



**ISO DATATYPES BALLOT  
CARRIED FORWARD  
FROM MAY 2008 TO SEPTEMBER 2008**

**June 20, 2008**

Dear Voter,

Please be informed of this important notice regarding voting in the following ballot:

- HL7 Version 3 Standard: ISO Datatypes, Release 1

The candidate standard above is being balloted jointly with the International Organization for Standardization (ISO), which requires a five-month ballot period for their ballots. The ballot pool for this candidate standard was initially hosted on the HL7 Ballot Desktop as an item in the May 2008 Ballot Cycle, even though voting in the pool is not scheduled to end until August 29<sup>th</sup>.

For the convenience of HL7 voters, this ballot pool is being carried forward to the September 2008 Ballot Cycle. Voting in the May 2008 Ballot Cycle ballot pool for this candidate standard has been discontinued, and the entire voting pool has been carried forward to the September 2008 Ballot Cycle ballot pool.

**WHAT THIS MEANS FOR VOTERS:**

A voter who has already cast a vote on this candidate standard need do nothing. His or her vote will be carried forward to the ISO Datatypes ballot pool in the September 2008 Ballot Cycle. If a voter feels the need to change a vote or provide additional ballot comments, that voter should do so in the September 2008 Ballot Cycle ballot pool.

Voters who have not yet cast a vote will do so in the ISO Datatypes ballot pool in the September 2008 Ballot Cycle. Voting in the initial ISO Datatypes ballot pool in the May 2008 Ballot Cycle has been discontinued.

New voters interested in joining the ballot pool may do so until the ballot pool signup end date, one week before ballot closing. For this ballot pool, that signup end date will be August 22<sup>nd</sup>.

All voters should be aware that the final tally for this candidate standard will be reflected in the results of the September 2008 Ballot Cycle ballot pool.

Please use the Ballot Desktop (URL on the following page) for joining ballot pools, voting, or removing yourself from a ballot pool.

## **Ballot Open/Close Dates**

The ballot pool in this document will open and close for voting on the following dates:

*Ballot open date: March 29, 2008*

*Ballot close date: August 29, 2008*

## **Ballot Pool Signup**

Pool sign up has been available from a point two weeks preceding the date of this document's release and will be available from this point until one week before Ballot Pool close. To sign up, point your browser to <http://www.hl7.org/ctl.cfm?action=ballots.home>.

## **Ballot Pool Help**

All ballot dates are inclusive: votes cannot be cast before the beginning date or after the ending date of a ballot pool. Please note that all times are tracked in the Eastern Time Zone (US). If you have any problems with the ballot desktop, joining, or voting, please contact the HL7 Director of Technical Services at [webmaster@HL7.org](mailto:webmaster@HL7.org) before the closing of the ballot.

## **Ballot Documents**

### **Version 3 Messaging**

The **Infrastructure and Messaging Work Group** announces the continuation of a ballot group for the following document:

- ***HL7 Version 3 Standard: ISO Datatypes, Release 1 (3<sup>rd</sup> DSTU ballot)***  
This document provides a UML and XML implementation of the datatypes, and is in effect Release 2 of the XML ITS datatypes. This document is shared and jointly balloted between HL7, CEN, and ISO. The document has been extensively modified to conform to ISO publishing standards, updated for semantic changes made to the Abstract Datatypes R2, and extended in scope to cover the structured narrative from CDA/SPL. In addition, many new conformance rules have been brought across from the abstract datatypes so that the document is less dependent on the abstract datatypes.  
Unique Ballot Id: V3\_ITS\_ISODT\_R1\_D3\_2008MAY

### **Balloting Procedure**

HL7 members and others who are materially affected by the proposed standard and wish to participate in these ballots must join the respective ballot groups. This can be accomplished by going to <http://www.hl7.org/ctl.cfm?action=ballots.home>. Alternately, you can call the HL7 office at (734) 677-7777 and request that the Ballot Group Declaration Form be faxed or mailed to you.

HL7 will conduct these ballots according to its procedure for electronic balloting. Individuals who sign up for the ballot group will not receive a paper copy of the document or a paper ballot. Instead, they will be notified by e-mail when the ballot package is available. They will download the document from the HL7 web server and will enter their votes and comments using the HL7 web server.

If a member of the ballot group does not have access to the technology being used, or if the person can demonstrate that using the electronic process creates a substantial hardship,

he/she may request a paper copy of the ballot package and/or vote using a paper ballot. Because of the extra expense and time delays associated with paper ballots, HL7 does not intend to provide the alternative of using paper to members who have access to the technologies and have no substantial hardship associated with their use.

Comments resulting from this ballot will be discussed at the upcoming HL7 Working Group Meeting, which convenes September 14-19 in Vancouver, BC, Canada.