Speaker Biographies

In speaking order

Dr. Yun Sik Kwak
Korea
Dr. Yun Sik Kwak is the Chair of ISO/TC 215, Health Informatics and he is currently playing a leadership role in medical informatics in Asia as the Chair of Health Level 7-Korea, Immediate-past President of Asia Pacific Association of Medical Informatics (APAMI), Asia Pacific regional representative to IMIA Board, Chair of APAMI WG 1, Standardization past President of Korean Society of Medical Informatics. He also serves as the Deputy Regional Commissioner for Far East Civilian Laboratories, Commission of Laboratory Accreditation of College of American Pathologists. He had been the founding Chair and Professor of Medical Informatics during 1999–2002 until his retirement at Kyungpook National University School of Medicine and Graduate School in Daegu, Korea. And he stays as the Visiting Professor of Medical Informatics at the same institution for research and teaching. He received M.D. degree from Kyungpook National University and Ph.D. degree in Molecular Biology and Pathology from Albany Medical College, Albany, NY, USA.

Heather Grain
Australia
Heather represents the Consumer Health Forum of Australia on Standards Australia health informatics committee — a committee which she chairs. Her consumer role requires liaison with health consumers to represent their needs in the development of electronic health records in Australia. She has international, national, state and local experience in health informatics and information management in both traditional and technology areas. She has designed, evaluated, and implemented Information and Data Systems, for Hospitals, Dental Health, District Nursing, Cancer and Clinical Laboratory Systems as well as national health information programs in Samoa and New Zealand. She has developed algorithms for automated linkage between free text and terminological representations and design concepts for electronic health record systems. She is recognized as a national contributor to electronic health record and data standards nationally and internationally and provides technical representation on terminology and consumer issues, including privacy and access control committees.

Petra Wilson, PhD
Belgium
Petra Wilson is a director in the Healthcare team of Cisco’s Internet Business Solutions Group (IBSG), focusing on helping healthcare providers and deciders develop their strategies and implementation plans for “Connected Health” information management and technology. Originally trained in law, Petra spent several years as a lecturer and Senior Research Fellow at Nottingham University, UK, specializing in healthcare law and European law. She has a Ph.D. in public health law from Oxford University, and has published widely on the legal aspects of using information technologies in healthcare. Originally from the UK, she is fluent in English, German, and French.

Mike Bainbridge, MD
United Kingdom
Dr Mike Bainbridge is clinical architect for the NHS Connecting for Health programme. He is responsible for the common user interface programme and works in partnership with Microsoft to deliver on the desktop and infrastructure, Windows NHS and Office NHS, a platform independent and standards-based clinical system design guide and a clinical system toolkit. He is also responsible for assistive technology design and support. A former practising GP, Mike has been active in healthcare informatics for 24 years since installing a computer into his practice as a junior GP in 1982. He has a unique insight into clinical practice and the design and needs of clinical information systems supporting clinical care.
Sarah Cruchet  
Switzerland  
Sarah Cruchet has a degree in Medical Informatics and Information Technology from the Engineering School of Grenoble. She first came to HON as an intern where she was involved in the development of a multilingual Questions/Answering system in the medical domain. Then, she has joined the HON team, where as natural language analyst, she works on the usage of learning approach to create effective model of trust for eHealth.

Louise Ekstrom  
Sweden

John Ritter  
United States  
Mr. Ritter has a masters degree in Computer Science Applications from Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University and a Bachelor’s degree in Health Education from Slippery Rock State College. During his tenure at Intel Corporation, Mr. Ritter served as a Healthcare Standards Architect, speaking at national and international conferences about Electronic Healthcare Record and Personal Healthcare Record system standards. Mr. Ritter currently serves HL7 as Electronic Health Record Work Group co-chair, Personal Health Record (PHR) Project co-facilitator; International Mentoring Committee co-founder and co-chair; an Ambassador Briefing presenter for EHR’s and PHR’s; and teaches the HL7 EHR and PHR educational courses. He is also a member of the Certification Commission for Healthcare Information Technology’s Interoperability Expert Panel, and is a member of ANSI’s U.S. Technical Advisory Group to ISO TC215.

Mary Simpson  
United Kingdom  
Mary Simpson has worked in the Department of Health since the 1980s on a range of initiatives including long term conditions, primary care, system reform and the “Choice, Responsiveness and Equity in the NHS” consultation. Recently Mary has worked on projects to help people access the information that they need to make choices about their care and give feedback about their experiences of care. Since January 2008 Mary has led the Department’s team responsible for Patient and Public Empowerment.

