

SHARAZONE

INTRODUCING A NEW DIMENSION IN INTEROPERABILITY TESTING

Have you ever wanted to make sure an application can consume and display medical images coming from a variety of sources, from different vendors?

What if vendors were able to perform this testing easily before products were released to the market?

To address this important need, IHE is introducing a new test service, called **IHE SHARAZONE**¹.

The IHE SHARAZONE will be a distinct, continuous interoperability test offering, complementing the IHE Connectathon.

Recognizing the benefits that the IHE Connectathon offers to vendors, and ultimately users, the IHE SHARAZONE offering will use a legal framework similar to that of the IHE Connectathon. This will support the continuous testing of DICOM object interoperability between vendors.

The **IHE SHARAZONE** concept will build on existing, well proven tooling: a dedicated Gazelle instance which will be available globally, 24/7 to registered vendors for selecting shared objects of interest and report testing results to the creators of these objects. A dedicated IHE Monitor will guide the participants in the IHE SHARAZONE process.

IHE Services plans:

- to open the IHE SHARAZONE member registration first quarter 2021
- have the IHE SHARAZONE established for effective testing of DICOM objects during 2021
- to leverage input from IHE SHARAZONE members for improving and extending the process and tooling as the IHE SHARAZONE community grows
- to have vendor membership in the IHE SHARAZONE based on a yearly subscription, allowing an unlimited number of products and tests
- a simple pricing model based only on vendor size, with a lower fee for vendors making objects available for testing by consumer products:

¹ The IHE SHARAZONE was formerly introduced as the IHE Shareathon

Participant Level	Creator	Consumer	Both
Large Vendors (> 2500 employees)	1000 €	4000 €	5000 €
Mid-Sized Vendors (250-2500 employees)	500 €	2000 €	2500 €
Small Vendors (< 250 employees)	200 €	800 €	1000 €

IHE Services has already confirmed interest of several large vendors to become members of the IHE **SHARAZONE** once it is available.

IHE Services would like to create a list of vendors interested in becoming founding members of the IHE SHARAZONE, which will be offered the ability to use the “IHE SHARAZONE founding member” label in marketing activities. If your company is interested in becoming a founding member of the IHE SHARAZONE please send an email to the IHE-Europe secretariat at secretariat@ihe-europe.net **no later than January 31st, 2021**, with a statement such as:

“We are interested to be identified as a founding member of the IHE SHARAZONE. We give the right to IHE-Europe to list our company name as being **interested in becoming an IHE SHARAZONE founding member**. It is only an expression of interest and support, and we realize that IHE understands that without access to the NDA and contract terms we cannot formally commit to join until those are released. We also understand that the “IHE SHARAZONE founding member” label would be available to our company only after proper member registration and signing the IHE SHARAZONE membership contract.”

In the coming weeks, we will keep you apprised of the IHE SHARAZONE progress and look forward to your continued input and support.