

Sectra successfully tested at 2003 Connectathon

The Swedish IT and medical technology company Sectra, has again successfully demonstrated the ability to integrate its radiology image management system Sectra PACS™ with a majority of the world's other top medical software and hardware vendors.

This testing was accomplished via an integration testing marathon, sponsored by RSNA (the Radiological Society of North America), called the IHE Connectathon. The Connectathon provides validation of participating vendor's integration work. In cooperation with over thirty-six other medical vendors, Sectra received full validation by the IHE (Integrating the Healthcare Enterprise) for all profiles Sectra tested.

Frederick Barton, Interoperability Manager at Sectra North America Inc. states "Our committee work and involvement with standards groups such as the IHE, HL7 and DICOM, gives Sectra a distinct edge in understanding and developing standards-based solutions that helps solve our customers' interoperability issues. We currently deliver day to day integration at sites spanning the globe, on systems that Doctors rely on for patient safety. That is the true benefit of running the Sectra PACS."

The Connectathon facilitates the implementation of standards-based integration by the healthcare imaging and information systems industry. It offers vendors a unique opportunity for connectivity testing by removing barriers to integration that would otherwise have to be dealt with on site, at the client's expense. Companies taking part have responded overwhelmingly that this testing process addresses important issues in their product development plans.

During the Connectathon, Sectra also devoted some time to working with SNM (the Society of Nuclear Medicine), successfully performing 48 of 51 tasks to help define next years IHE Nuclear Medicine Profile. "The strength of our PACS shone through in this testing," said Frederick Barton. This voluntary testing was designed to evaluate vendors' current conformance to the new IHE Nuclear Medicine Profile.

The result of the testing completed for 2003 can be found on the IHE page of the RSNA website at www.rsna.org/IHE/connectathon.shtml.

For more information about Sectra's IHE involvement, please visit www.sectra.se/medical/IHE.

Sectra is one of today's major diagnostic imaging providers with more than 420 installations worldwide. Sectra's core business is to deliver top-of-the-line, high-availability, robust enterprise diagnostic imaging for 24/7 operation. In Scandinavia Sectra is the market leader with more than 50 percent of all film-free installations. The company also has a large number of systems installed in most major countries in Europe, the Far East and North America, in co-operation with partners. For more information, visit www.sectra.com.

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Sectra's operations

Sectra has its roots in Linköping Institute of Technology and is one of Sweden's fastest growing high-tech companies in IT. Since the mid-1980s, Sectra has successfully conducted development and sales of advanced medical IT and telecommunications products. Today, the business includes products in medical systems, secure communication systems and wireless information systems.

Sectra's medical business is conducted in Sectra Imtec AB, which is a wholly owned subsidiary of Sectra AB. Internationally, Sectra PACS™ is marketed and sold through different partners.

Business is conducted in eight countries with a total of 280 employees. Sales for the fiscal year 2002/03 reached SEK 503 million. Since March 1999, Sectra's shares have been quoted on the O list of the Stockholm Exchange.

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