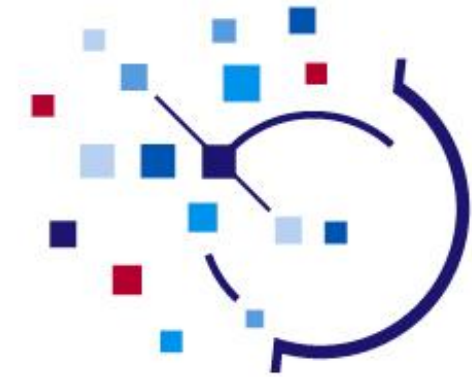
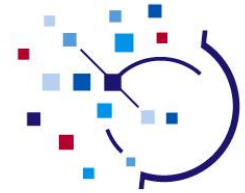


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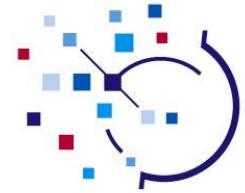


Welcome to the April 2009 IHTSDO Conference



Welcome to IHTSDO's Expanding Community

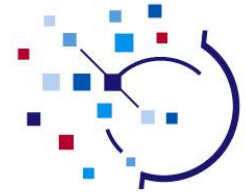
- Growth in use of SNOMED CT and in contributors participating in its development
 - Licenses to use SNOMED CT currently held in more than 50 countries
 - Already issued our first Affiliate Licenses under the program for countries with low income economies
- A special welcome to
 - Cyprus
 - New Committee members
 - New Working Group Chairs and members



We share a common goal ...

**Broader, demonstrably
successful use
[implementation]
of SNOMED CT**

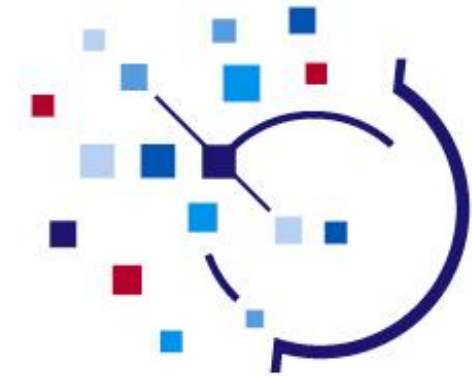




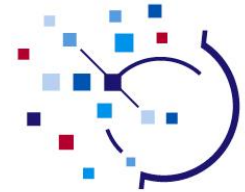
Your help makes progress possible

- Input and ideas from around the world are essential
- Progress reports showcase the results
- Help to celebrate the new *Award for Excellence*



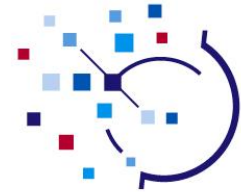


Where We Are



January 2009 International Release

- **SNOMED CT Statistics**
 - 292,114 current Concepts (+3,075 from July); 310,000 current Concepts
 - 990,293 current Descriptions (+7,755 from July)
 - 947,554 defining Relationships (+2,403 from July)
- About 9500 country-specific concepts moved out of the International Release
- Change requests
 - 2015 received. 96% closed.
 - Median turnaround time: 32 working days



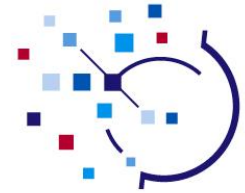
January 2009 Content Improvement Examples

- **Domain Content Revision**
 - Began revision of the 'Disorder of hemostatic system' sub-hierarchy
 - More than 300 'Procedure on bone' concepts reviewed and revised
- **Quality and Consistency Improvements for Descriptions**
- **Stated Relationships Table – 1st Public Release**
 - Contains the “stated form” of SNOMED CT concepts, which includes only those “IS A” and other defining relationships explicitly stated by clinical editors
 - Enables implementers to test auto-classification tools for consistency, comparing results with the released (“inferred”) Relationships Table
- **Quality Assurance Enhancements**
 - Ongoing QA efforts by the clinical and technical teams increased the number of QA test cases used to monitor the development database to more than 240
 - More than 270 pre- and post-condition tests validate transformation of data from development environment into release candidate tables



