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HIMSS09

The Healthcare Information and Management Systems Society's annual conference and Exhibition took place from April 4-8 at McCornick Place in Chicago.

The show enabled participants to make more than 1,000 connections with leaders, policy makers, vendors and peers, meet 900 companies demonstrating breakthrough solutions and receive 3,000 opportunities to learn from industry through leaders.

Via e-Networking, participants could connect online with attendees, vendors and members and the Customized Agenda tool was very helpful in searching the best activities that matched participant profiles from hundreds of educational and exhibit options on HIMSS09.

HIMSS09 was an excellent place to share best practices, find prospects, exchange ideas and explore options and discover healthcare IT solutions with some of the industry's top healthcare IT professionals. The public consisted mainly of physicians, nurses, pharmacists, vendors and of course healthcare IT professionals.

The place of the conference was not randomly chosen; Chicago is located in the Midwest of the US, which is the home of 2,000 CIOs and more than 10,300 healthcare organizations including integrated delivery systems, critical access hospitals, single hospital systems, large hospitals and more.

In the program there were Pre-Conference Workshops and Symposia, more than 300 Education Sessions about the latest and hottest healthcare IT topics and more than 900 exhibits representing 30 product categories.

For CHIME members, a CIO Forum was organized by CHIME and HIMSS. CIOs explored new ideas and trends with colleagues and experts. Alongside, a Microsoft HUG Tech Forum presented best practice sharing and knowledge exchange in a highly collaborative setting. User-driven presentations have shown new ideas and proved tactics the participants could use for their working solutions.

A demonstration of US federal agency projects, including health IT exchange for the Nationwide Health Information Network (NHIN), was a first-of-its-kind event this year.

HIMSS10 is planned from March 1-4, 2010 at the Georgia World Congress Center in Atlanta.

For more information, please visit: ***www.himssconference.org***

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