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The HTF joint project with AAMI, *Managing Risks of Integrated Systems & Networks in Healthcare Environments*, is moving forward strongly following a highly successful national survey of over 500 ACCE, AAMI, ASHE members to determine the gaps and needs for training in network systems, integration, risk management, and leadership. The initial project idea was developed by Yadin David as part of HTF strategic planning efforts, and he continues to lead the effort. Responses to the survey from CE, IT, facilities and other healthcare leaders revealed a self-assessment showing most responders at a starting level in the use of network risk management tools. Yadin has been working with the AAMI adult education consultant who visited hospitals in Houston for face-to-face meetings to verify survey findings and build on them to move the project forward. The next steps are to utilize this data and expert input to develop an RFP for course content development.

HTF is excited to introduce our newest board member, **Izabella Gieras**, CCE MS MBA. As former president of ACCE, she served on the HTF board from 2004-2006 as an advisory member. Izabella is currently the Director, Clinical Technology at Huntington Memorial Hospital in Pasadena, CA. She continues to contribute to ACCE activities as Board member, CE & IT Community Steering Committee.

In addition to sponsoring the Clinical Engineering Certification Program this year, three areas have been identified by HTF in our strategic planning process as key programs: *Patient Education on Technology Safety, Clinical Alarm Management*, and *Managing Risks of Integrated Systems & Networks in Healthcare Environments*. The bilingual patient education brochures found on the website at [http://thehtf.org/publications.asp](http://thehtf.org/publications.asp) have been developed jointly with ECRI Institute with distribution to associations, hospitals, individuals, and internationally as part of the ACEW programs in Latin America. The scope of funding, media and distribution is planned to expand. A hallmark program of HTF, *Clinical Alarms Management*, continues with additional publications, surveys and education planned directly and with partners such as AAMI HTSI. Several ideas are on the table for contributions to support hospitals in dealing with the Joint Commission proposed NPSF on Alarm Management for 2014. Lastly, *Managing Risks of Integrated Systems & Networks in Healthcare Environments* is our newest program area discussed above.

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