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Health Level Seven Announces New Advisory Council Members

ANN ARBOR, Mich., USA — August 28, 2008—The Health Level Seven (HL7) Board of Directors has named seven new members to serve on its Advisory Council: Michael Fitzmaurice, PhD, senior science advisor for information technology, Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality; Harry L. Reynolds, vice president of the HIPAA & Information Compliance Office at Blue Cross and Blue Shield of North Carolina; Helga Rippen, MD; Nina M. Schwenk, MD, vice president of the Mayo Clinic, chair of the Information Technology Committee and consultant with General Internal Medicine; Jeremy Thorp, director of business requirements for NHS Connecting for Health; John Tooker, MD, MBA, FACP, executive vice president and chief executive officer for the American College of Physicians; and Charlene S. Underwood, director of Government and Industry Affairs at Siemens Medical Solutions.

“The Advisory Council is composed of stakeholders who are mature leaders in their respective fields that make significant contributions to HL7,” said W. Ed Hammond, PhD, HL7 Board chair and co-chair of the HL7 Advisory Council. “We have recently undergone a transitional period in which members, most of which served for four years, have retired from the Advisory Council. We have profited from their advice and we express our appreciation to them for their service to HL7. We also welcome the incoming members who bring a wealth of diverse and unique experience to the Advisory Council and are already making an impact on HL7.”

Outgoing Advisory Council members include: Carl Dvorak, chief operating officer, Epic Systems Corporation; Ian Ferrier, founder and chair of Bogart Delafield Ferrier, LLC; Mark
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Frisse, director of regional informatics programs at the Vanderbilt Center for Better Health, and professor in the Vanderbilt department of Biomedical Informatics; C. Martin Harris, chief information officer and chairman, Information Technology Division of the Cleveland Clinic Foundation; Dr. Tim Jones, clinical and technical design owner, National NHS Care Record, National Programme for IT; Penelope J. Lie, senior director in healthcare development at Oracle Corporation; Janet Marchibroda, chief executive director, Foundation for eHealth Initiative; and Andrew Updegrove, co-founder and partner, Gesmer Updegrove LLP.

HL7 instituted an Advisory Council in 2004 because there are a limited number of elected members on the HL7 Board of Directors, and therefore they cannot represent all of the areas in healthcare. To address this situation, the Board has asked specific individuals from the healthcare industry to participate in the HL7 Advisory Council. This group advises the HL7 Board on organizational and stakeholder issues as well as makes recommendations on the business and financial models for HL7. For more information on the members of the HL7 Advisory Council, please visit the HL7 Advisory Council webpage at:

<http://www.hl7.org/special/committees/Advisory/index.cfm>

About HL7

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