



## James Campbell Receives first IHTSDO Award for Excellence

The General Assembly of the International Health Terminology Standards Development Organisation (IHTSDO) has selected Dr. James Campbell to receive IHTSDO's first Award for Excellence. This new award is given annually for outstanding contributions to the improvement of SNOMED CT and/or its successful implementation in any aspect of health and social care.

Based at the University of Nebraska in the United States of America, Dr. Campbell was nominated by several of his colleagues in IHTSDO's global community of practice. The General Assembly, consisting of representatives from each of IHTSDO's eleven Member countries, selects the Award recipient from among nominations received. Please join us, and all those who celebrated his contributions and accomplishments at a gala conference dinner in Helsingør, in congratulating Jim!

### ***Citation (Reasons for Nomination)***

Jim Campbell's commitment to SNOMED CT predates the creation of the IHTSDO. For years, Jim has been a proponent for the use of SNOMED CT in clinical settings in the US specifically but also around the world. He has also brought the reality of someone who has implemented SNOMED CT and uses it in his daily practice of medicine.

As the IHTSDO launched, the Mapping Special Interest Group (SIG) moved very rapidly to advance the mission of the organization in a very critical area, related to adoption and harmonization. Much of the credit for this rapid advancement of the SIG is due to Jim's leadership and tireless efforts.

Dr James Campbell, Chair of the IHTSDO Mapping SIG, is to be credited with the evolution of a globally diverse group with an interest in mapping, into a cohesive, collaborative and results driven working group. During the last two years, the Mapping SIG has focused on the SNOMED CT to ICD 10 mapping project. Jim has volunteered hundreds of hours of his time resulting in the most recent accomplishment of a full project plan for the ICD 10 mapping. He has not only staffed weekly calls, but provided support for document development, scheduling of meetings, emails and global face to face meetings.

Jim's years of experience in working with SNOMED CT implementations and associated mappings has proven to be an invaluable contribution to the group. He is a true leader and visionary, that deserves a special recognition for his diligence and commitment to moving SNOMED CT forward.