

IHE-RO Technical Committee
Thursday, May 29, 2008
1:00 – 2:00 PM
Conference Call

Attendees:

Mr. Bill Bennett
Mr. Bernd Becker
Mr. Uli Busch

Mr. Bob Philbin
Dr. Walter Bosch
Mr. Scott Johnson

Mr. John Sarafa
Dr. Stuart Swerdloff

ASTRO Staff: Sunita Ranjitkar

I. Call to Order:

- a. Agenda for the conference call was approved.
- b. Minutes from April 17, 2008 was approved.

II. Reports & Updates

- a. ICT Test Tool Development Proposal
 - ICT has made several deliveries in the test tool development process.
 - Mr. Scott Johnson noted an error message on the first (registration) transaction. This could be a typo in the validation criteria. The committee felt the need of ways to feedback information on problems with the test tool. This will be discussed further during the face-to-face meeting in Houston, TX. For now, the committee decided to create a thread (“2008 Test Tool Issues”) in the AAPM BBS to discuss issues found in the test tools.
- b. IHE-RO Mission Statement
 - A more specific IHE-RO mission statement will be integrated into the ISO document which is available on the wiki. The Technical Committee was suggested reviewing this document and informed that it will be discussed further during the face-to-face meeting in Houston, TX. Dr. Swerdloff explained that the clearer mission statement should be ready before developing next profiles.
- c. IHE-RO Representatives on IHE-Canada, IHE-NA, IHE-Europe and IEH-Japan etc (using vendor representation)
 - The committee discussed the importance of clarifying the difference between connectathon and public demonstrations. There will be one connectathon per year, but there may be more public demonstrations.
 - The committee was informed about JASTRO’s interest regarding public demonstration at JASTRO 2008 and covering the IHE-RO 2007 profile.
 - Questions from international bodies should be referred to Dr. Swerdloff or Mr. Curran.
- d. Connectathon Preparation
 - August connectathon will cover both the 2008 Registration Profile and the 2007 Basic Connectivity Profile.

- The 2008 ICT test tools will not cover the 2007 profile. However, ICT has indicated that both the 2007 and 2008 test tools can be installed on the same system.
- Vendors will make their own hotel arrangements for the connectathon. Housing details were sent out in April by Ms. Ranjitkar. If you need housing information, please contact her at sunitar@astro.org.
- The following six vendors have responded to the announcement regarding connectathon fee:
 - Nucletron
 - Elekta/IMPAC
 - TomoTherapy
 - Varian
 - BrainLAB
 - Philips
- Ms. Ranjitkar will reconfirm with M.D. Anderson that the network switch, network cables and power cables are made available for the connectathon.

III. New Business

- a. Beam Configuration Document
 - The beam configuration document was discussed as “IMRT plan”. Discussion was tabled for the next meeting. Development of a template of beam configurations document/spreadsheet for 2009 profile by Mr. Curran is still pending.

IV. Future Meetings

- a. T-Cons
 - June 26, 2008 at 2:00 - 4:00 PM ET
- b. Face-to-face
 - August 06, 2008 at 9:00 - 12:00 PM (Houston, TX)
 - September 24, 2008 at 7:00 – 9:00 AM (ASTRO Annual Meeting in Boston)
- c. Connectathon
 - July 31st –August 5th (Houston, TX)

V. Adjourn