

Representatives from 21 countries from across the globe travel to Valencia for the two day CIO Summit

VALENCIA, Spain, 7 October 2015: Over 250 healthcare IT professionals have gathered in Valencia for a two day conference which has successfully kicked off today. More than 60% of the delegates are hospital CIOs (Chief Information Officers), with the majority coming from Spain, Turkey and France although delegates have travelled from over 21 countries, with Chile, Ecuador and Peru being represented for the first time in the history of the CIO Summit.

The [HIMSS Europe CIO Summit](#), which launched its 6th edition today, started with an Opening Keynote speech by José Pedro Almeida, Business Intelligence Project Manager at Centro Hospitalar de São João, Portugal with the theme “How to Leverage Data to Manage and Save Lives?”. Almeida presented an international award-winning intelligent clinical decision support system which was developed at São João Hospital, one of the top pioneering hospitals in Portugal. Almeida has lead the Portuguese hospital to achieve five awards for the creation of a revolutionary Big Data Platform in this hospital that works as a Hospital Information Radar and is able to predict 30% of ICU admissions 7 days before they occur.



A doorstep press conference followed, where Rosa Llopis, CIO at Hospital La Fe and Edmundo Ramirez, Country Manager of Spain at HIMSS Analytics, addressed the media and focused on how HIMSS (and the EMR Adoption Model in particular) has helped improve the hospital and its patient care. Llopis said: “Having been awarded with a [HIMSS EMRAM](#) Stage 6 recognition in 2014, our next step would definitely be to attain a Stage 7. The EMRAM model has served as guidance for the IT team to implement, adopt and use new technological solutions in the hospital, and we continue to work hard to ensure we are delivering the best patient care we can offer, supported and improved by our IT systems.”

Ramirez added: “Hospital La Fe has an exemplary team of experts and professionals whose objective is to achieve the betterment of healthcare through information technology. We are honoured to have provided the hospital with the necessary guidance and I am confident that the best practices shared during this year’s HIMSS Europe CIO Summit will help us all move forwards in the right direction.”

During the CIO Summit, delegates and vendors alike enjoy education sessions with presentations from the highest level of speakers from around the world, which will cover topics from pioneering patient portals to major investments in healthcare. In addition, networking opportunities won’t go amiss with a packed and vibrant exhibition show floor and the HIMSS Analytics EMRAM Awards Ceremony & Dinner on the agenda for tonight.

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Editor’s notes

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