

Vienna plays host to IHE-Europe 2014 Connectathon – The Latest...

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From April 7th - 11th 2014, Vienna will be hosting the IHE-Europe Connectathon for the second time in five years, proving IHE-Austria's commitment in driving and supporting IHE adoption. This strong commitment from Austria's Government is also reflected in another important initiative launched by Austrian Government 5 years ago, namely the Public Health Research programme ELGA, which is based on selected IHE Integration Profiles.

The IHE Connectathon is a "test marathon" that provides all companies, large and small, the opportunity to test their products in a structured environment across a variety of domains including Radiology, Cardiology, Pathology, Patient Care Devices, Patient Care Coordination, Pharmacy, Laboratory, Dental and crucially IT Infrastructure, along with those of their peer vendors. Real world clinical scenarios following IHE Integration Profile specifications are used.

Some 72 companies will join the Connectathon testing this year, bringing together more than 100 systems and 300 participants for a full week of intensive testing. This clearly shows how important interoperability is across the healthcare spectrum in Europe.

"We have a number of new SMEs attending this year and whilst some of the traditional healthcare companies have decided to consolidate the participation of their systems, new players have taken up the slack. I expect a successful, and as ever a work-intensive, but rewarding week, for everyone involved", said Eric Poiseau, IHE-Europe's Technical Coordinator of the Connectathon testing.

"We herewith would particularly like to thank all the companies who are attending and will acknowledge them on the IHE-Europe website accordingly, as we know that this activity is particularly important both to vendors and to the buying community across Europe, as part of their decision making process, which is reflected in the IHE Product Registry (<http://product-registry.ihe.net>) and Connectathon results (<http://connectathon-results.ihe.net>)", he added.

Vendors are encouraged to look at the recently produced IHE-Europe Connectathon White Paper (<http://ihe-europe.net/news-and-press/publications>), which gives a considerable amount of background information about the Connectathon, and also contains invaluable information when considering attendance to next year's IHE-Europe Connectathon. The CAT 2015 will take place in Luxembourg from 20 until 24 April 2015.

For more information on IHE-Europe Connectathon 2014 go to <http://connectathon2014.ihe-europe.net>

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About IHE-Services

IHE-Services is the operational unit of IHE-Europe dedicated to the fulfilment of its mission. It is a professional testing team supporting IHE-Europe's members and beneficiaries that want to build trust in the deployment of IHE profiles in their solutions and projects. Services provided are the development of customised validation and conformance test tools, organisation of test sessions and demonstrations, training and consultancy on implementation of the IHE profiles in beneficiary's projects / programs. Beneficiaries are national or regional e-health projects, IT users in hospitals or vendors developing new products. IHE-Services offers a unique suite of tools and services used during the connectivity marathons, or Connectathons, worldwide.

About IHE-Europe

The mission of IHE-Europe is to improve patient care by advancing the interoperability of healthcare IT systems and the appropriate sharing of relevant information. Towards that end, IHE-Europe conducts education, testing, demonstrations and other activities promoting the deployment within Europe of systems compliant with the IHE Technical Frameworks developed by IHE International. IHE-Europe also recruits healthcare professionals and solution developers to participate in the development of these specifications and promote their appropriate use in Europe. IHE-Europe interacts with relevant governmental and non-governmental organisations in Europe. It also maintains close contacts with similar initiatives around the world.

About IHE-Austria

Since 2007 it has been IHE-Austria's goal to accelerate the integration of IT- and medical engineering in the Austrian health care sector. IHE-Austria plays an important role in the realisation of the Austrian electronic health record (ELGA) and continuously promotes the advantages of eHealth to increase the quality, effectiveness and efficiency of healthcare. Its members span the whole health care sector and the executive board consists of representatives of users and vendors. In 2011 IHE-Austria started organising the IHE DAY, which has since evolved into being one of the most important symposiums of its kind in the German speaking region.

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