HL7 FHIR Foundation
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The HL7 FHIR Foundation Announces Individual Memberships Now Available

Individuals can join at a discounted rate through March 2018 to support the adoption and implementation of HL7 FHIR worldwide

ANN ARBOR, MI, USA – October 30, 2017 – The HL7 FHIR Foundation, a non-profit organization serving as the home to the Fast Healthcare Interoperability Resources (FHIR®) implementation community, today announced that individuals can now become a founding member through March 31, 2018 for $250. As of April 1, 2018, the annual cost of the individual membership will rise to $500. Corporate memberships are not available at this time.

HL7 FHIR is the specification enabling interoperability in healthcare today. The HL7 FHIR Foundation was launched in 2016 to promote the global adoption and implementation of the standard. It provides information, educational materials, tools, websites and project support that help the HL7 FHIR community collaborate, align and expand.

Initial individual member benefits of the HL7 FHIR Foundation include the following:

- Access to members only content:
  - Monthly and annual reports
  - Project reports/webinars
  - FHIR Foundation Forum (web/email) used for discussion of Foundation policy and procedures and prioritization of candidate projects
  - Notification of opportunities for development/employment
- Right to participate in the election of certain Board Director positions
- Right to request fhir.org hosting of non-HL7-balloted Implementation Guides, documentation and projects
- Discount attendance to FHIR Foundation organized events
- Public listing as a supporter of the FHIR Foundation

- Digital badge for LinkedIn profile
- Right to post events to the FHIR calendar

While the HL7 FHIR Foundation is now the home of the FHIR implementation community, HL7 International will continue the development and maintenance of the FHIR standard along with other healthcare interoperability standards. Stanley Huff, MD, chair of the HL7 FHIR Foundation noted, "HL7 International has done an incredible job creating and progressing the FHIR specification. That work will continue at full pace within HL7, augmented by front line implementation experience from FHIR Foundation members." He also noted that the FHIR Foundation board is developing membership strategies and pricing with the goal of allowing individuals to participate in both organizations. "We want to make it easy for existing HL7 members to become members of the FHIR Foundation at a highly discounted rate while also creating pricing strategies for those primarily interested in implementation to hold joint membership, so that FHIR specification work is supported. The success of the FHIR Foundation is dependent on a dynamic and ever-improving FHIR specification."

"The FHIR community is growing rapidly and the FHIR Foundation is able to support the needs of the implementation community as they work together to build implementations that solve real world problems," said Grahame Grieve, HL7's FHIR product director. "The HL7 FHIR Foundation will help the FHIR community make a difference, as well as provide access to member benefits."

About the HL7 FHIR Foundation

The HL7® FHIR® Foundation was founded in 2016 and promotes global adoption and implementation of the FHIR® platform standard. The foundation provides information, educational materials, tools, websites, and project support that helps the FHIR community collaborate, align, and expand. The HL7 FHIR Foundation is a non-profit chartered in the United States as a 501c3; however, FHIR.org is international in scope.

The HL7 FHIR Foundation is closely affiliated with the Health Level Seven® (HL7®) standards organization and its community. HL7 is dedicated to the development and maintenance of healthcare interoperability standards, including FHIR.

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