



## **MINUTES**

### **Welcome and Approval of the Agenda**

Geert Claeys welcomes the participants (encl. 1) and opens the meeting.

The agenda is amended to allow a presentation of INRIA regarding the possibilities for a closer cooperation with IHE-Europe.

### **Update on national IHE Initiatives**

(only if required; including feedback on national EHR initiatives)

Representatives from the UK, Spain, the Netherlands, Germany and France report on the activities in their respective countries.

(presentations are available on the IHE website)

### **Update on IHE Development Activities**

Cardiology (Tim Becker)

Laboratory (Karima Bourquard)

ITI (Emmanuel Cordonnier)

PCC (G. Claeys)

Radiology (Cor Loef)

Reports on development activities in all domains are being presented. Presentations are available on the IHE website.

Specific reference is made to a proposed peer-to-peer messaging profile in the ITI domain. This profile has found only limited support so far, but may be of considerable interest in Europe. A discussion also takes place with regard to the potential use of IHE in the area of pharmacy. Specific interest comes from France, but also other countries show an interest. It is therefore agreed to organize a telephone conference dedicated to this issue on October 8, 2005 from 16.00 h to 18.00 h European Time.

Regarding the proposed review of the PDI profile, Nick Brown asks to include the following specific comments, because time does not allow a detailed discussion:

*Regarding image SOP instance UID and proposed changes to PDI;*

*a) It has already been decided that the SOP instance UID is effectively the Image Instance UID (i.e. when an image is transmitted more than once the originally allocated SOP instance UID is re-used. This supports the concept of persistence)*

*b) because of the way PIR works it is clear that the IHE view is that the UID applies to the image data matrix itself (i.e. the data matrix and the details of number of rows and columns, data element format, pixel dimensions etc) and nothing else.*

### **IHE development activities in Europe**

- PCC

Geert Claeys informs about the ongoing activities with the goal to build up support among European companies for the PCC Domain. IHE-D intends to organize a dedicated workshop involving key decision makers in Germany with the task to define the scope for a German extension, if required. This workshop is scheduled to take place in January 2006.

- Dermatology

Octavio Barbero reports on the ongoing work with the goal to establish a first IHE profile in Dermatology. (The presentation is available on the COCIR website.)

## **IHE Europe & European authorities/agencies**

(eHealth Focus Group, FP6 project submission, EHTEL, et al.)  
status and action plan

Hans-Peter Bursig informs that the COCIR proposal presented at the last meeting has been rejected during the evaluation process. In the meantime, a different proposal has been submitted under the name IHExbs by a consortium consisting of a number of national IHE initiatives and IHE participants. This proposal is currently under evaluation.

The European Commission is currently in the process to set up a WG eHealth with participation from Member States. This WG will be supported by a Stakeholders Group, which is modeled on the example of IHE. COCIR and IHE have been invited to nominate individuals as well as stakeholder groups that should be included in the Stakeholders Group. However, the final composition of the group will be decided by the European Commission.

## **Financial Situation IHE-Europe in 2005**

Hans-Peter Bursig presents the financial situation as of August 31, 2005 and a projection for the full year 2005.

The potential shortfall in the budget is due to the organization of the demonstrations at ECR and ESC. The participants confirm that IHE-Europe should provide limited support to enable demonstrations at the European level, where sponsors may be lacking. However, IHE-Europe cannot permanently sponsor such activities. It is therefore agreed that IHE-Europe will approach the ESC and ask for a substantial contribution to the unfunded cost of the demonstration in Stockholm.

It is also agreed that IHE-Europe will invoice sponsors for contributions for the year 2005. Hans-Peter Bursig will verify the correct recipients of the invoices.

## **Presentation by INRIA**

David Monteau from INRIA informs the participants that the research team around Eric Poiseau will become part of the INRIA organization as of January 1, 2005. INRIA would like to continue the work for IHE-Europe and make further contributions, if agreed by the members of the European IHE Committee. The presentation of David Monteau is available on the IHE website. The participants welcome this proposal in principle, but see the need for a more detailed discussion on a stronger cooperation with INRIA. The Co-Chairs, Cor Loef, Hans-Peter Bursig and Eric Poiseau are asked to discuss this issue with INRIA and make a proposal to the European IHE Committee.

*[After the meeting, November 4, 2005 in Brussels is being proposed for a meeting on this issue.]*

## **Connectathon 2006**

- Decision on Date and Place of the European connectathon  
IHE-Spain has submitted a proposal to host the connectathon in 2006 in Barcelona. The projected cost is so far outside budget of this year. IHE-Spain will consider a number of options in order to reduce the overall cost. The participants agree to organize the connectathon and the Participants' Workshop in Spain, given that the cost will be within the framework of the budget for 2006.  
Nick Brown indicates that IHE-UK may be interested in hosting the European connectathon in 2007, but would need at least 12 months notice of the exact dates for the preparation. It is pointed out that the decision about exact dates is not taken before Autumn of the previous year. However, the general timeframe (workshop in January/February and connectathon at the end of April) are relatively stable. IHE-Europe would try to accommodate a pre-selection of dates by IHE-UK.

