2001: Charenton-le-pont Paris, France 2002: Villejuif in Paris, France 2003: Aachen, Germany 2004: Padova, Italy 2005: Noordwijkerhout, The Netherlands 2006: Barcelona, Spain 2007: Berlin. Germany 2008: Oxford. UK 2009: Vienna, Austria

2011: Pisa, Italy

2012: Bern, Switzerland

2010: Bordeaux. France

2013: Istanbul, Turkey

2014: Vienna. Austria 2015: Luxembourg

2016: Bochum, Germany

2017: Venice, Italy

2018: The Hague, The Netherlands

2019: Rennes, France

2020: Online 2021: Online

2022: Montreux, Switzerland



IHE-Europe has prepared a comprehensive White Paper on the IHE Connectathon, which has a wealth of information for vendors regularly participating in the IHE Connectathon or considering to participate for the first time.



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IHE Connectathon[®] What is it and how is it done?











What is the IHE Connectathon?

The objective of the **IHE Connectathon** is to test participating systems' conformity to **IHE Profiles** by using validators and the Interoperability between systems, following clinical workflows. **IHE Profiles** enable seamless and secure exchange of health information for both providers and patients across the globe, and provide access to a world-wide eHealth market. The **IHE Connectathon** allows test validation in a controlled, supervised and neutral environment.

Why the IHE Connectathon?

The **IHE Connectathon** gives vendors an opportunity to test the interoperability of their products in a structured and rigorous environment with peer vendors. It also enables the IHE Technical Framework itself to be tested in the form of trial implementation/deployment settings. Participating companies test their implementation of **IHE Integration Profile** specifications against those of other vendors using real world clinical scenarios.

The IHE Connectathon is a "connectivity test marathon"

The **IHE Connectathon** provides week-long face-to-face testing of the participating products' interoperability, encouraging vendors, large and small, to work closely together to solve issues. Thousands of transactions are verified using both test tools and peer tests. Tests results are recorded and their outcome validated by neutral **IHE Monitors**. Participants are allowed to correct non-conformities during the event so that at the end of the event successful vendors are registered in the **Connectathon** Results Matrix.

Benefits for the users of healthcare IT systems

The **IHE Connectathon** qualifies vendors who have invested in proving their products support **IHE Profiles**, thus giving confidence to decision makers in evaluating tender responses from competing vendors. This in turn brings confidence to the subsequent deployment, reducing potential interoperability issues on site.

Benefits for the vendor's product testing

The **IHE Connectathon** helps vendors demonstrate market leadership in the industry on interoperability adoption, through implementation of **IHE Profiles**. Successful vendors are registered in the **Connectathon** Results Matrix and build credibility about **IHE Profile** implementation competency towards customers by registering their products in the **IHE** Product Registry. Country, region and hospital tender procedures increasingly demand independent demonstration of IHE Profile implementation competency.

