



Interoperability expert to lead IHE-Services

BRUSSELS, Belgium -- 08 May 2013 -- IHE-Europe, a non-profit association dedicated to interoperability in health information technology (HIT), is pleased to announce the appointment of Cor Loef as General Manager for IHE-Services.

The first General Manager for the growing organization, Loef will be responsible for day-to-day operations, service delivery, with a special focus on providing interoperability validation and conformance testing services to regional health programs, vendors and health care providers.

"Interoperability is part of his DNA, so we are happy we can leverage Cor's years of experience with IHE, his leadership in many IHE initiatives, and the global view he brings to implementations," said Geert Claeys, the Chair for the IHE-Services Committee.

A member at large of the IHE International Board, as well as the IHE Europe Steering Committee, Loef served as co-chair of the DICOM Strategic Advisory group and contributed as a topic expert to the Healthcare Interoperability Testing and Conformance Harmonisation (HITCH) project.

Loef takes up his new responsibilities at IHE-Services after a career at Philips Healthcare where he was Program Manager for Interoperability and also served as Manager for Standards and Architecture.

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About IHE-Services

IHE-Services is the operational unit of IHE-Europe dedicated to the fulfillment of its mission. It's a professional testing team supporting IHE-Europe's Members and beneficiaries that want to build trust in the deployment of IHE profiles in their solutions and projects. Services provided are the development of customized validation and conformance test tools, the organization of test sessions and demonstrations, training and consultancy on implementation of the IHE profiles in the beneficiary's projects and programs. Beneficiaries are national or regional e-health projects, HIT users in hospitals or vendors developing new systems. IHE-Services offers a unique suite of tools and services used during the connectivity marathons, or Connectathons, worldwide.

About IHE-Europe

The mission of IHE-Europe is to improve patient care by advancing the interoperability of healthcare IT systems and the appropriate sharing of relevant information. Toward that end, IHE-Europe conducts education, testing, demonstrations and other activities promoting the deployment within Europe of systems compliant with the IHE Technical Frameworks developed by IHE International. IHE-Europe also recruits healthcare professionals and solution developers to participate in the development of these specifications and promote their appropriate use in Europe. IHE-Europe interacts with relevant governmental and non-governmental organizations in Europe. It also maintains close contacts with similar initiatives around the world.