- **Participation fees**  
The participants agree in principle to raise the participation fees in order to finance additional requirements in 2006. The pricing will be based on the prices of 2005 but will also contain an additional fee of 1.000 € per domain. A detailed proposal will be developed and discussed at the next telephone conference that will take place on October 14, 2005 at 9.00 h.
- **participation rules**  
The participants agree to the proposal by Eric Poiseau.  
(Presentation is available on the IHE website.)
- **supported profiles**  
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(Presentation is available on the IHE website.)
- **education session (scope/format/..)**  
The participants agree that education on IHE in general and the established profiles will left to national initiatives. Existing profiles may also be presented by web conferences before the participants workshop, if necessary.  
During the Participants Workshop, only the new profiles for the Connectathon 2006 and the connectathon set-up will be presented and discussed. The workshop will therefore be shortened from 3 days to 2 days.

### **Decision on time schedule for IHE activities in 2006**

including IHE demonstrations/presentations

The registration for the European connectathon will be open between October/November 2005 and December 24, 2005. Eric Poiseau points out that national vendor workshops should be scheduled accordingly to support the preparation.

No discussion takes place regarding demonstrations and presentations during 2006.

### **IHE Europe involvement in 2<sup>nd</sup> generation MESA tools – update**

Eric Poiseau presents a proposal for a project called GAZELLE for the development of 2<sup>nd</sup> generation test tools. (Presentation available on the IHE website)

IHE-North America will propose to develop GAZELLE jointly at the international level. Further details will be discussed at an international meeting of IHE Project Managers in October 2005.

GAZELLE will address the necessity to provide a considerable amount of manpower for the development of new test tools. The required funding is estimated at approximately 960.000 \$ p.a. for a 3 year period.

IHE-Europe would need to provide 3 developers: 1 could be sponsored by INRIA, 1 could be Eric Poiseau in the framework of his activities for IHE-Europe, another developer would need to be sponsored by IHE-Europe.

The participants confirm that IHE-Europe is interested to participate but needs to consider the budgetary implications. Additional funding may come from participating companies. Such companies could also consider to provide development capacity for a fixed period of time.

The issue will be discussed in a separate telephone conference together with the budget for the year 2006. October 14, 2005 at 9.00 h is confirmed for this telephone conference. Eric Poiseau will distribute additional documentation on GAZELLE in preparation for this call.

### **Election of the IHE-Europe Vendor Co-Chair**

Hans-Peter Bursig introduces the proposal by COCIR for the joint election of Emmanuel Cordonnier and Peter Künecke. Peter Künecke will take over the position of Vendor Co-Chair after approximately 12 months.

Peter Künecke introduces himself.

Since no other proposals have been received, the participants agree to the proposal by Berthold Wein to vote openly. The proposal is accepted unanimously.

Berthold Wein thanks Geert Claeys for his commitment and support as Vendor Co-chair during the past 4 years.

### **Review of organization of IHE-Europe**

- contact points
- access to information
- contributions to IHE development work
- document management

This issue is not covered for time reasons. Hans-Peter Bursig will collect all relevant information for the update of IHE documents electronically.

### **Any other business**

#### - IHE Trademark

COCIR has applied for a Community Trademark as a trustee on behalf of IHE-Europe, since IHE-Europe has no legal personality. An agreement will be set up between COCIR and IHE-Europe, specifying the role of COCIR as trustee.

The participants see a need to discuss an independent legal person for IHE-Europe, since this would improve the ability of IHE-Europe to act independently.

#### - Request from Liberty Alliance for use of Connectathon webtool

There has been no further request from Liberty Alliance for the use of the webtool. It seems that another technical solution has been found. The internal discussion in the European IHE Committee has not resulted in a conclusion.

#### - Date and place of the next meeting

The next face to face meeting will take place after the Participants Workshop 2006 in Barcelona.

A telephone conference on the IHE-Europe Budget 2006, the preparation for the Connectathon 2006 and the GAZELLE proposal will take place on October 14, 2005 at 9.00 h.

An exploratory telephone conference on the area of pharmacy will take place on November 8, 2005 between 16.00 h and 18.00 h.

#### - IHE International

Participants point out that European input should be prepared for the meeting of the International IHE Committee, which is likely to take place during RSNA.

October 5, 2005/Bursig

# Meeting of the European IHE Committee

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at at the Hilton Budapest Westend, Vaci ut 1 – 3, 1069 Budapest (Hungary)



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