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

San Diego, California, USA – September 15, 2011 – Health Level Seven® (HL7®) International, the global authority on standards for interoperability of health information technology with members in 55 countries, today announced election results for its Board of Directors at the 25th Annual Plenary and Working Group Meeting in San Diego, California. The 2011 HL7 Fellows and the 2011 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 2012-2013 term:

- **Treasurer** — Michael van Campen, President, Gordon Point Informatics, Canada
- **Director** — Rebecca Kush, PhD, President and CEO, Clinical Data Interchange Standards Consortium (CDISC)
- **Director** — Edward Tripp, President, Edward S. Tripp and Associates, Inc.
- **Affiliate Director** — Diego Kaminker, Chair, HL7 Argentina and Owner/Manager, KERN-IT SRL

2011 HL7 Fellows

This award was presented to five individuals at the Wednesday evening networking reception during HL7’s 25th Annual Plenary and Working Group Meeting in San Diego, CA. 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 2011 recipients of the HL7 Fellowship Award include:

- Liora Alschuler
- James Case, DVM, PhD
- Sam Schultz, PhD
- Rene Spronk
- Maria Ward
HL7 Volunteers of the Year

HL7 honored five members with the 15th 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 2011 recipients include:

- Fernando Campos, HL7 Argentina, and software engineering area chief – Health Informatics Department, Hospital Italiano de Buenos Aires
- Anthony Julian, technical specialist-interfaces, Mayo Clinic
- Calvin Beebe, technical specialist, Mayo Clinic
- Russell Hamm, informatics consultant, Apelon, Inc.
- Dave Shaver, chief technology officer, president and founder, Corepoint Health

About the Volunteers:

Fernando Campos is a member of the HL7 Argentina affiliate. He has played an integral role in the development of the HL7 e-Learning course (ELC). Through his efforts, HL7 was able to extend the e-Learning course size from a 100 registrant maximum to over 400 individuals. Campos has contributed over 300 hours of research and development to automate a portion of the course assignment review, making it possible for HL7 to accommodate such a large increase in students in the ELC.

Anthony Julian is a long-time volunteer and has been member of HL7 since 1998. During this time, he has held several leadership positions, including having been elected as the co-chair of the HL7 Infrastructure and Messaging (InM) Work Group as well as the co-chair of the HL7 Foundation and Technology Steering Division for the organization’s Technical Steering Committee. He was also appointed by the HL7 Board to serve as the Secretary to the Architectural review Board. In addition, Julian has been actively involved in the development of the HL7 messaging standards, acting as an editor for the Version 2 chapters on control, query and network control as well as an editor for Version 3 in the areas of transmission infrastructure, query infrastructure, message control act infrastructure and lower level protocol.

Calvin Beebe has been a member of HL7 since 2000. He has served as the co-chair of the HL7 Structured Documents Work Group for more than eight years and is also the co-chair of the Structure and Semantics Steering Division of the HL7 Technical Steering Committee. Beebe is also a co-editor of the HL7 Clinical Document Architecture (CDA®) standard, which is used worldwide and was selected by the US federal government for meaningful use. He has also taught numerous courses at HL7 functions on the CDA standard over the past nine years.
Russell Hamm has been a member of HL7 since 2005. He has played a vital role in the development and approval of the HL7 Common Terminology Services, Release 2 specification. He recently served two terms as a co-chair for the Vocabulary Work Group and is also a past co-chair of the Templates Work Group. Hamm is currently the HL7 liaison to the International Health Terminology Standards Development Organization (IHTSDO) and has been involved in the evaluation of the IHTSDO workbench for use by HL7. Hamm has also managed the harmonization of HL7 Version 3 terminology.

Dave Shaver has been a member of HL7 since 1998. His organization has been a long-term supporter of HL7 and was influential in helping HL7 gain both name recognition and adoption in the industry. He also co-chaired the Infrastructure and Messaging (InM) Work Group for four years, has assisted in several HL7 demonstrations over the years at the Health Information Management Systems Society’s (HIMSS) annual conference and hosts a Tuesday evening reception at HL7 working group meetings for all attendees.

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.

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