

MINUTES – T-con

Supplement 209 Task Group of DICOM WG-31, Conformance

Wednesday, May 6, 2020

4 am US MDT/6 am US EDT /12 pm CET/ 15:30 pm IST (India)

Present:

Antje Schroeder, Siemens Healthineers,
Bruno Laffin, Agfa HealthCare
Herve Hoehn, GE
Stephen Vastagh, Secretary Pro Tem
Yogalakshmi Selvarajan, Philips

1. Welcome and roll call:

The meeting was called to order at 4:00 am US Mountain Time

2. Meeting Rules

The antitrust and patent declaration rules were reviewed.

3. Review, revise, approve Agenda

The Agenda was approved.

4. Review, approve minutes

The approval of previous minutes was postponed.

5. Update on meetings with modality WGs

Status at the beginning of this t-con is shown below.

WG-02&WG-28 XRAY & Physics

Stephen reported that the next WG-02/28 t-con is May 11-13. The Chair will send a reminder to the group and they may submit consolidated comments or more individual comments on Sup 209.

WG-03 Nuclear

Stephen reported that the WG-03 presentation was finalized: Tuesday, May 12, (the next Task Group t-con is the following day, May 13.)

The invitation was issued.

The meeting details are also available in the is in [DICOM Calendar](#).

The meeting details were also provided in the Agenda.

WG-07 Radiation Therapy

The meeting took place on April 30.

It was concluded that Radiotherapy's use of DICOM is somewhat different from that of radiology (e.g. strong use of UPS); radiology was the basis for the current draft Sup209. WG-07 also called attention to 6-7 level deep sectioning and suggested to break Section 5 into 3 sections to avoid such deep levels.. Members took note but confirmed the need to keep services in one section.

It was decided that more frequent consultations with WG-07 will be needed.

WG-12/WG-01 Ultrasound/Cardiology

Stephen reported that a doodle was created and he sent an e-mail on May 5 to the Co-Chairs as a first step for scheduling a presentation .

Secretary's Note: the Co-Chairs responded positively. Surveying the membership for the best date will be the next step.

WG-15 Mammography

The input received from WG-15 will be considered in the further work by Members on Sup 209.

WG-16 MRI

Stephen reported that the meeting is set – Tuesday, May 19, (the day before the May 20 Sup 209 Task Group meeting.) The invitation has been issued.

Members received invitation with log-in details.

The meeting details are also available in the is in [DICOM Calendar](#).

The meeting details were also provided in the Agenda of today's meeting.

WG-21 CT

The Sup 209 presentation was made on April 29.

WG-21 members were anxious to have machine-readable Part 2 and create a machine readable DSC. They also expressed interest in being able to create automatically a machine-readable DSC from their own systems. The companion proposal for a new Supplement for machine-readable DCS was described to WG-21.

Herve and Bruno described the constraint on the DICOM formatting as the human readable format is the starting point and must also be preserved.

WG-26 Pathology

The presentation to WG-26 was made on May 5.

This modality, pathology, is at the beginning of the "DICOM-ization" process. They had several connectathons but none of the manufacturers have developed a DCS yet.

The user Co-Chair of WG-26 has had extensive experience with DCS' as he is in charge of informatics for all modalities in a regional health care provider organization. His comment, after the presentation, was that the template will be generating better DICOM Conformance Statements.

WG-26 will submit theoretical comments by the end of June and will provide practical comments about their specialty in the 4th quarter of 2020 based on more connectathon experience; they plan ongoing virtual connectathons.

WG-28 Physics

Same as WG-02 above.

WG-33 Data Archive and Management

Antje suggested that feedback from more users such as the informatics and PACS experts in WG-33 would also be helpful for the further development of the Supplement 209. Additionally, feedback from Change Healthcare and similar companies should also be solicited.

ACTION-Stephen

Organize a presentation to WG-33 and explore soliciting comment from Change Healthcare and similar companies.

Secretary's note: WG-33 Co-Chairs and Secretariat (SIIM) supported the presentation. The CO-Chairs' invitation was sent to WG-33 on May 10.

6. Staff change

This is was Stephen's last participation as Secretary Pro-Tem. Carolyn Hull, DICOM General Secretary will be the permanent Secretary of WG-31. Stephen is grateful to have had the opportunity serve WG-31 for a couple of years including the beginning work on Sup 209, before his retirement and again to be part of this significant milestone in the development of Sup 209, the pre-Public Comment proof of concept solicitation from modality and other relevant Working Groups.

Carolyn will cancel the remaining invitations and replace them with invitations that will be initiated by her; this will make the logistics of the transition easier.

Carolyn requested moving the start time to 13:00 CET from 12:00 CET. This will mean a 7:00 US EDT am starting time for her with less detrimental impact on the rest of her workday. The second new DICOM staff, Shayna Knazik, has started two weeks ago. Carolyn has some way to go to double team with the new colleague, training her, thus carrying on with increased workload for a while more.

7. Next Sup 209 T-con:

As noted in Item 6 above, revised invitations will be issued to continue the weekly t-cons of the Task Group.

8. Next Sup 209 F2F meeting:

To be scheduled at a later meeting.

9. WG-06 meeting schedule in 2020:

June 15-19, 2020, MITA HQ, Arlington, VA, USA probably Web meeting again
Sup 209 is NOT on the Agenda

August 31-September 4, 2020, MITA HQ, Arlington, VA, USA

November 9-13, 2020, MITA HQ, Arlington, VA, USA

10. Old business - none

11. New business – none

12. Adjournment

The call was adjourned at 5:15 US MDT.

Reported by Stephen Vastagh Secretary Pro Tem

Report reviewed by DICOM legal counsel: CRS, 2020-05-12