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Healthcare Information and Management Systems Society (HIMSS) Opens Office in Brussels, Belgium

The new office of HIMSS Europe Middle East & Africa (EMEA) officially opened in Brussels on 1st September 2006, with Michael Strübin named as HIMSS EMEA Executive Director. HIMSS Chief Operating Officer Norris Orms, CAE, will work with Mr. Strübin as the HIMSS North America liaison and contact.

The new HIMSS initiative is focused on bringing together healthcare IT professionals in EMEA, who share the common goal of improving the delivery of healthcare through information technology and management systems.

Mr. Strübin said: "The new office in Brussels will act as a hub to better connect health IT professionals throughout the region in order to advance the field and the delivery of healthcare together. Working with our counterparts at HIMSS North America, our staff will customize HIMSS' services for the EMEA region and develop new ones specifically for the region, with education and networking at the core."

HIMSS has been working with a number of partners and other organisations on the World of Health IT (WHIT) Conference & Exhibition.

Following this inaugural WHIT event, planning is already underway for the 2007 World of Health IT, which will be held in Vienna, Austria.

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