends.

### Click on individual link for more details

JUL

**4 Jul:** [Singapore Biodesign] Design Thinking for Healthcare Innovation: An Overview

7 Jul: Forum on Innovation in Digital Therapeutics

22 – 29 Jul: [IPI] Open Innovation Webinar

We have collated calendars to our knowledge, but events and dates are subject to change by the event organizers

I hope you enjoy reading this edition of our bulletin and I wish you and your families a wonderful summer.

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