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HL7 INTERNATIONAL STANDARDS AND EDUCATION MEETING
THE JANUARY MEETING OF THE HL7 INTERNATIONAL WORKING GROUP

9 - 14 January 2011 • Sydney, Australia

CLIFTONS MEETING & TRAINING CENTER & THE AMORA HOTEL
SYDNEY, AUSTRALIA

ONLINE REGISTRATION: opens at www.HL7.org in mid-October
EARLY-BIRD REGISTRATION: until 24 December 2010
ONLINE REGISTRATION: until 31 December 2010

Welcome from the Chair of HL7 Australia

HL7 Australia welcomes the international health informatics community to the HL7 International Standards and Education meeting in Sydney.

To host the January 2011 Meeting, HL7 Australia has partnered with the Australian Government, NEHTA, Standards Australia, HL7 New Zealand and the New South Wales State Government. This reflects the importance that Australia’s national EHR program places on standards and standardisation. In Sydney, you will have the opportunity to meet with HL7 implementers in our state governments, discuss standards strategy with NEHTA and partake in our extended education program.

We are delighted to have the e-health standards world in Australia in January and look forward to an exciting and productive meeting!

David Rowlands, HL7 AUSTRALIA CHAIR 2009-2010

Welcome from the Chair of HL7 New Zealand

HL7 New Zealand is partnering with HL7 Australia in hosting the January Meeting in Sydney. New Zealand has been a leader in HL7 implementation for over 20 years and we look forward to learning and sharing implementation information in January. I hope that you will also have time for a side trip to New Zealand, the “Middle Earth” in the Lord of the Rings Trilogy movie!

I look forward to your participation in the Sydney Meeting!

David Hay, MBCHB, HL7 NEW ZEALAND CHAIR 2008-2010
The meetings of the HL7 International work groups will be held at the Cliftons Meeting and Training Center and the Amora Hotel right next to the Marriott, Four Seasons, and other hotels and within two minutes’ walk of Sydney harbor and a stone’s throw from the historic “The Rocks” precinct. We will use the entire purpose-built Cliftons corporate meeting rooms building (www.Cliftons.com/Sydney) with their excellent AV/WiFi facilities which will allow us to schedule additional tutorials and education sessions.

**Working Group Meetings**

All HL7 International working groups are scheduled to meet in Sydney to progress the various HL7 standards and other projects. These meetings are scheduled throughout the duration of the WGM.

**Education Sessions and Tutorials**

As at every working group meeting, there will be a rich education and training program including free introductory sessions, focused beginner and advanced tutorials as well as certification exams in the following tracks:

- **Track 0**: Free first-timers’ orientation, introduction to the HL7 organization and its standards development processes as well as co-chair training sessions
- **Track 1**: HL7 V2.x, the world’s most successful and continually enhanced healthcare interoperability standard. Introduction to V2.x, patient administration, laboratory, pharmacy, discharge/referral, etc., implementation, conformance, XML
- **Track 2**: Introduction to the Version 3 standards, the Reference Information Model (RIM), messaging, documents (CDA), XML, wrappers and transport, Version 3 RIM and CDA Certification Exams
- **Track 3**: Electronic Health Records (EHR), Visual Integration (CCOW), security and Medical Logic (Arden Syntax, CELLO)


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**Extended Education Program**

Based on specific request by attendees, we have scheduled supplementary and satellite education events. These include one-day education sessions:

- CDA Master Class
- Forum: Harnessing International Knowledge and Experience
- openEHR
- Integrating the Healthcare Enterprise (IHE)

For those seeking some academic education, we are planning an academic “Summer School” as well as other health informatics education satellite events. For more details see [www.HL7.org.au/Sydney2011](http://www.HL7.org.au/Sydney2011)

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**HL7 Meetings are green!**

To reduce HL7’s carbon footprint its meetings are now paperless. We no longer provide printed materials, but distribute meeting papers and tutorial handouts electronically. Be sure to bring your laptop to the Sydney meeting. Free WiFi internet access will be provided.

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**Wednesday Evening Harbor Cruise**

Yes, the Wednesday Evening Networking Reception will be on a boat cruising fabulous Sydney Harbor! We will have a great evening with mountains of shrimp and live music as we cruise past the Opera House and under the Harbor Bridge into the sunset...

**Sydney WGM Photo Competition:**

All photos taken on the Harbor Cruise may be entered into the photo competition that will be judged and awarded on Thursday!
Sydney Travel and Tourist Information

HL7 International traditionally holds its January Working Group Meeting in a location with a warm climate. January is the middle of summer in Sydney, so you will be thrilled by the Sydney summer daytime temperatures of 75-85°F (24-30°C). We expect sun and blue skies all week. Sweaters and jackets will definitely not be needed. We hope that some of the world’s great beaches (Bondi, Narrabeen, etc.) being within five miles of the city center will not distract us too much.

The January Working Group Meeting will be held in a central location in Sydney close to many area hotels and just a two-minute walk from the harbor. There is a selection of hotels on the HL7 Australia website which includes accommodations for those on a budget: www.HL7.org.au/Sydney2011.

The Australian currency is the “Aussie Dollar”, which varies between US $0.80-US $0.90, so Sydney prices are about 15% cheaper. Historically, the US has had a substantial influence on Sydney, so US visitors will immediately feel at home – yes, Starbucks, McDonald’s, Burger King, Hard Rock Cafe, Kinkos, FedEx, etc. are here too. You can find more information at www.HL7.org.au/Sydney2011.

Sydney, one of the world’s most highly awarded cities, is the gateway to Australia and offers a broad range of tourist activities. Apart from the Opera House and the Harbor Bridge, the historic The Rocks district with its colonial sandstone buildings, pubs and restaurants is a 5-minute walk. In addition, Darling Harbor with its yachts, waterfront dining, and bars is also very popular. For those with a sense of adventure, the Sydney Harbor Bridge Climb is a spectacular experience; while the Sydney Fish Markets let you get hands-on with the freshest seafood. The extensive Chinatown district with its many small restaurants and the Chinese Garden reflects Sydney’s large Asian population. Due to its proximity to Asia, shopping in Sydney is excellent with famous brands at good prices and many factory outlets. Of course, Sydney’s miles of white sandy beaches and the world-famous Blue Mountains nearby should not be missed!

If you have any questions or would like some sightseeing suggestions, email the HL7 Australia “Sydney 2011 WGM Help-Line” at 2011Help@HL7.org.au.

Whilst you are in THIS part of the world – consider visiting New Zealand…

Awesome landscapes, lush forests, amazing wildlife and pleasant climate make New Zealand a haven for many outdoor activities, as well as a great place to unwind. Summer is one of the best seasons for outdoor fun! New Zealand society is diverse, sophisticated, and multicultural. The honesty, friendliness and openness of Kiwis will impress you. The great advantage of New Zealand is that all of its diverse physical, cultural and artistic landscapes are so close to each other!

As the whole country gears up for the 2011 Rugby World Cup, New Zealand is a vibrant place to visit. Famous for its welcoming friendly locals – come and see for yourself the magic that is Aotearoa (Land of the Long White Cloud). See these helpful links for comprehensive information on this truly beautiful country.

We look forward to welcoming you to our very special place!

www.tourism.net.nz
www.newzealand.com/travel/about-nz-home.cfm
www.newzealand.com/International
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