IHE Symposium
Programme
Location: eHealth Forum 2014
Athens, Greece
Monday May 12, 2014, 09:00-13:00

Overall session Title: Practical interoperability in action

Master of Ceremonies: Zoi Kolitsi, Alexander Berler

09:00am – 10:30am
eHealth Interoperability Framework in Europe: IHE Overview and Status in Europe

Speakers:
- IHE: the inner workings and why this is relevant to eHealth, Lapo Bertini (Dedalus Spa) – 30’
- IHE: the interoperability engine for European strategy, Karima Bourquard (IHE-Europe) – 20’
- How IHE Profiles can benefit eHealth projects in Greece, Alexander Berler (Gnomon Informatics) – 20’

10:10am -> Q&A

10:30am – 11am – Coffee Break

11:00am – 12.30pm
IHE initiative accelerates the interoperability implementation in Europe

Speakers:
Saving money, time and reducing risks with profile-based interoperability, Charles Parisot (GE Healthcare) – 20’

Best practices tour
- Veneto Regional eHealth Program, Elena Vio (Consorzio Arsenál.IT) – 20’
- Luxembourg eSanté, Heiko Zimmermann (Agence eSanté) – 20’
- IHE Hospital Pharmacy and Community Pharmacy Use Cases and Standards, the new mortar of the Pharmacist in the digital era, Dr Leonidas Tzimis (Chania General Hospital)– 20’

12:15pm -> Q&A

12:30pm –01:00pm
IHE Services brings trust to eHealth interoperability, Cor Loef (IHE Services)

12:45pm -> Discussion panel by users of IHE Services
Speakers and Chairpersons short info:

1) Alexander Berler, Gnomon Informatics:
Dr. Alexander Berler has an MSc in Biomedical Engineering and a PhD in Medical Informatics. He was affiliated with the Electrical Engineering Department, National Technical University of Athens, Greece, as a Postgraduate Student and Research Associate in the areas of healthcare information systems interoperability, medical informatics and telemedicine since 1996. He has worked at Information Society SA, the official governmental information technology project office, as a project director responsible for the large healthcare informatics projects of the Greek government until 2006. He is currently employed as the Director of consulting services department at Gnomon Informatics with an expertise in international projects related to e-health, e-procurement and e-government. On behalf of Gnomon Informatics, he is a member of the epSOS Industry Team Steering Committee and participates in the development of the openNCP software components. He has also designed the interoperability framework of the Greek ePrescription system. He is currently a member of several societies’ institutes and organizations (IEEE, ACM, HIMSS), a member of several IHE Europe Committees, an external tutor to the National School of Public Health and the Chair of HL7 Hellas, the Greek HL7 Affiliate. More information available at http://gr.linkedin.com/in/aberler/

2) Lapo Bertini, IHE-Europe vendor co-chair:
Lapo Bertini is currently IHE Europe Vendor Co-Chair (www.ihe-europe.net), IHE Italy Vendor Co-Chair (www.ihe-italy.org) and member of IHE International Board (www.ihe.net). Lapo Bertini, 48, has 25+ years of experience in healthcare imaging and computer software, 18 of which in executive and managerial positions, is currently holding “IT Standards and International Marketing” position in Dedalus. Dedalus, with headquarters in Firenze (Italy), is the market leader in healthcare software solutions in Italy with more than 600 employees. Dedalus is committed to standards, employing HL7, DICOM and IHE in several product lines and pushing for the adoption of IHE-enabled processes. Besides Italy, Dedalus is active in Spain, Latin America, Mexico, Romania, Bosnia, China, South Africa, Turkey and MENA.
3) **Karima Bourquard, PhD, Director of Interoperability IHE-Europe:**
   Member of IHE international and IHE France, served as user cochair IHE-Europe and IHE France. Scientific Coordinator of HITCH (the Healthcare Interoperability Testing and Conformance Harmonisation) and Antilope European projects and contributes to the development of the epSOS testing strategy and the testing platform based on the IHE Gazelle management tool and the Gazelle testing tools. She has a solid background on Healthcare IT as Project manager and IT architect (infrastructure including Patient identification, Healthcare Professionals and security aspects).

