

# Integrating the Healthcare Enterprise

## The IHE Initiative Worldwide

### IHE Europe

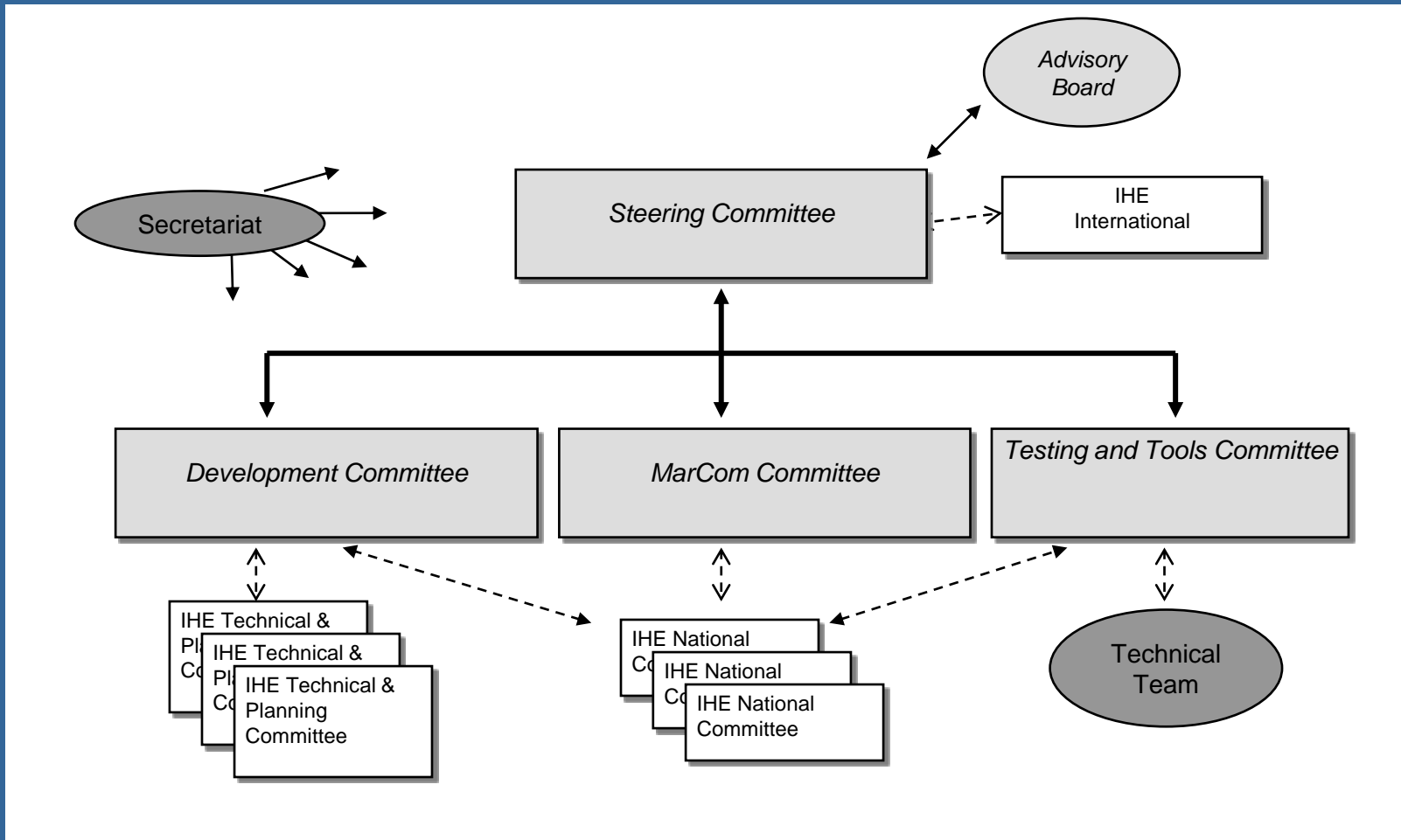
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**IHE Europe user Cochair**

# Agenda

- Introduction
- Projects in Europe :
  - IHE-Europe Status
- National IHE initiatives :
  - Who are they ?
  - What are they doing?



