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| **Subject:** | **Joint ITU/Continua Health Alliance Interoperability testing and showcasing event on e-health; Geneva, Switzerland, 28-31 October 2013** |

Dear Sir/Madam,

1 I would like to inform you that a Joint ITU/Continua Health Alliance Interoperability event on e-health will take place from 28 to 31 October 2013 at ITU Headquarters in Geneva, Switzerland. The testing component of the event will be held on 30-31 October 2013 and will be preceded by a showcasing and training sessions on e-health on 28-29 October 2013.

2 The **testing** will include conformance and/or interoperability testing of e-health devices, applications, services and technology platforms following the draft Recommendation [ITU-T H.IDGPHS](http://www.itu.int/ITU-T/workprog/wp_item.aspx?isn=9636) "Interoperability design guidelines for personal health systems" based on the Continua Health Alliance’s Design Guidelines, which are available at: <http://www.continuaalliance.org/products/design-guidelines>. The results of the interoperability tests may be shared among the participants on a bilateral basis, using tools such as nondisclosure agreements (NDAs).

3 The preceding **showcasing,** that isopen to the public, will be a demonstration of the emerging products of manufacturers participating in the testing event. The showcasing aims to underscore and disseminate information on advanced e-health technologies and ongoing standardization work in ITU-T. There will also be two-hour training sessions on e-health each evening. The information on the training sessions will be available on the ITU Interop event website at: [www.itu.int/interop](http://www.itu.int/interop) .

4 This joint event will promote e-health interoperability, raise awareness of the importance of open, global, common and interoperable standards, and give relevant feedback to the ITU Study Groups for further studies on finding solutions for interoperability issues. The event will also accelerate and foster understanding around the ITU Conformity and Interoperability (C&I) Programme and other activities relevant to C&I capacity building.

5 The event is open to both ITU and Continua membership. The **fee** for organizations participating in the testing and/or showcasing (as exhibitors) event will be US$1,000 per organization (which includes the fee for one participant from the organization) plus US$150 per subsequent participant from the organization. The showcasing visits will be free for the public.

6 **Registration**: To enable us to make the necessary arrangements concerning the organization of the event, I should be grateful if you would register at [www.itu.int/interop](http://www.itu.int/interop) as soon as possible and **no later than 30 September 2013** to participate in the testing and/or showcasing (as exhibitors), while visitors to the showcasing are invited to contact us at [interop@itu.int](mailto:interop@itu.int) by 21 October 2013. Detailed information about the event is available on the ITU Interop event website at: [www.itu.int/interop](http://www.itu.int/interop) .

Yours faithfully,

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Standardization Bureau