Ana Estelrich  
France  
Manager of Standards Implementation and Development in the National French Health Care Record (with an IHE XDS-based infrastructure and fully under patient control). Charged with implementing content profiles such as XDS-I, XD*-LAB, PCC, and to bring on board the public health sector, with focus on patient quality care. She is charged with adopting international standards in the European and French collection (AFNOR — CEN – ISO). Certified HL7 CDA specialist, official verifier for the CDA and CTS 1 standard in France. Originally, from Canada, now resides in France.
Goran Petersson, MD, PhD  
Sweden  
Dr Peterson is a senior advisor for Swedish Agency for Networks and Cooperation in Higher Education (NSHU) and is responsible for the health and medicine area and also international matters. He is also a Professor Health Informatics, university of Kalmar in Sweden. Currently, he is on the Board of Directors, Efquel, European Foundation of Quality in eLearning and since 1996 the main organizer of national and international conferences of computer based learning and eLearning and in health informatics. A certified specialist Physician in ear-nose-throat diseases, he completed his PhD in 2006.

Todd Cooper  
United States

Ann-Sofie Bergstrom  
Sweden  
A surgical nurse, focused on nutrition in the surgical patient, Ann-Sofie has written a number of nutrition articles for clinical practice. In the mid-1990’s she began to focus on the Pharma Industry, today Ann-Sofie is employed as a Business Solution Manager for SAS Institute, Solna Sweden. She works and teaches in clinical research. She is also an accomplished examined organist and cantor.

Dave Iberson-Hurst  
United Kingdom
Dave Iberson-Hurst is founder of Assero Limited with 25 years experience of computer system development within a number of industry sectors. Graduating from Bath University in 1982 with a degree in Mathematics and Computing, Dave has primarily worked on the development of high reliability, real-time information technology systems.

More recently, Dave has worked within the pharmaceutical industry. He spent three years as Chief Technology Officer for a start-up company developing Electronic Patient Diary systems for use within clinical trials. Dave is active within CDISC and was appointed as VP for Technical Strategy in September 2007 to oversee all technical work within CDISC. He is Vice Chair of the European CDISC Coordinating Committee (E3C), co-leads the CDISC Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) and is co-lead of the CDISC electronic Source Data Interchange (eSDI) group that is working with the Food and Drug Administration (FDA), examining the difficult topic of electronic source documents and data.

Mario Romao  
United States
Mario Romao is co-chair of the EU Policy Working Group of the Continua Health Alliance, member of the board of the European Health Telematics Association (EHTEL) and senior manager of digital health policy for the Intel Corporation.
Soo Jun Park  
Korea
Soo Jun Park was born in Korea on January 12, 1966. He received his BS degree in Biochemistry from the University of Iowa, USA, in 1991. He received his MS degree in computer science from Lehigh University, USA, in 1994. He joined Electronics and Telecommunications Research Institute (ETRI), Daejeon, Korea, in 1994. As a senior researcher he is currently the head of Life Informatics Research Team in ETRI. He has been researching the technology of Bioinformatics and Personal Health Devices since 2002. He is currently leading the project of Activity Recognition of Elderly, Proactive Healthcare technology, and ubiquitous- Health.

Michio Kimura, MD, PhD  
Japan
Professor and Director of Medical Informatics Department, Hamamatsu University, School of Medicine, MS in Artificial Intelligence, Tokyo University, 1982 MD, Osaka University, 1986 PhD in Radiology, Tokyo University, 1990 Vice president, Japan Assoc. for Medical Informatics Vice convener, ISO TC215 WG2, HL7 Japan Chair, IHE Japan Board.

W. Edward Hammond, PhD  
United States
Dr. Ed Hammond’s primary appointment is in the Department of Community and Family Medicine. Dr. Hammond shares responsibility for the medical informatics courses taught in the medical center and for the third year activities in medical informatics. His secondary appointment is in the Department of Biomedical Engineering, where he teaches courses in medical informatics. Dr. Hammond brings to the program a unique combination of engineering, computer science, administration, education, and medical background. For almost thirty years, Dr. Hammond was been developing the internationally known computer-based medical record system, The Medical Record (TMR). Dr. Hammond’s research has focused on producing medical informatics products which can be used in the real world. Problems encountered in these practical laboratories produce excellent topics for research. In addition, this environment provides opportunities for developing, applying and understanding design techniques and evaluation methodologies. Dr. Hammond has been very active nationally and internationally in medical informatics. He has been a member of the Board of Directors of the American Medical Informatics Association and now serves as Treasurer of that organization; has twice served as Chairman of the Health Level 7 standards group and is chair-elect; is immediate past-president of the American College of Medical Informatics; and is a former chair of ACM’s SIGBIO.

Kees Molenaar  
Netherlands
Kees Molenaar (1957) is serving a three year term, 2006 – 2008, as Chair of the CEN/TC 251 Health Informatics. He is working with the Dutch Ministry of Health, Welfare and Sport as a project manager. His activities in the Market and Consumer Directorate include secondary uses of health data and the reduction of information collection burden. Previous employers include the Dutch Health Care Inspectorate, Health IT companies and the Free University of Amsterdam. In his 25 year career, Health Informatics has always been the central focus albeit from different angles: academia, industry and government.