# IHE-*EUR*: Organization



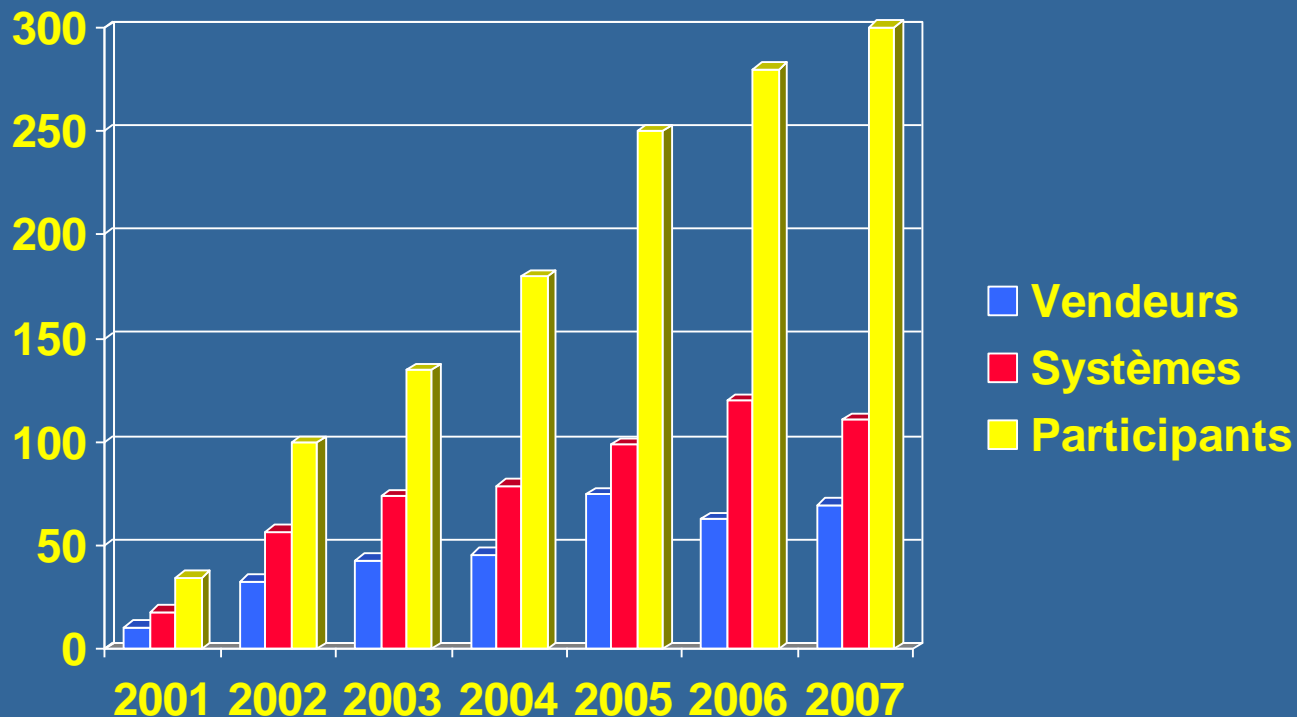
Cochairs : Peter Kunuecke (V) and Karima Bourquard (U)



- **IHE-Europe is still streamlining it's governance model in line with the statutes for setting up a legal entity by the beginning of April**
- **IHE-Europe consists of 10 IHE national initiatives:**
  - Austria, France, Germany, Israel, Italy, Norway, Spain, Sweden, The Netherlands, United Kingdom
- **IHE-Europe has the responsibility of**
  - The contact with the European Commission
  - The organization of the European Connect-a-thon
  - The development towards Europe
  - The recruitment of the European User and Vendor associations

# Activities

- The main activity of IHE-EUR is the organization of the yearly connectathon (test of interoperability between vendors during 5 days)





# IHE-Europe and the connect-a-thon



Paris 2001

11 companies  
18 systems

Berlin 2007

60 companies  
111 systems

2008: Oxford UK

Paris 2002



33 companies  
57 systems

Barcelona 2006



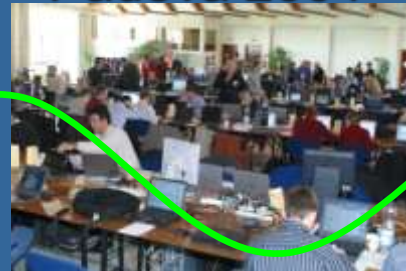
63 companies  
120 systems

Aachen 2003



43 companies  
74 systems

Padova 2004



46 companies  
78 systems

Noordwijkerhout  
2005



75 companies  
99 systems

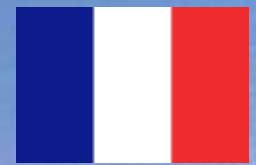


- **IHE-Europe is listed one of beneficiaries of a pilot program of the European Commission for the LSP project concerning**
  - Cross border emergency record (Patient Summary)
  - E-Pharmacy / e-Prescription
- **IHE-Europe will be the interface between the project's members (Memberstates) and an Industry team consisting of >30 companies**

# *IHE-Austria*



- **Formally founded, 31.Oct. 2007**
  - not-for-profit foundation
  
- **4 founding members**
  - Juergen Brandstaetter, Gottfried Heider, Stefan Sauermann, Martin Weigl
  
- **Strong moral support**
  - Federal Ministry of Health
  - Austrian national EHR project (ELGA)
  
- **Website is online**
  - [www.ihe-austria.at](http://www.ihe-austria.at)



# *IHE-France*

# Domaines and works in progress

## ● Members :

- User associations : SFR, SFIL, ADICAP, CNOP
- National authorities : GMSIH, GIP CPS, GIP DMP, INRIA...
- Support by the Ministry of Health
- Vendor associations

## ● Works in Progress :

- Extension of the profile PAM for adding T2A regulation and the European project Netc@rd
- New profiles needed for DMP
- Specialized profiles : radiation dose
- Domains :
  - Pathology : Technical Framework T1 in January 2008
  - Pharmacy : New group with 'Ordre des Pharmaciens'
  - Laboratory : TF v2 published

