



# 16<sup>th</sup> International HL7 Interoperability Conference (IHIC 2016)

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The 16<sup>th</sup> International HL7 Interoperability Conference (IHIC 2016) will be held from 13-15 June 2016 in Genoa, Italy. The meeting will be hosted by HL7 Italy, with support from HL7 Germany as permanent IHIC supporter - other HL7 Affiliates are invited to join the supporters' team. The motto of the 2016 conference is

## Interoperability is more than just technology

The IHIC is a forum for implementers and scientists to present and discuss concepts, models and implementations for innovative interoperable e-Health solutions. The conference aims to play the role of an interface between science, research and practice with regards to interoperability in the health and social care domain to share experiences and best practices. It will present scientific papers on the one hand and demonstrations, practice reports, success and failure stories on the other hand.

Based on the good experiences gained at IHIC 2015, the conference will start with a Tutorial Day, pushing the dissemination of knowledge about HL7 globally. One highlight of the conference will be the announcement of the "Joachim W. Dudeck Award" for the best paper of a young author. More details can be found at the end of this Call.

### Agenda

- 13 June 2016: Tutorial Day
  - All registered attendees will receive one complimentary tutorial with the opportunity to book further tutorials.
  - Special Session or Workshops of HL7 Committees may be accommodated here, offering sharing of information and experiences between committee members and participants from all around the world.
- 14-15 June 2016: Main Conference

## Audience

The intended audience encompasses all who have developed, implemented, investigated, or otherwise used any of HL7s standards.

Implementers	Scientists and Researchers
<p><b>We invite implementers (representing healthcare providers and software vendors)</b> to present their implementation experiences.</p> <p>All suggested topics will be reviewed by the Program Committee to ensure a reasonable quality as well as a balanced series of presentations. In order to facilitate evaluation and dissemination of these experiences, attendees are requested to submit short practice reports, possibly also allowing that their presentations be recorded. The practice reports will be published as part of the conference proceedings, and the recordings will be made available on the conference website after the meeting.</p>	<p><b>We invite scientists</b> to submit papers to be presented in the conference and be published in the conference proceedings.</p> <p>All papers will be reviewed by at least two independent reviewers. Selected papers will be published in the special issue “Interoperability is more than just technology” of the “European Journal of Biomedical Informatics”.</p> <p>The best scientific paper by a young author (&lt;35y) will be awarded with the “Joachim W. Dudeck Award” (see the final page of this announcement for details).</p>

## Topics

Papers should contribute, but are not limited to the following topics:

- The advancement of interoperability
- Harmonization of interoperability standards and specifications among different SDOs
- Terminology and ontology challenge of interoperability
- Concepts and frameworks for Smart Interoperability Infrastructure Services
- Local, regional or national Electronic Health Records solutions
- Business Intelligence and Clinical Decision Support
- Specification and implementation tools
- FHIR and CDA – controversy, coexistence, or synergy?
- “Show me your CDA” – CDA implementations at all levels

## Submission and Format

Manuscripts should not exceed 5000 words and must strictly follow the instructions for authors available at the Conference Website.

Papers are to be submitted electronically at the IHIC Submission System

<https://easychair.org/conferences/?conf=ihic2016> before 31 January 2016 (final deadline).

## **Important Dates:**

- Call For papers: 1 June 2015
- Deadline for submissions: 31 January 2016
- Evaluation and notification: 15 March 2016
- Camera-papers ready due: 15 April 2016
- IHIC 2016: 13-15 June 2016

## **IHIC 2016 Program Committee**

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## Joachim W. Dudeck Award

Since 2011, HL7 International annually bestows the Joachim W. Dudeck Award, awarded by the HL7 International Council on the occasion of the International HL7 Interoperability Conference.

The Award distinguishes extraordinary achievements in developing and/or implementing HL7-based interoperability solutions as well as promoting the use of HL7 and its harmonization with other specifications performed by young HL7 community members.

The Award has been launched in memory and honor of the outstanding physician, scientist, lecturer and standards developer Joachim W. Dudeck (Giessen, Germany). Joachim Dudeck was the founder and long term Chair of HL7 Germany, the first Affiliate Director at the HL7 Board of Directors, and author or contributor of many specifications around HL7 and XML in Health Informatics.

A jury – the Joachim W. Dudeck Award Committee – consisting of 6 acknowledged scientists and standardization experts headed by the acting HL7 Germany Chair decides on the bestowment of this Award to one author of a paper submission to the International HL7 Interoperability Conference, who is younger than 35 years.

This Award is worth US\$ 1000, which was kindly donated by HL7 International, and is completed by a “Joachim W. Dudeck Award” plaque donated by HL7 Germany.

The paper must be written in English.



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