Registration for the CDISC International Interchange 2012 is now open. The International Interchange this year will have a new format with a focus on launching the Coalition For Accelerating Standards and Therapies (CFAST). Based upon a partnership between CDISC and the Critical Path Institute, CFAST is an initiative to accelerate clinical research and medical product development by creating and maintaining data standards, tools and methods for conducting research in therapeutic areas that are important to public health.

The first day of the Interchange will revolve around Therapeutic Area Standards. Dr. Janet Woodcock of FDA will be the Interchange Keynote Speaker, launching CFAST during the opening session. Ann Martin of the Innovative Medicines Initiative (IMI) in Europe will also provide a keynote during this session. Panelists will include representatives from FDA, NIH, Industry, Academia and Patient Advocacy Groups and researchers from around the globe.

The second day of the Interchange will start with an FDA panel discussion with audience Q&A. More technical sessions will take place in the afternoon, with a BRIDG Awareness session and examples of SHARE will be offered.

The third day of the interchange will be cross-team meetings. There is a special opportunity offered for the third day of the conference; attendance is free for anyone who has registered for both the first and second day of the conference!

The CDISC International Interchange is not just a conference! It is a combination of presentations and educational sessions, a place to get involved in setting standards that will be used to streamline research around the globe. It is a place to meet and interact with regulators, new professionals and experts in the global healthcare industry. Our educational sessions offered on Monday and
Tuesday, 22 and 23 October, will train attendees on how to implement the CDISC standards within their work environments. View the link to know more about the courses offered.

A preliminary program is available on the CDISC website. Opportunities for exhibitors and sponsors are open to expand the visibility of your organization through productive interaction with the interchange attendees who represent various global entities and international companies.