



RegPoint launches a global warning system for epidemic outbreaks

RegPoint, a health services company, has developed a new global warning system that increases safety for travellers. The system issues current and accurate information on possible epidemic outbreaks to a mobile phone to users worldwide, regardless of location and mobile operator. Wherever the subscriber to the system is travelling, the service offers a quick way to find out information about epidemic outbreaks and their spread.

“When there is an epidemic outbreak the need for quick and reliable information is crucial,” says Sophia Salenius, CEO of RegPoint Ltd. “Receiving accurate information is extremely important for health reasons as well as to prevent panic and unnecessary rumours. The system we have developed will also be of help to those who cannot receive information in any other way”.

During the last 20 years, the number of infectious diseases has dramatically increased. Examples of these are SARS, HIV and tuberculosis. The number of other public health threats has also increased or they have emerged in new forms, such as the outbreaks of avian flu last year. The fact that people travel more and faster makes the society more vulnerable to epidemics and diseases, which can now spread already in just couple of days.

“With the new warning system for epidemic outbreaks we can feel safe when travelling. The service does not require any investments or actions from the country of destination,” says Sophia Salenius.

RegPoint has partnered up with the Swedish Institute for Infectious Disease Control (SMI), who, as part of RegPoint's service, provides information on epidemics and infectious diseases to travellers who have enrolled for the service. The service, called RegPoint DMS Travel, is installed in the user's mobile phone and the system works all over the world, independent of the mobile operator. The information arriving at one's mobile phone does not require more space than an SMS message and works even in a busy mobile phone network.

The service can be ordered for example from travel agencies and insurance companies, and it is installed by downloading the programme into a mobile phone. The service costs EUR 3 per one month and EUR 30 for one year.

The warning system for epidemic outbreaks follows RegPoint's other solutions that are also based on wireless technology. The company has developed systems for monitoring chronic diseases and for warning of natural catastrophes.

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RegPoint AB is a health services company that focuses on bringing wireless technology to the global health care community. RegPoint offers technology solutions that detect and monitor chronic diseases and warn about epidemics and natural catastrophes.

RegPoint cooperates with, among others, the Swedish Institute for Infectious Disease Control (SMI), Exensus, Motorola China, Beijing Municipal Health Bureau, IMCC in India, Bio-Era in the US and Ambit in Malaysia.

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