CDISC Europe Foundation

The purpose of the Foundation is to develop and support global, platform-independent data standards that enable information system interoperability to improve medical research and related areas of healthcare. CDISC standards are global, vendor-neutral and freely available via the CDISC website.

In this framework, the Foundation will implement the following actions:

- Lead the development of standards that improve efficiency while supporting the scientific nature of clinical research, regulated and unregulated.
- Recognize the ultimate goal of creating regulatory submissions that allow for flexibility in scientific content and are easily interpreted, understood, and navigated by regulatory reviewers.
- Acknowledge that the data content, structure and quality of the standard data models are of paramount importance, independent of implementation strategy and platform.
- Maintain a global, multidisciplinary, cross-functional composition for CDISC and its working groups.
- Work with other professional groups to encourage that there is maximum sharing of information and minimum duplication of efforts.
- Provide educational programs on CDISC standards, models, values and benefits.
- Accomplish the CDISC goals and mission without promoting any individual vendor or organization.
- The CDISC Europe Foundation carries out research and development in the following areas:
  1. Technology, in particular the development of global data interchange standards for biopharmaceutical research, integration profiles and process redesign to speed research studies
  2. Standards and models for therapeutic areas for research into new therapies for various diseases
  3. Methods to enable the use of electronic health records for research purposes

Paul Houston – Head of European Operations

Preceding CDISC Paul worked at EMA as a Programme Manager in International Standards, for all the EMA standards activity within the ICH, CDISC, HL7 and ISO spaces. Taking the project lead on the Identification of Medicinal Products standards, Paul worked closely with the pharmacovigilance departments at FDA and PMDA to publish the IDMP suite of standards that will be implemented by EMA, FDA and PMDA by July 2016. Paul worked closely with CDISC co-founder Bron Kisler over that time. Mr. Houston joined CDISC in September 2013 to head up the CDISC Europe Foundation and it’s European activity and projects, specifically as liaison to IMI and EMA and heading up the CDISC Europe research team. Paul is a co-lead of the standards advisory group which is part of the IMI’s Translational Research repository, eTRIKS and represents CDISC on the IMI Biovacsafe consortium in the development of a new Vaccines standard. Paul also sits on the committee of both the CDISC UK User Network and the E3C.

Branch Office of the CDISC Europe Foundation in Hong Kong

May 7, 2013 – CDISC, Inc. is delighted to announce that we have registered a branch office of the CDISC Europe Foundation in Hong Kong, to enhance our presence within the Asia-Pacific region. This area is the fastest growing market
in the world and represents significant opportunities for us to expand the global adoption of CDISC Standards. ‘Our presence reflects our commitment to new and existing members in the Asia-Pacific region that includes Japan, China, Korea, India, Thailand, Singapore, Australia and New Zealand’. 

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