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**HL7 Names Two New Advisory Committee Members**

ANN ARBOR, Mich.—May 4, 2006 — The HL7 Board of Directors has named two new members to serve on its advisory committee: Philip Burstein, MD, Vice President Therapeutic Area Management, Biometrics and Data at GlaxoSmithKline; and Richard Dixon-Hughes, Managing Director, DH4 Pty Limited, and Deputy Chairman, Standards Australia.

Chuck Meyer, Chair of HL7, said “I am pleased to welcome Dr. Burstein and Mr. Dixon-Hughes to the HL7 Advisory Committee. Dr. Burstein also brings a unique provider perspective to the council, having served as both a practicing physician and hospital administrator. Mr. Dixon-Hughes, long a fixture in healthcare consulting and informatics standards development in Australia, brings a wealth of experience and an international perspective to the Council.”

At GlaxoSmithKline, Philip Burstein leads a very talented team dedicated to fully utilizing clinical trial data and observational data in drug discovery and development. Before joining R&D in 1999, he spent a year in the former SmithKline Beecham HealthCare Services Department developing disease management tools for managed care markets. “As a clinician who spent many years in practice before coming to the pharmaceutical industry, I am excited and energized by what electronic health record technology is bringing to the healthcare community,” said Burstein. “It will only be as good as the infrastructure supporting it and standards are the linchpin for it. Having the opportunity to contribute to the great work that HL7 is doing is truly a privilege.”

Richard Dixon-Hughes is actively involved in developing health informatics standards in Australia and internationally. Approximately 20 years ago, he founded DH4 Pty Limited, a consulting firm which specializes in ICT strategic planning and management consulting for health and government clients. Recent DH4 projects have included major studies for Australian Federal and State Governments relating to national clinical terminologies, health client identifiers, standards for sharing of EHR information, the business architecture for a national EHR system and national health informatics standards.

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“It is a great honour to have been invited to join the HL7 Board Advisory Committee,” said Dixon-Hughes. “The ability to learn from and share international experience has strengthened HL7 standards in both the US-domestic and global arenas. We are at an exciting time with HL7 leading international work in applications domains such as the communication of genetic sequence variations, capture and management of structured clinical documents and expanding into many areas of specific clinical content. I look forward to contributing my experience to the deliberations of the committee, including experience gained as a member of the Board of Directors of Standards Australia through almost 10 years on period of unparalleled change for that organization.”

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