# Communication et education

- **HIT 2007:**
  - Education dedicated to IHE
  - Platform IHE with posters
- **JFR'2007 :**
  - IHE Platform with posters
  - Education dedicated to IHE
  - Avenant 24
- **Education : 2 days sessions**
  - January 2007 : GMSIH
  - February 2007 : Ile de la Réunion
  - June 2007 : CHU de Tours
  - October 2007 : GMSIH
  - November 2007 : CHU de Nantes
- **HIT 2008 : demonstration and educational sessions**



# *IHE-Germany*



# Berlin 2007

- 300 engineers from
- 19 countries
- 34 IHE monitors
- 60 vendors
- 111 systems
- >1750 tests
- >1000 vendor /  
actor combinations
- 5 domains
- 44 actors tested
- 31 Integration profiles



IHE-Europe Connect-a-thon  
Berlin, April 2007



# *IHE-Netherlands*

# Overview



- **Active since 2004**
- **47 members – broad user and vendor support**
  - Evert Sanders, radiologist Amphia, Breda – User Chair
  - Harm-Jan Wessels, CEO Forcare – Vendor Chair
- **Formal organisation (not-for-profit foundation)**
- **Supported by professional secretariat**
- **Steering group and working groups**
  - Public Relations - PR
  - Portable Data for Imaging – PDI
  - Cross-Enterprise – XE
  - Education / Conference
  - Lab
  - Zorg & ICT 2007 Interoperability Demonstration

# Key Activities



## ● Cooperation with NICTIZ

- National Institute for IT in Healthcare
- Application of IHE to national developments
- Joint projects (cross-enterprise radiology, lab reports)

## ● Annual Dutch IHE conference

- Held on 9 Nov 2007; 170 attendees; 20 speakers
- 7 vendor exhibitors; 4 user success stories

## ● New IHE Netherlands website – [www.ihe-nl.org](http://www.ihe-nl.org)

- Tailored content; online Content Management System; collaboration tools

## ● Dutch guided demo's on RSNA, HIMSS, Connectathon

## ● IHE Interoperability demonstration

- National healthcare IT exhibition – March 2008
- Cross-Enterprise Cardiology (XDS / XDS-I)
- Interoperability showcase



# *IHE-Spain*



# Overview



- **Active since April 2005**
- **Members**
  - 22 Vendors
  - 4 Scientific societies
  - 7 Public regional health services
  - About 130 individual users
- **Formal organisation (not-for-profit foundation)**
- **Working groups**
  - Public Relations: Dissemination of technical framework
  - Translation: Spanish translation of Radiology handbook
  - IHE Pathology (very active in international committees)
  - IHE laboratory

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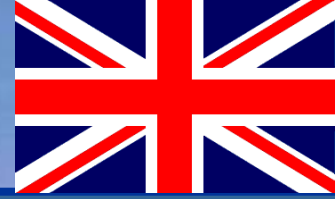


- **Spanish National Extension published on 31st August**
- **Web renewal**
  - New design
  - More sections, including practical information
- **Collaboration with HL7-Spain**
  - Technical courses on HL7 and PCC profiles
  - Dissemination activities for healthcare managers and healthcare professionals.
- **Publications**
  - Journals: Monographic issue on interoperability in “Informática y Salud”
  - Books: IHE-Radiology Handbook translation
- **Participation in scientific events**
  - National congress of Medical Physics
  - National congress of Spanish Healthcare Informatics Association
  - An more than 10 others



# *IHE-U.K*

# Overview



- **Active since 2002**
- **45 members – user and suppliers including:**
  - Representatives of NHS and Professional user bodies
- **Formal organisation - British Computer Society Health Informatics Forum (BCS HIF)**
- **IHE-UK Steering Committee**
  - hosted by BCS HIF
  - Nicholas Brown – User Co-Chair
- **Radiology Technical Committee**
  - hosted by British Institute of Radiology
  - Richard Harries – Radiologist User Co-Chair
  - Chris Bull – Supplier Co-Chair

# Key Activities



- **Cooperation with NHS**
  - IHE representatives are members of relevant committees
- **IHE-UK website – [www.IHE-UK.org](http://www.IHE-UK.org)**
  - Supports Forum facilities for Steering and Technical Committees
- **Very successful XDS workshop late 2007**
  - Jointly organised by the British Computer Society and the British Institute of Radiology.
- **IHE-Europe Connectathon Oxford 7-11 April 2008**
- **Important meeting - Sharing Clinical Documents and Integrating Workflow using IHE XDS - Oxford 9<sup>th</sup> April 2008**
  - Same venue as Connectathon
- **IHE Interoperability demonstrations 2008**
  - XDS Healthcare Computing, Harrogate 21- 23 April 2008
  - XDS-I UK Radiology Congress, Birmingham 2-4 June 2008





**IHE** Changing the Way Healthcare **CONNECTS**

**IHE Europe:** <http://www.IHE-Europe.org>

**Thank You for Your Attention**

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