

IHE-Europe Appoints Dr Andreas Klingler as Vendor Co-Chair

Vienna, 14 April 2020: IHE-Europe is delighted to announce the appointment of Dr. Andreas Klingler as Vendor co-chair for a two-year mandate with immediate effect, succeeding Jürgen Brandstätter. Andreas will work closely with Dr. Stéphane Spahni, who continues as User co-chair of IHE-Europe having been appointed just last year. Jürgen Brandstätter will assume the Deputy Vendor co-chair position.

Dr. Klingler, from Germany, holds a Master's degree in Computer Science from the University of Erlangen-Nuremberg and a PhD in Medical Informatics on 'Component Based Medical Information Systems' from Heidelberg University. Having over thirty years' experience in health information systems he has spent the last decade as Head of the Interoperability Competence Centre working with his team at Siemens, now Siemens Healthineers, to ensure and improve the interoperability of Siemens Healthineers imaging solutions. This has included coordinating engagement in many interoperability standards bodies, he has hence been extremely active in the DICOM Standards Committee - its Executive Committee and a number of its Work Groups - plus in HL7 and in IHE-Europe.



**Jürgen
Brandstätter**

**Andreas
Klingler**

He recently became Chair of the Interoperability Focus Group of COCIR to ensure strong representation of interoperability aspects, at this vitally important vendor organisation.

As a Freelance software developer by trade and having held both product and project management roles during his Siemens career, he has had a unique insight into the operations of small scale and large international businesses. This, together with Standards Body experience and many years' working as part of the IHE-Europe Executive Board ensures Andreas is well-equipped to become IHE-Europe Vendor co-chair.

In his statement of interest Dr. Klingler points out that the timing of his appointment is crucially important, given the recent spin-off of IHE Services, such that IHE-Europe will now be able to focus its future activities more on its core mission and competencies. He said, "IHE-Europe plays an important role in Europe and I totally support its unique concept of use-case driven, multi-standard interoperability well-known to policy makers and project initiators at a European level. Equally important are the support of national IHE initiatives in Europe, making European needs known at IHE International, and ensuring the success of the annual IHE-Europe Connectathon, on which many vendors depend for testing their products".

"I am honoured to follow Jürgen Brandstätter in this vital role and I am looking forward to giving my full commitment and service to IHE-Europe at this important time, with so many nations currently in lockdown because of COVID-19. It is pleasing to see that IHE Profiles are playing a full part in system interoperability within many healthcare IT solutions that are in use in the fight against this virus," Dr. Klingler concluded.

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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 interacts with relevant governmental and non-governmental organisations in Europe. It also maintains close contacts with similar initiatives around the world.