



2018 ACCE/HIMSS Excellence in Clinical Engineering & IT Synergies Award Recipient Announced

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Chicago (January 19, 2018) – **Axel Wirth, CPHIMS, CISSP, HCISPP**, is Distinguished Healthcare Architect with Symantec Corporation. He has authored numerous articles, writes an award-winning column for [Biomedical Instrumentation & Technology](#) (BI&T), and has frequently presented at ACCE, AAMI, HIMSS, FDA, and NIST webinars and national conferences. He regularly gives lectures to students in graduate clinical engineering programs. Wirth also has been a leader in several national organizations, serving on the AAMI's BI&T editorial board. He is a member of the HIMSS Privacy and Security Committee.

As noted in his nomination...

"Axel is very highly regarded by his professional colleagues as a subject matter expert and leader in clinical engineering and information technology. He has demonstrated an earnest commitment to our profession and to quality healthcare. As a consequence of the effort he consistently puts into his activities and his obvious commitment, he is one of those professionals who has come to be greatly valued by his CE and IT colleagues and the healthcare professionals he has interfaced with."

Axel Wirth, CPHIMS, CISSP, HCISPP has been named the recipient of the 2018 [ACCE-HIMSS Excellence in Clinical Engineering and Information Technology Synergies Award](#), a joint award sponsored by the American College of Clinical Engineering (ACCE) and HIMSS. The boards of directors of both organizations selected him as this year's recipient.

The award recognizes individuals who have best demonstrated leadership in promoting or implementing significant synergies between the clinical engineering and information technology professions. Nominees for the award are honored for professional or technical contributions to the professions, such as research, development of a new process or product, a paper of significance, and trailblazing work in a new application of clinical engineering and IT.

"ACCE is pleased to recognize Axel Wirth with this award. Axel is a recognized expert and advocate on health IT compliance, privacy and security. He has been very active in ACCE, HIMSS, AAMI and other industry organizations. He is a frequent and influential speaker at various industry forums on subjects involving cybersecurity, medical device security and other related topics. He has also been a presenter at several ACCE webinars and Clinical Engineering Symposiums. Axel is unquestionably a worthy recipient of this award." said **Arif Subhan, MS, CCE, CHTM, FACCE**, president, ACCE.

"Axel Wirth is a well-respected member of the HIMSS community and lends valuable expert insights on cybersecurity," said **Joyce Sensmeier, MS, RN-BC, CPHIMS, FHIMSS, FAAN**, vice president, informatics, HIMSS North America. "His enthusiasm to share that knowledge



with others has paved his way as an industry thought leader whose presence is integral to HIMSS and other organizations. He is highly regarded by his professional colleagues as a subject matter expert and leader in clinical engineering and information technology."

Wirth will be honored at the [HIMSS18 Awards Gala](#) on Thursday, March 8, from 6: 30-9 p.m. at the Wynn Hotel inside the Latour Ballroom, during the [2018 HIMSS Conference & Exhibition](#) on March 5-9 in Las Vegas, Nev., at the Venetian-Palazzo Sands Center.

- Tickets for the HIMSS18 Awards Gala are available on the [HIMSS18 registration page](#) or by calling 1.866.229.2386 for more information.

About HIMSS

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