

## NEWS from IFIP SPECIAL INTEREST GROUP: IMIA

IMIA (formerly TC 4), the International Medical Informatics Association of IFIP, was officially established in May, 1979.

IMIA's prime function is the dissemination of knowledge regarding health information processing and organizes :

- Tri-annual MEDINFO Conferences which form an excellent review of the state of the art of Medical Informatics.
- Working Groups on special topics such as education, ECG processing, and confidentiality, security and privacy
- Working Conferences. In the last year IMIA has had Working Conferences on such diverse subjects as hospital information systems, data security, optimization of ECG processing, ultra-sonics and tomography.

The IMIA General Conference, meeting in West Berlin September, 1979, decided to establish Institutional Membership. Eligible for this form of membership are organizations or institutions that exclusively or partly are active in the fields of health care, medicine or biology. Examples are : universities or university departments, hospitals, computer or software manufacturers, health equipment and drug manufacturers, service organizations for information processing in health care. The organizations are requested to pay a relatively small annual fee, for which they are entitled to receive :

- IMIA publications at considerably reduced prices
- the regular IMIA Newsletter
- extracts and decisions of IMIA General Conferences and IMIA Board Meetings
- the updated list of forthcoming activities
- the right to propose candidates to attend IMIA Working Conferences and Working Groups
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