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IHE and HIMSS Take Interoperability Showcase to European and Asian Conferences

Sharing the vision of connected healthcare systems.

CHICAGO (November 10, 2008) – The transformation of healthcare by information technology is a vision shared worldwide. The time has come to make this vision a reality by harnessing the potential of healthcare IT to drive improvements in the quality, safety and efficiency of care. IHE and HIMSS have taken the lead in sharing this message through a series of Interoperability Showcase demonstrations bringing the state of the art in interoperable healthcare IT to audiences of professionals at conferences in Europe and Asia. These events build on the successful showcases HIMSS has organized at its annual conferences for several years.

The most recent Interoperability Showcase took place at the World of Health IT, November 4-6 in Copenhagen, Denmark. This was the second consecutive year that HIMSS has hosted a showcase at this European event. The showcase, co-sponsored by HIMSS and IHE-Europe, featured cutting-edge standards-based technology for interoperability and information sharing. Attendees experienced an interactive environment where health IT systems addressed critical real-world clinical needs. Attendees were able to create their own electronic health record and build it and access it across multiple simulated healthcare settings. The clinical scenarios were entirely supported by the standards-based IHE framework.

The next event takes place February 24-27, 2009 at HIMSS AsiaPac09 at the Kuala Lumpur Convention Centre. For this event, HIMSS will partner with IHE Asia to hold an Interoperability Showcase featuring a clinical scenario demonstration of interoperability leveraging the IHE Technical Frameworks. Positioned as a unique event providing needs-based solutions, HIMSS AsiaPac09 seeks to promote the optimal use of healthcare IT and management systems. The demonstration will show the benefits that can be achieved with interoperable healthcare systems. HIMSS aims to help health IT stakeholders worldwide to connect and exchange ideas in order to help advance quality healthcare delivery through the use of IT.

An application for companies wishing to participate in the showcase is available for download [here](#). For more information, visit www.himssasiapac.org or contact Didi Davis at ddavis@himss.org or by phone +1-865-671-1624.

About IHE: IHE (www.ihe.net) is a global initiative, now in its tenth year that creates the framework for passing vital health information seamlessly- from application to application, system to system, and setting to setting – across multiple healthcare enterprises. IHE brings together health information technology stakeholders to implement standards for communicating patient information efficiently throughout and among healthcare enterprises by developing a framework of interoperability. Because of its proven process of collaboration, demonstration and real world implementation of interoperable solutions, IHE is in a unique position to significantly accelerate the process for defining, testing, and implementing standards-based interoperability among electronic health record systems.

About HIMSS: The Healthcare Information and Management Systems Society (HIMSS) is the healthcare industry's membership organization exclusively focused on providing global leadership for the optimal use of healthcare information technology (IT) and

management systems for the betterment of healthcare. Founded in 1961 with offices in Chicago, Washington D.C., Brussels, and other locations across the United States and Europe, HIMSS represents more than 20,000 individual members and over 350 corporate members that collectively represent organizations employing millions of people. HIMSS frames and leads healthcare public policy and industry practices through its advocacy, educational and professional development initiatives designed to promote information and management systems' contributions to ensuring quality patient care. Visit www.himss.org for more information.

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