Other Areas to Highlight

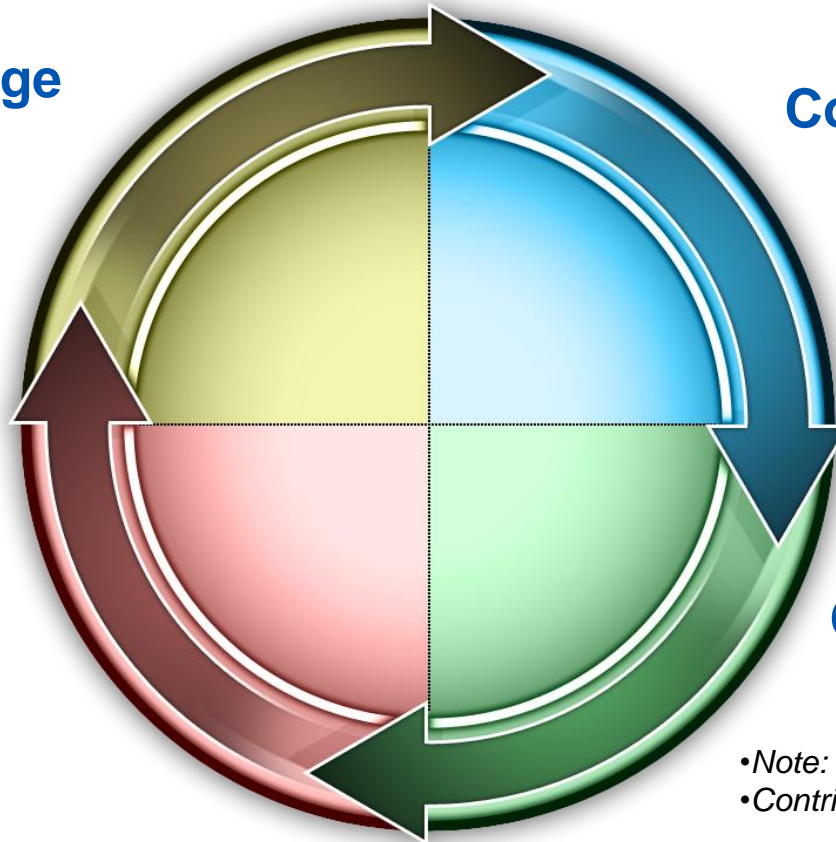
- New Members
- Staffing and representation changes
- Workplan and planning process for 2010 initiated
 - Also strategic questions consultation looking ahead to 2012



IHTSDO Business Planning Process

Assurance Stage
(GA Review) *

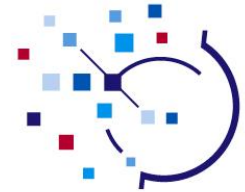
Collection Stage



**Affordability
Stage**

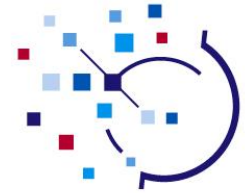
Consolidation Stage

- *Note: Excludes Member or Affiliate*
- *Contributed Projects at this stage*



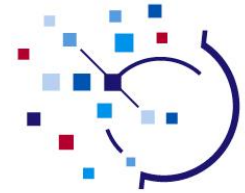
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Some Examples

- New Working Group – Workbench Refset Development Project
- Translation Guidelines
- Implementation SIG – First 2 Webinars profiling implementations
- SNOMED CT Editors' Curriculum & proposal for Implementers
- Education & project planning for mapping SNOMED CT and ICD-10
- Proposals for moving forward with "RF2"
- Pharmacy Naming & Editorial Rules boundary & scope document
- New content & remodelling in response to advice from WGs
- Lively discussions on the Collaborative Space on a number of content, concept model, and implementation issues
- And many more ... (check out the Working Group reports on the Collaborative Space)



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- Progress by Working Groups and Committees
- **Harmonization and liaison activities**



A Wide Range of Relevant Organisations

- HL7
- OpenEHR
- ICN
- WONCA
- ICH MedDRA
- ADA
- IEEE
- LOINC
- CDISC
- OHT
- Continua
- IUPAC
- WHO Family of International Classifications
- ISO TC 215/
CEN TC 251



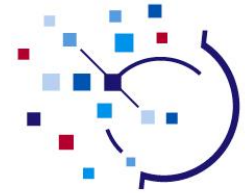
Recent Progress

- Trial of Cooperative Terminology Development with LOINC and NPU just started
 - Based on new observables model
- Meetings before, in, after Helsingør to discuss harmonization programs
- Watch for more announcements coming soon ...



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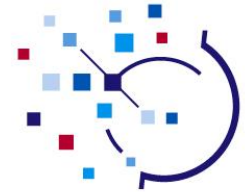
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- Program for countries with low-income economies
- New e-newsletter



Much More to Do

- Continued organizational development
 - Initial set of "How do I?" now posted on website
 - Consultations on key policy questions, e.g. namespace management, use of old (antecedent) versions of SNOMED CT
 - Affiliate Forum/Implementation SIG
- Implementing and monitoring the 2009 Work Plan
- Looking ahead to 2010 and beyond
- Outreach and engagement
- ...
- Continued Focus: Broader, demonstrably successful use [implementation] of SNOMED CT

'We can and will always do better'



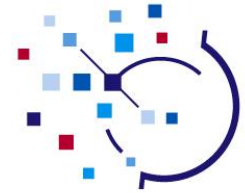
A Joint Effort: Influencing SNOMED & Making Improvements

- Working groups
 - Project groups
 - Special interest groups
- Become active in the Community of Practice
 - Collaborative web site, Affiliate Forum
 - Sharing experiences through local and international meetings, forums, connections
 - Contribute suggestions for improving the standard
- Participate in governance
- Etc.



About these meetings ...

- Key opportunity to move forward as a Community of Practice
- Reminder – making international meetings effective
- Opportunities
 - To learn (at the new workshops and elsewhere)
 - To connect, engage, and contribute
 - To share ... (summary at closing plenary)
 - To provide ideas for future priorities to 2012



Planning Ahead – Mark Your Calendars!

- Next Meetings in Bethesda (near Washington, DC) in the United States
- October 5-9, 2009

