



Proposal for the establishment of Institutional Membership

An Institutional Member of the IMIA can be any legally established organization, not being a private person.

The rights of Institutional Members (IM) are:-

- to delegate at least one person employed by the IM to Working Conferences and other conferences. (If applicable, the delegates do have to pay registration fees) ;
- to receive any IMIA brochures/pamphlets free of charge (e.g.: Newsletters);
- to buy IMIA books or proceedings with a discount of 25%. The number of copies bought at discount price depends upon the membership fee paid. (For every 500 Sfr. paid, one copy can be bought at the lower rate);
- to have access for information about IMIA or its activities with any member of the IMIA General Conference, or the officers of the IMIA;
- to receive each year an IMIA financial budget and a financial account.

The duties of the IM are:

- to inform the IMIA officers about any development that is of interest to IMIA. In general, to support that IMIA achieves its goals;
- to pay an annual contribution with a minimum of Sfr. 500,- or equivalent when the main office of the IM is located in a developed country, and Sfr. 100,- or equivalent when the IM main office is located in a developing country.

Examples of possible IM's:

- Computer manufacturers
- Software companies
- Service bureau's
- Pharmaceutical and other medically oriented companies
- (Semi)-gouvernemental health care



- Institutions for medical information processing
- Hospitals or organizations of hospitals
- Any other organization in the health care having to do with information processing.

General comments:

From the Netherlands, already three organizations have indicated that they will consider Institutional Membership:

- Philips Company (Medical Systems)
- Regnecentralen Nederland
- Sazzog Foundation.

It seems very easy for organizations to decide for membership, when the contributions are as low as Sfr. 500,- (for developed countries).

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