15th International HL7 Interoperability Conference (IHIC 2015)

The 15th International HL7 Interoperability Conference (IHIC 2015) will be held from 9th-11th February 2015 in Prague, Czech Republic. The meeting will be hosted by HL7 Czech Republic, with support from HL7 Austria, HL7 Germany, and HL7 Switzerland.

The IHIC is a forum for implementers and scientists to present and discuss concepts, models and implementations for innovative interoperable e-Health solutions. The conference aims to play the role of an interface between science, research and practice with regards to interoperability in the health and social care domain to share experiences and best practices.

Agenda

- Feb 9th: Tutorial Day
    - All registered attendees will receive one complimentary tutorial with the opportunity to book further tutorials.
    - A special Session will be dedicated to the HL7 Educational Committee, offering sharing of information and experiences between committee members and educators from all around the world.
- Feb 10th/11th: main conference - presentations will be focused on the following topics:

    - Concepts and frameworks for Smart Interoperability Infrastructure Services
    - Security and privacy concerns
    - Local, regional or national Electronic Health Records solutions
    - Business Intelligence and Clinical Decision Support
    - Joint HL7 & IHE Implementations at regional and national level
    - "Show me your CDA" – CDA implementations at regional, national, and international levels

Audience

The intended audience encompasses all who have developed, implemented or otherwise used any of HL7s standards.

Implementers	Scientists and Researchers
We invite implementers (representing healthcare providers and software vendors) to present their implementation experiences. In order to facilitate the dissemination of these experiences attendees are requested to either submit short practice reports or to allow their presentations to be recorded. The practice reports will be published as part of the conference proceedings, and the recordings will be made available on the conference website after the meeting. All suggested topics will be reviewed by the Program Committee to ensure a balanced series of presentations.	**We invite scientists** to submit papers to be presented in the conference and be published in the conference proceedings. All papers will be reviewed by at least two independent reviewers. Selected papers will be published in the special issue "Standards for International Cooperation" of the "European Journal of Biomedical Informatics". The best scientific paper by a young author (<35 y) will be awarded with the "Joachim W. Dudeck Award" – see the final page of this announcement for details.

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Call for Papers

For those who intent to submit a paper: Papers should not exceed 5000 words and must strictly follow the instructions for authors available at the Conference Website http://ihic2015.hl7cr.eu

Important Dates:

- Deadline for paper submissions: Oct. 15, 2014
- Evaluation and notification: Nov. 17, 2014
- Camera-ready papers due: Dec. 4, 2014
- IHIC 2015: February 9-11, 2015

Joachim W. Dudeck Award

Since 2011, HL7 International annually bestows the Joachim W. Dudeck Award, awarded by the HL7 International Council on the occasion of the International HL7 Interoperability Conference.

The Award distinguishes extraordinary achievements in developing and/or implementing HL7-based interoperability solutions as well as promoting the use of HL7 and its harmonization with other specifications performed by young HL7 community members.

The Award has been launched in memory and honor of the outstanding physician, scientist, lecturer and standards developer Joachim W. Dudeck (Giessen, Germany). Joachim Dudeck was the founder and long term Chair of HL7 Germany, the first Affiliate Director at the HL7 Board of Directors and author or contributor of many specifications around HL7 and XML in Health Informatics.

A jury – the Joachim W. Dudeck Award Committee – consisting of 6 acknowledged scientists and standardization experts headed by the acting HL7 Germany Chair decides on the bestowment of this Award to one author of a submission to the International HL7 Interoperability Conference who is younger than 35 years.

This award is worth US$ 1000, which was kindly donated by HL7 International, and is completed by a "Joachim W. Dudeck Award" plaque donated by HL7 Germany.

The paper must be written in English.