

I.M.I.A. Working Group 6

Role of Informatics In  
Health Data Coding and  
Classification Systems

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N.B. Suggest that P.L. Morosini of Rome, Italy be dropped since he never participated.

Suggest that K. Kupka of W.H.O. be replaced by M. André L'Hours of W.H.O. Kupka is no longer in charge of the ICD Unit at WHO.

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Last report:    October 24, 1984  
                  Sent to Arvid Gundersen

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Annual Report, September 10, 1985  
(To be presented by David Shires of Canada)

Since the October 24, 1984 report, which followed the successful Ottawa Conference sponsored by WG-6, a financial report was sent to John Flint. The Proceedings were published by North-Holland on schedule in April 1984.

The Conference budget was very tight and although we were short at the end, after purchasing about \$1,000 worth of Proceedings, the University of Sherbrooke absorbed the loss by not charging us completely for the Secretarial services.

At the end of September the recommendations of the Conference were sent to the President, Doctor Peterson, who was to present them to the General Assembly (Oslo).

So far, we have no official feedback on these recommendations. As soon as we do, we will decide the fate, or new direction of WG-6.

In the meantime, at the MIE-85 Meeting in Helsinki (Aug. 25-29, 1985) a roundtable discussion was held on "Medical Nomenclatures and Classification for Health Data Management. Participants were:

David Rothwell (USA)  
Roger A. Côté (Canada)  
F. Wingert (FRG)  
Hans Peterson (Sweden)  
Jean-Raoul Scherrer (Suisse)  
André L'Hours (WHO-Geneva)  
Francis Roger (Belgium)

All were present at Ottawa except M. L'Hours. This roundtable continued the Ottawa spirit and re-inforced the need for a concerted international effort in this area. Suggestions were made to Dr. Peterson to take to the I.M.I.A. Board.

WG-6 now awaits official response and direction.