



AIRA MONTHLY UPDATE

AUGUST, 2013

AIRA 2013 IIS MEETING – MAKE YOUR HOTEL RESERVATIONS BEFORE SEPTEMBER 9TH!

Registration is open for the AIRA 2013 National meeting to be held October 7-9 at the Embassy Suites Hotel in Denver, Colorado.

- Go to <http://www.regonline.com/aira2013nationalmeeting> to register for the meeting. **The last day to pre-register and take advantage of the lower rate is September 23rd!** There will be on-site registration available.
- **Reserve your hotel room by Monday, September 9th** to guarantee that you receive the discounted rate. To make your reservation online go to http://embassysuites.hilton.com/en/es/groups/personalized/D/DENESES-AIR-20131004/index.jhtml?WT.mc_id=POG.
- To see the preliminary agenda or for more information about the meeting visit the **AIRA website** today!

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(as of August 31, 2013)

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It isn't too late to consider sponsoring the AIRA Meeting. Your sponsorship will support the one opportunity in 2013 for IIS, immunization programs and partners to come together to share new ideas and innovative strategies. More information about sponsorship opportunities can be found [here](#).

SEPTEMBER AT AIRA

- Sept 3rd 2 – 3 p.m. ET:
AIRA Assessment Steering Committee Meeting
- Sept 9th: **Last day to reserve hotel rooms at the discounted rate for the upcoming AIRA 2013 meeting.**
- Sept 11th 1 -2 p.m. ET:
AIRA Standards & Interoperability Steering Committee Meeting
- September 18th 2 -3 p.m. ET: **Education Steering Committee Meeting**
- Sept 19th 4 -5 p.m. ET:
MIROW Steering Committee Meeting
- Week of Sept 16th (Exact Date/Time TBD): **AIRA Provider Training Workgroup Meeting**
- September 23rd: **Last day to pre-register for the upcoming AIRA Denver Meeting!**

AIRA MEMBERSHIP DRIVE 2013 - 2014

The AIRA membership drive will begin in September. Membership for the upcoming year runs October 1, 2013 – September 30, 2014. You can renew your membership (or join for the first time!) by visiting the membership renewal page on the AIRA website:

<http://www.immregistries.org/membership/renewing-membership>. Just login, click on Renew Membership, and then you will be able to renew your membership or join AIRA for the first time. For your convenience, membership dues rates are listed below:

Category	Description	Annual Dues
Voting Members		
ORGANIZATION	Local, state and territorial public health agencies	\$300
AFFILIATE	Private non-profit organizations	\$300
BUSINESS	For-profit businesses	\$500
SPONSOR	Upgraded Organization, Affiliate, or Business membership	\$1500
INDIVIDUAL	Any individual staff member of an Organization or Affiliate that is unable to join at those levels; an individual from a for-profit business that has less than three employees; or an individual who is unattached to any Organization, Affiliate or Business. These individuals must pay annual dues with a personal check.	\$100
Non-Voting Members		
RECIPROCAL PARTNER	IHS, ECBT, and AIM	\$0
RETIRED LIFE CHARTER	An individual that joined the during AIRA's first year and remained a member until their retirement.	\$0
INDIVIDUAL NON-VOTING	Additional individuals of an Organization, Affiliate or Business beyond the three voting members and three non-voting members allowed through their membership (See benefits section below).	\$50

2013 NATIONAL ADULT VACCINATION PROGRAM SUMMIT: DEVELOPING CHAMPIONS AND BUILDING A ROADMAP TO ACTION

AIRA participated in the National Adult Vaccination Program (NAVVP) Summit that was organized by The Gerontological Society of America (GSA) and held on August 22, 2013. The 2013 NAVP programming included a review of the current state of vaccinations for adults, the need for improvement, and discussion about solutions for sustainable change. The work with GSA is helping to build relationships with adult immunization stakeholders and contribute IIS expertise to recognized barriers.

SNAPSHOTS

The latest issue of AIRA's newsletter *SnapShots* is out! The newsletter was sent to the AIRA mailing list on August 30th, and you can find it anytime on the AIRA website at www.immregistries.org/resources/aira-snapshots.

AIRA WEBINAR: HL7 101

On August 28th AIRA conducted a WebEx presentation to introduce HL7 2.5.1 to those who work with immunization information systems. There were more than 170 attendees for this presentation, which covered topics including use cases, usage, how messages are built, data types and more. You can view slides of the presentation by visiting the AIRA website at <http://www.immregistries.org/events/past-events/webinars> where you'll also find recordings of the many Education Steering Committee sponsored webinars offered in the past three years.

AUGUST RECAP

Assessment Steering Committee

- The ASC met on August 6th, 2013. The committee reviewed and discussed the survey the University of Michigan is currently conducting on behalf of AIRA to identify the current assessment practices.
- The committee also began to discuss the scope of the data quality project that it will be undertaking in the upcoming year.

Standards and Interoperability Steering Committee

- The SISC met on August 14th, 2013. The committee discussed ACK specifications, addressing error codes, definitions of severity codes and the use of ERR-8.
- The SISC also began a review of RSP field level usage. This review will continue at the September meeting of the SISC.
- Pre-adoption of HL7 v2.8 VXU was briefly discussed. This discussion will be continued on future calls.

Education Steering Committee

- The ESC met on August 21st, 2013. The ESC is serving as the planning committee for the AIRA National IIS Meeting in Denver in October. Roundtable topics were reviewed.
- Committee members finalized plans for the HL7 101 webinar which was held on August 28th at 3pm ET and also discussed topics for future webinars.
- Committee members discussed the summer issue of Snapshots, which was released on August 31, 2013.
- The Provider Training Workgroup co-chairs reported on the training workshop that will be presented during the National IIS Meeting in Denver. The workshop will introduce the workgroup, a subcommittee of the ESC, to the larger IIS community and training techniques will be shared during this workshop.

MIROW Steering Committee

- The MIROW Steering Committee met on August 30th, 2013. The committee discussed the idea of conducting a small-scale ('micro') MIROW topic.
- The committee also discussed Mini-guides for the inventory management and DQA topics, which are forthcoming.
- MIROW-related presentations at the AIRA 2013 IIS Meeting in Denver were discussed. A presentation on the MIROW DQA topic has been scheduled for a plenary session on the first day of the meeting, together with the presentation on the evaluation of MIROW guides by the University of Michigan. A presentation on leveraging business rules techniques is scheduled for a "breakfast and learn" session (8:00 – 9:30 AM) on the last day of the meeting.