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On 20 November one of the qualifying rounds of the International Health Battle took place at Hanze University of Applied Sciences, Groningen, The Netherlands. Delegates from the iAge project from Scotland, Norway, Denmark, Belgium and Germany, having delivered cases for the battle, attended the three minute pitches of the competing teams. Enterprising students (including a group from iAge universities) and professionals from 6 different countries worked in multidisciplinary teams on issues related to Healthy Ageing.



Thirteen student teams, consisting of students not only from The Netherlands, but from universities all over Europe, competed for a place in the finals, to be held in Eindhoven in March 2014. In just one day they solved cases on issues related to health and lifelong living.

The winning team from Arnhem came up with an interesting idea on how to develop a "Medication App" for Rijnstate Hospital. Basically the idea is to develop a tablet application somewhat similar to facebook. Patients give permission to their doctors to view their profiles. The app also helps patients to remember when to take their medication and allows them to contact their doctors in a direct way. Only doctors with a so called BIG registration get access to the system.



According to the jury "the students did their research, approached the case with user-centered design and really kept the target group in mind."

Three other groups have made it to the finals in March. They worked on cases dealing with helping people with dementia to continue living at home, a checklist system especially created for hospital dismissal, and ways to make patients feel happier so they actually feel better.



The iAge partners stayed in Groningen for a two day partner meeting where they exchanged their progress on 3 and 4. They also visited Oosterlengte. This health care provider in a rural area made major steps in a project in which elderly people are provided with a simple device that allows them to have contact in words and images with their health care professional.

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