4) **Zoi Kolitsi:**
eHealth strategist currently an affiliated member of the Information Security Laboratory of the Aristotelian University of Thessaloniki. She is a senior advisor with the Ministry of Health and member of the national eHealth Strategy Group. Current activities also include leading the Legal and Regulatory issues work in the epSOS LSP and also in the eHealth Governance Initiative; chair of the national Sectoral Technical Committee for eHealth of ELOT (TET 14/1); have led the CALLIOPE Thematic Network for EU eHealth Interoperability.

5) **Cor Loef, General Manager IHE Services:**
   A member at large of the IHE International Board. Served as co-chair of the DICOM Strategic Advisory group and contributed as a topic expert to the Healthcare Interoperability Testing and Conformance Harmonisation (HITCH) project. He starts his new responsibilities as GM IHE Services after a career at Philips Healthcare where he was International Program Manager for Interoperability and also served as Manager for Standards and Architecture.

6) **Charles Parisot, Manager, Standards and Interoperability, GE Healthcare:**
   Currently in charge of ehealth standardization for GE Healthcare, Charles brings an extensive and practical understanding of the entire healthcare interoperability standards value chain, from standards development (HL7, DICOM, ISO TC215), to use case profiling (IHE and Continua), to product implementation, testing and market adoption. Through his extensive experience in contributing to a user driven harmonization and implementation of interoperability standards in key EU
projects such as Mandate 403, epSOS Industry Team, HITCH, eHealth Governance Initiative, Charles has earned the trust of many healthcare user communities in Europe and in the USA to effectively achieve the rapid adoption of interoperability standards using a collaborative approach.

7) Dr Leonidas Tzimis, PharmD, RPharm, PhD Head of Pharmacy Department, Chania General Hospital, Greece

Dr Leonidas Tzimis is a Hospital Pharmacist. He is currently a member of the Monitoring Committee of the Integrated Information System of the County of Crete, member of the Web Working Group of EAHP (European Association of Hospital Pharmacists), member of IHE Europe-Pharmacy group and co-author of the "IHE Hospital Pharmacy and Community Pharmacy Use Cases and Standards, White Paper". He is also a member of the European Commission eHealth Stakeholder Group, representing the EAHP. Leonidas is a blogger, the Hospital Pharmacy blog (http://www.nosfar.gr) is the meeting point for the Greek Hospital Pharmacists.

8) Elena Vio, Consorzio Arsenàl.IT:

Mrs Vio is currently a project engineer at Arsenàl.IT - Veneto's Research Centre for e-Health Innovation since 2009. She participates in initiatives and projects about research, development and deployment in the field of e-health, with particular reference to the standardization of processes and definition of functional and technical specifications. She has participated in European projects, such as HEALTH OPTIMUM, RENEWING HEALTH, Regional Telemedicine Forum and more. In the past she was employed at the Local Healthcare Authority of Treviso, where she was responsible for technical and organizational activities within the European project “HEALTH OPTIMUM” in order to manage and monitor technical start-ups at regional level, for technical management of applications, and producing technical and functional specifications documents for the project. She has a graduate and post graduate degree from the University of Padua and has extensive knowledge of IHE integration profiles (XDS, PIX, PAM and PDQ profiles).

9) Heiko Zimmermann, Agence eSanté:

He worked as a software architect and developer in the IT sector for several years, before joining CRP Henri Tudor in Luxembourg in 2009. There he worked on different eHealth related projects for the Ministry of Health in Luxembourg. In 2012 he joined Agence eSanté, Luxembourg’s national agency for the exchange and
sharing of data in the healthcare sector, where he is responsible for interoperability. He is involved in the specification and implementation of the national eHealth platform and is working with vendors and users for the integration of their systems with the national platform. He has launched together with HL7 Luxembourg several workgroups for the standardization of the medical document content structures (based on HL7 CDA R2) and is also involved in workgroups for the harmonization of codifications used in Luxembourg.

He is working as the national project coordinator for the epSOS project in Luxembourg and represents the Agence eSanté as member of the Luxembourgish consortium for eSens.