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

ANN ARBOR, Mich., USA – September 23, 2009 – Health Level Seven® (HL7®), the global authority on standards for interoperability of health information technology with members in 57 countries, today announced election results for its Board of Directors at the 23rd Annual Plenary and Working Group Meeting. The 2009 recipients of the W. Edward Hammond, PhD, Volunteer of the Year Awards were also recognized at the event.

HL7 Board Member Elections

Four members were elected or re-elected to the HL7 Board of Directors for the 2010-2011 term:

- *Treasurer* — Hans Buitendijk, product manager, Siemens Healthcare
- *Director* — Rebecca Kush, PhD, president and CEO, The Clinical Data Interchange Standards Consortium (CDISC)
- *Director* — Bill Braithwaite, MD, PhD, chief medical officer, Anakam, Inc.
- *Affiliate Director* — Michael van Campen, chair, HL7 Canada, and president, Gordon Point Informatics Ltd.

They join the following current members of the HL7 Board who will lead HL7 in the 2010 calendar year:

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- *Incoming Chair* — Bob Dolin, MD, principle, Semantically Yours, LLC
- *Past Chair* — W. Edward Hammond, PhD, professor emeritus, Duke University
- *Secretary* — Jill Kaufman, PhD, consultant
- *Director* — Dennis Giokas, MS, chief technology officer, Canada Health Infoway, Inc.
- *Director* — Stanley Huff, MD, chief medical informatics officer, Intermountain Healthcare
- *Director* — Kenneth Lunn, PhD, director of data standards and products, National Health Service, Connecting for Health
- *Director* — Donald T. Mon, PhD, vice president – Practice Leadership, American Health Information Management Association
- *Affiliate Director* — Catherine Chronaki, HL7 Greece Board of Directors and FORTH-Institute of Computer Science
- *Technical Steering Committee (TSC) Chair* — Charles McCay, owner, Ramsey Systems, Ltd.

HL7 Volunteers of the Year

HL7 honored four members with the 13th 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, and current HL7 Board chair. The award recognizes individuals who have made significant contributions to HL7's success. The 2009 recipients include:

- Bernd Blobel, PhD, associate professor, eHealth Competence Center, University of Regensburg, Germany
- Gora Datta, chairman and CEO, Cal2Cal Corporation
- John Koisch, founding partner, Guidewire Architecture
- John Ritter, manager of health information technology, College of American Pathologists

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About the Volunteers:

Bernd Blobel, PhD, is a founding member and current chair-elect of HL7 Germany. He has been involved with the HL7 Germany affiliate since 1995, when he agreed to serve as the first vice chair. Blobel was also HL7 Germany's first elected chair and served on the HL7 Germany Board for six consecutive years in the roles of chair-elect, chair and past-chair. He was instrumental in the adaptation of the HL7 Version 2.x family of standards to meet German requirements. Blobel began actively contributing to the global HL7 organization in 1996 and was the first international HL7 member to co-chair a work group. In 1996, Blobel launched the HL7 Security Work Group and has served as its co-chair since its inception. As a co-chair, he initiated the HL7 Security Services Framework, which he drafted in 1996. Blobel also helped create the HL7 Personnel Management Work Group in 1998 and served as its co-chair for five years. During his leadership, Chapter 15, Personnel Management, was added to the Version 2.x Standard. Blobel participates in several other national and international standards development organizations (SDOs) and is a leading force in European medical informatics and the German telematics infrastructure.

Gora Datta has been a member of HL7 since 2003. He is actively involved in the Marketing Committee and was instrumental in creating the HL7 Ambassador program. He also represents the organization as an official HL7 Ambassador and has given presentations in the US, Greece and Singapore. Datta served as a coordinator of the HL7 eLearning project, HL7's first interactive internet course covering the basics of HL7, including Version 2.x, HL7's use of XML, Version 3, and the Clinical Document Architecture (CDA). He was also a co-leader of the HL7 CDA Products and Service Guide project. As an active member of the HL7 Electronic Health Records (EHR) and Personal Health Records (PHR) Work Groups, Datta co-led the EHR Interoperability group, and was the task leader for the BioSurveillance EHR-PHR alignment and mapping project. He is also a member of the Education and Public Health Emergency Response (PHER) Work Groups and the International Mentoring Committee.

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John Koisch has been a member of HL7 since early 2005. By mid-2006 he was elected co-chair of the Services Oriented Architecture Work Group, a position that he still holds today. Koisch's broad technical knowledge led him to be selected to serve as a key member of the restructured HL7 Architectural review Board (ArB) in June 2008. Since then, he has provided exceptional leadership to the ArB and was elected co-chair of the group in January of this year. Koisch has devoted a significant amount of his time to HL7 as one of the authors and driving forces behind the HL7 Services-Aware Enterprise Architecture Framework (SAEAF) project, and is a regular contributor to the HL7 Technical Steering Committee.

John Ritter has been a member of HL7 since 2002. He has served as a co-chair of the HL7 EHR Work Group since January 2007 and has actively participated in the work group since 2004. As a member of the EHR Work Group, he authored a significant portion of the chapters of the EHR-System Functional Model. Ritter has been responsible for editing all the versions of the EHR-System Functional Model, and its derivative profiles. He is also a co-facilitator of the PHR Work Group and has greatly contributed to the EHR Interoperability Work Group. In addition, Ritter helped create the International Mentoring Committee and has served as a co-chair of the group since its inception in early 2007. He is also actively involved in the Marketing Committee, where he has helped extensively in the development of the HL7 Ambassador program. Ritter has represented the organization as an official HL7 Ambassador at various conferences around the world.

About HL7

Founded in 1987, Health Level Seven, Inc. is the leading global authority for healthcare Information interoperability and standards with members in 57 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.

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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; Booz Allen Hamilton, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention; Duke Clinical Research Institute (DCRI); Eclipsys Corporation; Eli Lilly & Company; Epic Systems Corporation; European Medicines Agency; the Food and Drug Administration; GE Healthcare Information Technologies; GlaxoSmithKline; Intel Corporation; InterSystems Corporation; Kaiser Permanente; Lockheed Martin; McKesson Provider Technology; Microsoft Corporation; NHS Connecting for Health; NICTIZ National Healthcare; Novartis; Oracle Corporation; Partners HealthCare System, Inc.; Pfizer, Inc.; Philips Healthcare; QuadraMed Corporation; Quest Diagnostics Inc.; Siemens Healthcare; St. Jude Medical; Sunquest Information Systems, Thomson Reuters; 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, Brazil, Canada, Chile, China, Colombia, Croatia, Czech Republic, Denmark, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, India, Ireland, Italy, Japan, Korea, Mexico, The Netherlands, New Zealand, Romania, Russia, Singapore, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, Taiwan, Turkey, United Kingdom, and Uruguay.

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