



Quality Assurance Committee

April 2008 Report to the General Assembly

The Quality Assurance Committee is one of four IHTSDO Committees. The committee has met 5 times since its inception 2 face to face meetings and 3 conference calls.

Quality Committee Achievements

The committee has come to agreement with respect to the terms of reference for the committee which have been subsequently been approved by the Board and published. Further the QAC has come to a consensus agreement of project reporting allocations in the RACI matrix.

The major focus for the work of the committee has been the development of an overall Quality Assurance Framework for the IHTSDO. The framework is a description of the preferred Quality Assurance framework for supporting the activities of the IHTSDO. The committee has worked to merge models from the world of software quality engineering, health care quality assurance and existing terminology quality assurance processes recognizing the wider international harmonization responsibilities of the IHTSDO and the role of its terminology products in the delivery of health care. The committee has achieved a consensus on the document and has asked for the formal approval of the framework from the management board at the April2008 Chicago meeting

The committee has also worked to establish with CAP/STS and agreed set of novel quality metrics with the expectation to see results upon their introduction.

The committee has also agreed upon reporting channels, liaison activities and support for the Education SIG.

The committee has also defined some medium term ambitions in order to further advance the quality agenda. One of the activities the committee will focus its attention on is to defining suitable methodologies and opportunities to reflect a more systematic approach to determining the broader SNOMED user community's priorities with respect quality issues and improvements. In addition the QAC will work towards the development of an issues management framework (spectrum between support for "community of practice" discussion through to "incident management" strategy)