

Preparations for the MEDINFO 83 Congress to be held in the RAI Congress Centre, Amsterdam, from 22-27 August 1983 are in full swing.

We have the following news for those who are not yet familiar with the MEDINFO phenomenon:

- The MEDINFO Congresses are held every three years; the first was in Stockholm in 1974, the second in 1977 in Toronto and 1980 took MEDINFO to Tokyo.
The scientific program of these world-wide Congresses is intended to draw attention to all aspects of medical and health informatics and is of importance not only for scientists in this field, but also for medical specialists, occupational health doctors, hospital managers, organisation advisors and those who work in the computer industry.
- A brief summary of our program is as follows:
 1. Health and Hospital Information Systems
 2. Clinical Laboratory Systems
 3. Clinical Departmental Systems
 4. Imaging
 5. General Practice / Ambulatory Care
 6. Nursing Applications
 7. Drug Information Systems
 8. Administration and Finance
 9. Patient Monitoring / Intensive Care
 10. Support of Clinical Decision Making
 11. Evaluation of Health Care
 12. Medical Research Support Systems
 13. Epidemiology & Statistics
 14. Education and Training
 15. Privacy / Confidentiality and Security
 16. Systems and their Environment
 17. Community Health Care
 18. Preventive and Occupational Care
 19. Impact of New Technology
 20. Networks / Distributed Systems
 21. Software Systems
 22. Free Text Processing
 23. Modelling and Simulation
- MEDINFO is held under the auspices of IMIA (International Medical Informatics Association, a Special Interests Group of IFIP - International Federation for Information Processing). It is sponsored by the WHO and is organized by the Dutch Association for Medical Informatics (VMBI).
- 1983 is to be an outstanding year for all those involved in the extensive field of medical informatics. This Congress offers a splendid opportunity for many to make known their views



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to a world-wide forum, to extend their international contacts and to enrich their own knowledge by actively taking part in the scientific and technical program.

Further will Amsterdam - the dynamic Capital of the Netherlands - offer splendid opportunity to become familiar with the European culture.

- Tutorial sessions for medical informatics will be held simultaneously to the main Congress and will welcome general practitioners, pharmacists, health care planners and health economists, hospital managers etc.
- The courses will take one or two days and will be devoted to a subject which is of interest for these particular user groups.
- An exhibit of micro computers especially for medical practitioners will be open to those attending MEDINFO 83. If you have developed micro computer applications for the doctor's office and if you are prepared to demonstrate these applications on a special exhibition (during the Congress) please contact the MEDINFO 83 Organizing Committee (address below).
- An extensive social program is being compiled. The Low Countries are steeped in historical and cultural past and present. Do not miss this opportunity.
- The three papers selected and judged by an International Scientific Jury will be awarded a gold medal at the Congress closing ceremony. The main points of judgement will be: quality, clarity and creativity.
- Further particulars are to be found in the 'Call for Papers' obtainable at the Secretariat MEDINFO 83, Enschedepad 41, NL-1324 GB ALMERE-STAD, the Netherlands (phone: 03240-31341; telex 70424 nl) .
This also gives all particulars re registration, etc. for MEDINFO 83, and also in regard to submitting papers for the Congress.

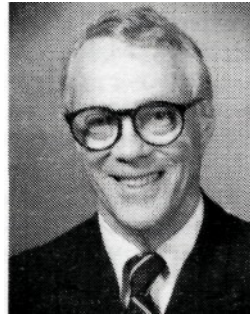
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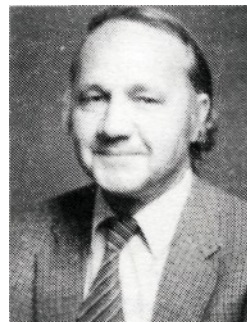


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Some figures:

15.000 Call for Papers were distributed mainly through the national IMIA members.

500 persons have already responded that they intend to submit a Paper.

50 meetings have been held by the Organizing Committee, Scientific Programme Committee and Committee Members.

5 Flies - is the name of an old Dutch restaurant -where the IMIA Board and the various MEDINFO 83 -Committee Members met for the first meeting, March 1981.

The fee (for early-bird-registration Dfl. 500.-) includes not only the participation of the congress, the get-together-party and the opening ceremony but also a free copy of the congress proceedings.

The MEDINFO 80 proceedings (Tokyo) are still available at North Holland Publishers at the price of Dfl. 350.-.



KLM Royal Dutch Airlines has been appointed as Official Carrier for 'MEDINFO 83'. Please contact your local KLM office for travel advice.