Summary Report

The 5th edition of HEPS conference: «Healthcare and society: new challenges, new opportunities», took place in Toulouse from 5 to 7 October 2016, and was organized in partnership with the Toulouse University Hospital.

It focused on the place of healthcare in our societies as well as on the challenges and opportunities that evolutions in societies offer to healthcare organizations. Healthcare systems operate in an increasingly cost-constrained context and are facing many challenges: aging of the population, rise in chronic diseases, technological innovations, increased requirement for safety, redistributions of the supply of healthcare between institutions in order to ensure a continuity of care, evolution of patients' and providers' aspirations and needs. These challenges deeply impact healthcare and health as a whole, but may also provide new opportunities for an improved functioning of healthcare systems.

108 contributions from 22 countries were selected (59 oral communications, 16 posters, 5 symposium/round tables) and concerned 4 main topics:

The contributions were:
- the transitions of care
- patient/citizen participation and education
- healthcare, work conditions and the digital society
- safety and resilience in healthcare systems

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