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France has witnessed a sea-change in awareness about healthcare IT, with two of three establishments saying they are "highly dependent" on information systems (against just one of five in 2005, according to CLUSIF - Club de la Sécurité de l'Information Français).

Such a transformation in perceptions was apparent at the Hit Paris Congress (May 22-24, 2007), a Grand Tour on the reallife impact of recent healthcare reforms and actions in France and beyond. Hit Paris was organised as a "2-in-1" event – in other words, as both a trade fair and a conference on healthcare IT. Attendance (by representatives of State institutions, standardisation bodies, hospital decision-makers, healthcare IT manufacturers, buyers and users, as well as financial/consulting companies) was on par with the expectations of the organisers: 1,400 professional participants and 4,000 visitors. About 50 exhibitors presented their healthcare IT solutions.

Hit also saw 60 training sessions coordinated by the Fédération Hospitalière de France (FHF) and the Organization for the Modernisation of French Hospital Information Systems (GMSIH). The sessions were devoted to the following key themes: governance and performance, data-sharing, security, network, telemedicine, patient services, standardisation and interoperability, prescription, planning and innovation.

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