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The European Association of Healthcare IT Managers (HITM) Announces President and Vice President

Dr. Josep M. Picas is the Chief Information Officer (CIO) of the Hospital de St. Pau in Barcelona, Spain. He began his career in 1974 as a medical doctor, was appointed Director of the Hospital de l'Esperança in 1979 and Director of the Barcelona Town Council Primary Health Care Services in the C.Q. Peracamps in 1984. He served as Medical Director of Municipal Institute of Healthcare Services from 1985 to 2004 and General Manager of the Primary Care of Barcelona city at the Catalan Institute of Health from 2004 to 2007. Dr. Picas was also CIO of Hospital del Mar in Barcelona; a position he held until his current appointment in 2008. In addition, he is an Associate Professor at a number of institutions, including the Barcelona Nurses University School Sta. Madrona, the Barcelona Business School, and the Barcelona University. He has worked actively on the development of disease management programmes, computerised information health systems and medical documentation and participates on numerous boards and steering committees.

Mr. Miroslav Madjaric, B.Sc.E.E, Ph.D. is the CIO of the University Hospital Centre in Zagreb, Croatia. He graduated from the Faculty of Electrical Engineering / Computer Science at the University of Zagreb in Croatia. He started his career as a computer operator and programmer, later as a systems analyst and the manager of the IT department in KBC-Zagreb, the biggest hospital organisation in Croatia. He joined the biggest hospital organisation in Europe (Krankenanstaltenges.m.b.H)in Graz, Austria in 1990, contributing substantially to the implementation of a Hospital Information System (HIS). In 2002, Mr. Madjaric lead the IT department in one of the largest Croatian companies INA, d.d. (Oil&Gas), before rejoining KBC-Zagreb in 2008, as VP & CIO. He has published more than 80 professional and scientific papers, mainly related to health IT, and is a regular presenter and participant in all major IT related conferences in Croatia and abroad. The focus of his professional interests is IT management in hospitals, project management and innovation.

Dr. Josep M. Picas and Mr. Miroslav Madjaric will both utilise their new positions within the European Association of Healthcare IT Managers to further bolster HITM's mission to establish common healthcare IT standards and policies and promote cross-border collaboration in different healthcare sectors.

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