

PRESS RELEASE

San Diego, CA, USA, MedDRA Management Board Meeting

For Eighth Year in a Row, No Increase in MedDRA Subscription Rates

San Diego, 11 November 2012 – The MedDRA Management Board met in San Diego, CA, USA on 10 – 11 November 2012.

The Board is pleased to announce that, for the eighth year in a row, there will be no increase in MedDRA subscription rates for 2013. This is the result of continued growth of MedDRA subscribers throughout the world and increased efficiencies to contain costs of maintenance and development of the terminology.

For the sixth time, the MedDRA Management Board welcomed the Regional Harmonisation Initiative and Drug Regulatory Authority/Department of Health members of the ICH Global Cooperation Group to a special session. During this special session, the Board and the invited guests heard from representatives of various regulatory authorities who described their experiences with the implementation of MedDRA and the use of MedDRA for data analysis.

The Board renewed the Memorandum of Understanding between ICH and the Council for the International Organization of Medical Sciences (CIOMS) for a further year of development of new Standardised MedDRA Queries (SMQs). The Board noted that there are now 87 SMQ topics in production.

The Japanese Management Board (JMB) reported on the activities of the Japanese Maintenance Organisation (JMO). The JMB reported that JMO is improving services to MedDRA/J users such as enhancement of user training. The JMB also noted participation of a substantial number of subscribers in every Explanatory Meeting for new MedDRA versions which shows a high interest among subscribers in the updated MedDRA versions.

The MSSO reported on its participation in ICH training on “M” initiatives (including MedDRA) held in Beijing, China in October 2012. There was keen interest in the ICH initiatives by the attendees.

The MSSO reported that it is developing a series of short training videocasts on MedDRA topics. The videocasts are produced in multiple languages, and some topics are already available. The videocasts can be accessed on the MSSO Web site and on YouTube.

The next meeting of the Board will be on 1-2 June 2013 in La Hulpe, Belgium.

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