

IHS (Ingenieur Hospital Switzerland) Annual Report 2012

Major internal changes at the Executive Board

2012 was a very demanding year providing some major internal changes at the Executive Board. Christopher Pyroth, responsible for the IHS working groups, needed to leave the Executive Board due to his new job. His successor Simone Consonni, working at the Ticino Canton Hospital Ente Ospedaliero Cantonale successfully took over in December 2012 and was approved at this year's General Assembly.

Hans-Peter Aebischer, being President of the IHS for 8 years now, resigned from the Executive Board in April 2013. He will act as Past-President representing the IHS at IFHE, IFHE-Europe and DACH. Moreover, as host of the last European Conference on Healthcare Engineering, he is also President of the IFHE-Europe for the next two years.

In 2013, the association has no President and is therefore led by the acting Vice-President Tomas Bucher.

Corporate Consultancy Board

Oliver Vogel (Hefti.Hess.Martignoni AG, Aarau) and Peter Staub (pom+ Consulting AG, Zurich), representing the corporate members at the Executive Board, actively supported the board and organized the first workshop for corporate members. As a result, a web survey for corporate members has been launched to enquire about topics and trends important for them.

National co-operation

On a national level, the cooperation between the IHS and the Swiss Association for Facility Management and Maintenance fmpro has been strengthened in 2012. Both organisations will benefit from synergies by coordinating their respective working groups dealing with technical infrastructure and energy related topics.

International co-operation

The German-speaking Hospital Engineering associations, namely FKT (Germany), ÖVKT (Austria) and the IHS as well as the Dutch NVGT closely worked together on the following topics: job description for the Hospital Engineers, specifications of technical rooms in hospitals, norms and crisis management.

New guidelines published

- energy management in hospitals (French version)
- certificate of purity for air used for medical treatments (French Version)
- mobile phones and wireless networks in hospitals (measures to avoid perturbation of medical devices)
- electrical installations in rooms for medical use (planning, installation and maintenance)