



Implementation and Innovation Committee Report to the General Assembly – April 2010

The Implementation and Innovation Committee met in accordance with its monthly meeting schedule on March 8th and was quorate throughout. The principal focus of the meeting was seeking agreement on the detail of a draft Implementation Action Plan. Agreement was reached on the major topics and a further redraft has been prepared and agreed by the committee for submission to the April Management Board.

Implementation Action Plan

The substantial topics addressed by the committee were:

- Selection of six Priorities for Action
- Relative allocation of resources between these Priorities
- Statement of the Guiding Principles which underpin these Priorities.

The six Priorities are:

- Better understand where and how SNOMED CT is used
- Develop and share implementation guidance
- Increase education/awareness of the use of SNOMED CT
- Develop mechanisms to share tools that support implementation
- Engage users of SNOMED CT in the work of the IHTSDO
- Gather evidence of successful benefits realization, including researching associated factors

Agreement has been reached on the named responsible members of the committee who will lead the detailed planning associated with each of these Priorities in the Implementation Action Plan.

Focus of discussion between committee members, and subsequent review:

- Ensuring that there are ways to assess the actual benefits attributable to the use of SNOMED CT
- Planning for activity which will concretely define 'fitness for purpose' for SNOMED CT
- What implementation guidance may be needed which extends beyond the scope of the revised Technical Implementation Guide

Matters held over:

Consideration of matters relating to the Machine Readable Concept Model
Planning for the Face-to-Face meeting in Copenhagen (for officer action)
Endorsement of a new co-Chair for the Implementation SIG (on resignation of Francis Lau).