



Implementation and Innovation Committee October 2009 Report to the General Assembly

Implementation and Innovation is one of four IHTSDO Standing Committees. The Committee has scheduled monthly teleconferences, and since the April 2008 face-to-face meetings in Helsingor, has met four times.

RECENT DEVELOPMENTS

The Implementation and Innovation Committee has been transformed from the Research and Innovation by the General Assembly in April, 2009. Terms of Reference have been reviewed and approved by the Management Board in July.

Key accomplishments of the Committee and the Working Groups, Project Groups, and Special Interest Groups that report to it, since the April 2009 meetings include:

- *The Machine Readable Concept Model Project Group (MRCM-PG)* has completed 3-way expert consensus process to produce a first, quality assured, machine readable representation of all relationship or cardinality constraints such as are stated in the July 2009 human readable documentation, with explicit links from the machine readable rules to the human readable original source. Further tasks and management of the PG are under discussion and will be reviewed by the Committee at the face-to-face meeting.
- *The Implementation SIG* was conducting monthly presentations on Implementation Experiences of SNOMED CT (materials available on the Collaborative Space). Description of the motivation for having SNOMED in OWL syntax was carried on. Work on Implementers' Curriculum was continued.

AREAS OF FOCUS

At the October 2009 meeting, the Committee will be focusing on:

- Status and perspectives in collaboration with other standard organisations in the area of implementation
- Process of prioritisation and communication lines of the Committee and the Working Groups
- Perspectives and issues of the Machine Readable Concept Model development.

RELATED GROUPS

The following Working Groups report to the I&I Committee:

- a. Concept Model SIG
- b. Implementation SIG
- c. Machine Readable Concept Model PG
- d. Pharmacy "is a" Overload – Substance hierarchy (direct report is to Content Committee)