HITM News&Membership Information

2006 is an important year for HITM as we establish the groundwork for the association's membership and future development. We have already been busy spreading the news about the association's formation and building collaborative partnerships with other organizations involved in European healthcare IT. On 10-12 May, HITM was invited by the European Commission to attend the eHealth 2006 Conference in Malaga, Spain. We also recently participated in exhibitions at ITeG, 30 May–1 June in Frankfurt, Germany and the Tromsø Telemedicine and eHealth Conference held 12-14 June in Tromsø, Norway.

HITM will also be an exhibitor at the upcoming Medmatic@ conference to be held 28-30 September in Fiera di Vicenza, Italy; as well as The World of Health IT on 10-13 October in Geneva, Switzerland. We look forward to meeting you at these events!

About the Association

HITM is a non-profit organisation outlined as the pan- European umbrella association of all relevant national healthcare IT associations in Europe. Believing in the fundamental importance of unifying healthcare IT professionals at European and global levels, HITM is committed to increasing the professional authority and responsibility of healthcare IT managers and representing their interests to international institutions and associations. With membership in HITM steadily growing, the first annual General Assembly is being planned for the end of 2006.
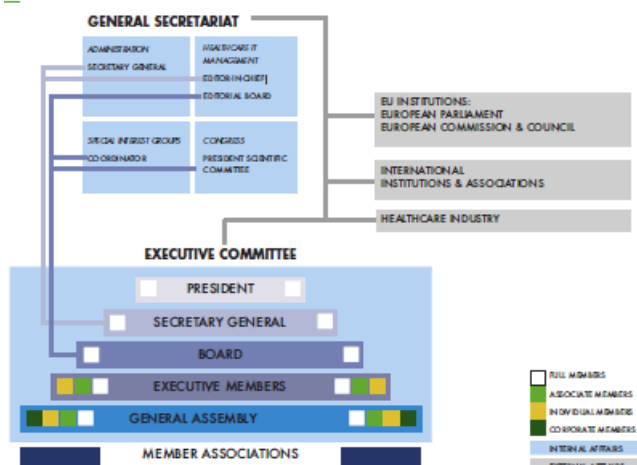
Mission

The mission of HITM is:

+ to establish common healthcare IT standards, policies and strategies at EU and international levels;

+ to increase the visibility, importance and role of IT management in healthcare facilities;

+ to educate key policy makers, industry players and the general public of the benefits of healthcare IT; and

+ to promote cross-collaboration of various healthcare sectors.

Membership in HITM Consists of Four Levels:

Individual Members

Individual members are directly involved with healthcare IT management, with the opportunity to elect one member with the power to speak, and vote, at the HITM Annual General Assembly. Individual members will also have the privilege of electing one member to represent them in the Executive Members group.

Organisational Structure

Corporate Members

Corporate members are representatives from corporations engaged in supplying products and services to the healthcare IT sector. While corporate members may attend the Annual General Assembly, they do not have the power to speak or vote. However, corporate members may elect one member from amongst the Diamond Founding Supporters to represent them in the Executive Members group.

Full Members

Full members are comprised of national healthcare IT management associations, who can nominate one representative to

the HITM Annual General Assembly. This representative will have the power to speak and vote on HITM priorities and organisational objectives, fundamental advocacy efforts, election of the Executive Members and the Board, and much more.

Associate Members

Associate members are representatives from healthcare organisations, who have the opportunity to speak, but not vote, at the HITM Annual General Assembly. Associate members will also have the privilege of electing one member to represent them in the Executive Members group.

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