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Health Level Seven Announces New Board Members, Fellows and Volunteer of the Year Awards

Chicago, IL, USA – September 17, 2014 – Health Level Seven® (HL7®) International, the global authority on interoperability of health information technology with members in 55 countries, today announced election results for its Board of Directors at the 28th Annual Plenary and Working Group Meeting in Chicago, IL. The 2014 HL7 Fellows and the 2014 recipients of the W. Edward Hammond, PhD, Volunteer of the Year Awards were also recognized at the event.

Incoming Chairman

Doug Fridsma, MD, PhD, chief science officer and director, Officer of Science and Technology, Office of the National Coordinator for Health Information and Technology, was selected by the membership to serve as the chair-elect in 2015 and as the chairman, 2016-2017.

HL7 Board Member Elections

Four members were elected or re-elected to the HL7 Board of Directors for the 2014-2015 term:
- *Secretary* — W. Edward Hammond, PhD, Director, Duke Center for Health Informatics
- *Director* — Hans Buitendijk, hs standards and regulations manager, Siemens Healthcare
- *Director* — James Case, DVM, PhD, health program specialist, SNOMED CT, National Library of Medicine
- *Affiliate Director* — Frank Oemig, segment solution manager for communication standards, Agfa HealthCare GmBH; HL7 Germany

2014 HL7 Fellows

This award was presented to three individuals during HL7's 28th Annual Plenary and Working Group Meeting in Chicago, IL. The award was established to recognize HL7 members with at least 15 years of

active membership as well as outstanding service, commitment and contributions to HL7. The 2014 recipients of the HL7 Fellowship Award include:

- Michio Kimura, MD, PhD
- Douglas Pratt
- Niilo Saranummi

HL7 Volunteers of the Year

HL7 honored two members with the 18th annual W. Edward Hammond, PhD Volunteer of the Year Award. Established in 1997, the award is named after Dr. Ed Hammond, one of HL7's most active volunteers and a founding member as well as past Board chair. The award recognizes individuals who have made significant contributions to HL7's success. The 2014 recipients include:

- Lorraine Constable, principal, Constable Consulting Inc.; HL7 Canada
- Melva Peters, president, Jenaker Consulting; consultant, Gordon Point Informatics; Chair, HL7 Canada

About the Volunteers:

Lorraine Constable has been a member of HL7 since 2007. Her organizational and architecture skills have made her a leader and primary content contributor in a wide range of HL7 work groups. Lorraine currently serves as a co-chair for the Electronic Services and Tools and Orders and Observations (O&O) Work Groups. She was also one of the founding members of the Fast Healthcare Interoperability Resources (FHIR[®]) Management Group and currently participates on the FHIR Governance Board as well as contributing content for the O&O, Patient Care and Financial Management Work Groups. Constable also helps lead the HL7 Architecture Review Board, where she serves as vice-chair. Her active contributions include the HL7 SAIF Architecture program, the Technical Steering Committee and work groups ranging from Application Implementation and Design to Patient Care.

Melva Peters has been involved in HL7 since 2008. Since that time, she has actively participated in a number of work groups. She is the current chair of the HL7 Canada affiliate and co-chairs the Pharmacy and Education Work Groups. In addition, Ms. Peters co-chairs the Domain Experts Steering Division of the Technical Steering Committee, is an affiliate representative to the Membership Committee and is a member of the International Council. Finally, as a tutor for the online HL7 Fundamentals course, she provides excellent feedback and guidance to students. These volunteer efforts reflect an ongoing outstanding commitment to Health Level Seven International and to the training of members and future generations of leaders.

About HL7

Founded in 1987, Health Level Seven International is the global authority for healthcare information interoperability and standards with affiliates established in more than 30 countries. HL7 is a non-profit, ANSI accredited standards development organization dedicated to providing a comprehensive framework and related standards for the exchange, integration, sharing, and retrieval of electronic health information that supports clinical practice and the management, delivery and evaluation of health services. HL7's more than 2,300 members represent approximately 500 corporate members, which include more than 90 percent of the information systems vendors serving healthcare. HL7 collaborates with other standards developers and provider, payer, philanthropic and government agencies at the highest levels to ensure the development of comprehensive and reliable standards and successful interoperability efforts.

HL7's endeavors are sponsored, in part, by the support of its benefactors: Accenture; AEGIS.net, Inc., Allscripts; Centers for Disease Control and Prevention; Duke Translational Medicine Institute; Epic; the Food and Drug Administration; GE Healthcare Information Technologies; GlaxoSmithKline; IBM; Intermountain Healthcare; Intel Corporation, Digital Health Group; InterSystems Corporation; Kaiser Permanente; McKesson Provider Technology; Microsoft Corporation; NICTIZ National Healthcare; Office of the National Coordinator for Health IT; Oracle Corporation; Partners HealthCare System, Inc.; Philips Healthcare; Quest Diagnostics Inc.; the U.S. Department of Defense, Military Health System; and the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs.

Numerous HL7 Affiliates have been established around the globe including Argentina, Australia, Austria, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Brazil, Canada, China, Croatia, Czech Republic, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Hong Kong, India, Italy, Japan, Korea, Malaysia, Netherlands, New Zealand, Norway, Pakistan, Philippines, Puerto Rico, Romania, Russia, Singapore, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, Taiwan, Turkey, United Kingdom, and Uruguay.

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