

Report of Working Group 8 (Nursing) to IMIA General Assembly in Lisbon, Portugal, October 1985. Item 10.7.

Since my last report to council in October 1984 there have been two meetings of Working Group 8, on April 30th, 1985 in Calgary, Canada, and on August 29th, 1985 in Helsinki, Finland.

The group has had a busy year. There are 5 main items to report.

1. Membership

We now have 26 members representing 22 countries. We are currently looking for possible nursing representation from Cuba and China

2. Conferences

a) International Symposium on Nursing Use of Computers and Information Science.

This was a major and very successful event held in Calgary, Canada May 1 - 3 1985 held under the auspices of IMIA and organised primarily by The Faculty of Nursing, The University of Calgary.

It was followed by a 4 day workshop. The papers from the symposium and the distillation of discussions held in the workshop will shortly be published by 'North Holland'. Approximately 500 delegates attended the symposium and 60 speakers met at the workshop.

b) Future Major Event

International Seminar and Working Conference on Computers in Nursing to be held in Dublin, Ireland June 20 - 27 1988.

This seminar will be locally organised by the Irish Nursing Board.

c) MIE Support

The group has supported Nursing Days in MIE Brussels 1984 and MIE Helsinki 1985. It has offered help for a similar event for MIE Rome 1986.

d) Medinfo 86 - Washington

The group is actively encouraging nursing papers and attendance for this important meeting.

e) A very small Working Conference will be held in June 1987 in Stockholm. This will focus on computer assisted decision support for Nurse Education.

3. National Activities

The group continued to share information about national training programmes and events concerning Nursing and Computing. It provides speakers

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for National Conferences.

More detailed reports have been received from Belgium, Denmark, France, Holland, Switzerland and The United Kingdom, and these will be circulated throughout Working Group 8.

4. Links With Other Working Groups

These have been requested by Working Group 4 and 10 and the group was pleased to accept.

5. Finance

Working Group 8 thanks IMIA Council for acceding to the request for some financial support. At the same time it is actively seeking ways of making profit so that it is self-sufficient.



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