

Tariff	CHF 500 (VAT excluded). 10% discount for IHE Suisse members.
Target audience	Project managers and software architects that will integrate IHE functionality into their products in order to successfully participate at a CAT and all other people who are interested in the testing scenario of the IHE CAT.
Language	The presentations will be held in English and the accompanying documents are also written in English. Questions and answers in German and French. Ergänzung de: mit Einlagen, sowie Fragen und Antworten in Deutsch Supplément fr: avec des explications ainsi questions et réponses en Français
Number of participants	8 until 25. If we do not reach the minimum number of participants, we would be forced to cancel the course the day after the registration deadline.
Organizer	IHE Suisse   Oberstrasse 222   Postfach   9014 St. Gallen in collaboration with medshare GmbH
Venue	****Hôtel Novotel Genève Centre   19, rue de Zurich   1201 Genève Localisation & accès: <a href="http://www.novotel.com/fr/hotel-3133-novotel-geneve-centre/location.shtml">http://www.novotel.com/fr/hotel-3133-novotel-geneve-centre/location.shtml</a>
Registration	<a href="http://www.medshare.net/ihecattraining">http://www.medshare.net/ihecattraining</a>
Registration deadline	15.09.2011
Cancellation	Cancellation of registration is possible until the registration deadline. Afterwards we only offer the transfer to another person.
Accommodation	The hotel offers our training participants, the single room with breakfast for the price of CHF 290. Other accommodations: <a href="http://www.geneve-tourisme.ch">www.geneve-tourisme.ch</a> . Participants are kindly requested to do any accommodation bookings themselves.

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## IHE-Europe Connectathon

May 21 – 25, 2012 in Bern 



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## How to prepare for a IHE Connect-a-thon

### 12<sup>th</sup> October 2011 in Geneva

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IHE is an initiative by healthcare professionals and industry to improve the way computer systems in healthcare share information. IHE promotes the coordinated use of established standards such as DICOM and HL7 to address specific clinical need in support of optimal patient care. Systems developed in accordance with IHE communicate with one another better, are easier to implement, and enable care providers to use information more effectively. The process culminates in the Connect-a-thon, a five-day 'connectivity marathon' for testing the interoperability of health information systems.

#### IHE Connect-a-thons: A Unique Testing Opportunity

The IHE Connect-a-thon (also called CAT) is the healthcare IT industry's only large-scale interoperability testing event. Connect-a-thons are held annually in Asia, Europe and North America. During the Connect-a-thon systems exchange information with complementary systems from multiple vendors, performing all of the transactions required for the roles they have selected, called IHE Actors, in support of defined clinical use cases, called IHE Profiles. Participating at a Connect-a-thon offers vendors a unique opportunity for connectivity testing - removing barriers to integration that would otherwise have to be dealt with on site, at the customer's expense. Companies taking part have responded overwhelmingly that the IHE process addresses important issues in their product development plans. IHE maintains a public accessible database of results from IHE-Europe and IHE-North America Connect-a-thons. This database is very helpful for customers to validate the vendor's capabilities.

#### IHE-Europe CAT 2012

##### 2012, May 21-26, BEA Expo, Berne, Switzerland

The 12th European IHE Connect-a-thon will again provide a testing opportunity for the comprehensive set of IHE Profiles. The decision of IHE Europe for the venue in Berne, Switzerland was very much appreciated and gives all stakeholders in our country an excellent chance to move eHealth activities forward in Switzerland. Thus it is a must for vendors to participate at this next Connect-a-thon. It was never ever so close to our markets and our workplace. Travel expenses can be kept at a minimum while the benefit will achieve a maximum just by boosting this «Momentum».

#### Training participants benefits

Companies interested in participating at the Connect-a-thon in Berne 2012 are encouraged to participate at this training that describes the process and timeline for the Connect-a-thon and informs them about the available test-suites, simulators and Pre-Connect-a-thon test to pass. After the training you will know how to prepare yourself for a successful participation at the CAT.

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## About the training

The attendees will develop a thorough understanding of

- the roadmap until the CAT and the timing during the CAT week
- main purposes of a CAT
- test software and simulators

The training gives an overview to the IHE Connect-a-thon and informs about to best prepare to the CAT. There is also time reserved for questions and answers of the participants. But please keep in mind that we will not be able to individually coach each of the participants during this half day.

This training is officially approved by IHE Suisse and IHE Europe.

## Speakers

### Eric Poiseau

Technical project manager of IHE-Europe since 2001, Eric Poiseau coordinates the European Connect-a-thons. He is responsible for the IHE-Development team at INRIA, the main team contributing to the development of platform for interoperability testing called Gazelle. He also acts as an expert on IHE profiles and their test during the connect-a-thons.



### Anne-Gaëlle Bergé

Engineer in the IHE-Development team at INRIA Rennes since 2009, Anne-Gaëlle Bergé, with her participation at 4 Connect-a-thons and her involvement in the development of the test platform Gazelle, built a strong experience in IHE interoperability testing and the used standards.



### Tony Schaller

Tony Schaller is the CEO of medshare, an independent company for projects around the electronic exchange of medical information. He is also active as a consultant for ICT in the public health domain in Switzerland and on the international level. Furthermore he is head of xEPR project group of the HL7 affiliate in Switzerland and co-author of the CDA-CH specifications. Moreover, it is a founding member and technical project manager of IHE Suisse and monitor at the international IHE connect-a-thon since 2010.



## Requirements and limitations

Participants should be familiar with the complexity of data exchange in health care environment. IHE-specific knowledge and skills of the individual in the IHE profiles are not required but very helpful. The training gives only a very short introduction in the spirit and process of the IHE initiative and then focus on the Connect-a-thon and the available test software. The training is intended to give you lots of helpful information towards to the preparation for a CAT participation, but does not discuss in detail the development of software and IHE Actors.

## Take your notebook with you

The course materials are delivered electronically, only. Personal notes and comments may be entered directly into PDF files. Participants are kindly requested to bring their own laptops.

## Agenda 9:15 – ~12:15, then joint lunch

Short introduction in IHE

Main purposes of a Connect-a-thon (CAT)

- Different Stakeholders - different point of views
- CAT Test results and Integration statements – how to access and use them
- Excellent networking opportunity

Roadmap to the CAT

- Registration
- Tariff
- Pre-CAT tests

Testsoftware and simulators

- Gazelle
- Mesa

Questions and answers

- Participants are kindly requested to provide their questions in advance. This allows us a better preparation.

After training the participants are invited to continue discussing during a joint lunch.