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Dear EHR and EDC vendors:

CDISC (www.cdisc.org) and IHE have worked together since 2003 to enable the use of Electronic Health Records in the execution of clinical research studies. Working within the IHE profile development process, CDISC has brought its research standards – ODM, PRM and CDASH – into useful proximity to HL7 CDAs through six profiles developed at IHE's Quality, Research and Public Health (QRPH) domain. These integration profiles enable interoperability between EHRs and research systems such as Electronic Data Capture systems in a simple, straightforward, practical manner. Demonstrations have taken place at HIMSS and DIA in the U.S. Now CDISC's European Foundation and IHE Europe would like to invite European EHR and EDC vendors to test the pivotal enabling profile, Retrieve Form for Data-capture, at this year's Euro Connectathon.

The time is ripe for this participation. The use of EHRs for clinical research has momentum around the world. In Europe, the EHR4CR project, a collaborative effort between European Federation of Pharmaceutical Industries and Associations (EFPIA) and the European Commission through the Innovative Medicines Initiative, will promote and enable the use of EHRs in clinical research, especially at select academic sites. CDISC and IHE are reaching out to the commercial EHR and EDC vendors in preparation for participation in this and other initiatives, beginning with the Euro Connectathon.

Throughout 2012, CDISC and IHE will arrange opportunities for pharmaceutical research sponsors to meet with EHR and EDC vendors to see demonstrations of their capabilities to support research with your systems/products. Watch for opportunities at the upcoming QRPH meeting in Paris in February, at the Connectathon in May, and at an interoperability showcase in the fall. The first and most important step in this series of meetings is the testing and demonstration of RFD at this year's Connectathon. As you register for the Connectathon, please add the RFD Form Filler actor to your test list if you are an EHR vendor. For the EDC systems, please register to test RFD's Form Manager and Form Receiver actors. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to e-mail Landen Bain (lbain@cdisc.org), CDISC Healthcare Liaison and QRPH Planning Committee Lead.

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