

## Content Committee

### April 2009 Report to the General Assembly

The Content Committee is one of four IHTSDO Standing Committees. Since October 2008 meetings in Helsingør, the Committee has met 4 times via monthly conference calls.

Highlights of work undertaken or overseen by the committee during this period include:

- **Guidelines for Translation:** The project group delivered a draft of this document which has been reviewed and revised based on committee feedback. Approval of a final committee version of the document is expected at or shortly following the April meetings.
- **Revision of the Infectious Disease Model:** The organism and infectious disease project group delivered recommendations for revising infectious disease modelling. These were tested by the support organization and this process identified many needed corrections that we expect to be made in the data for the July 2009 release.
- **Pharmacy boundary:** The pharmacy naming and editorial rules project has finalized a proposal entitled “Boundary for the Pharmaceutical and Biological Products Hierarchy in the International Release of SNOMED CT vs National Extension Content”. This document is now being circulated widely to the MOLF and Affiliate Forum for their input and comments, in parallel with Content Committee consideration. Following a period of consultation, any required revisions will be made and the document will be forwarded with collected comments to the Management Board for its consideration and approval.
- **Observables model:** A draft of the observables model has been made available along with worked examples for the purpose of harmonization with Laboratory LOINC and the IFCC-IUPAC NPU codes. Further testing and revision of the model is expected prior to using it in release data; and expansion of the model will be required for observables content outside laboratory tests.
- **Retiring content not wanted in the international release:** The committee has approved the retirement and moving to extensions of significant amounts of content that was problematic and did not belong in the international release. This includes several hundred UK-specific codes (moved to a UK extension), several hundred US Veterinary-specific drug codes (to be moved to a US Veterinary extension), and several thousand “Limited/Classification” codes that are to be retired.

### RELATED GROUPS

The following Working Groups, Project Groups, and Special Interest Groups report to the Content Committee:

- Special Interest Groups
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  - Nursing
  - Pathology and Laboratory Medicine (IPaLM)
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  - Event, condition and episode model
  - Mapping standards
  - Observable and investigation model
  - Organism and infectious disease model
  - Pharmacy naming and editorial rules
  - Substance hierarchy redesign