A RECENT REPORT ON
MEDINFO89 CONGRESS PREPARATIONS

China Medical Informatics Association (CMIA) has been preparing the 6th World Congress on Medical Informatics MEDINFO89 since the IMIA Annual General Meeting was held in Lisbon in Oct. 1985. After the IMIA Board Meeting in Beijing in April 1986, we have made following progress in MEDINFO89 preparations:

1. China Council for MEDINFO89 has been established

China Council for MEDINFO89 consists of the following organizations:

1) China Association for Science and Technology (CAST)
2) State Council Office of Electronics Vitalization Leading Group of PRC
3) China Medical Informatics Association (CMIA)
4) Chinese Institute of Electronics (CIE)
5) Chinese Medical Association (CMA)
6) China Association of Artificial Intelligence
7) Science and Technology Committee of Beijing Municipality and
8) China Cancer Research Foundation

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Executive Vice President of CMIA, Trustee of IMIA

2. Organizing Committee for MEDINFO89 has been founded

Chairman
Prof. Ouyang Zhineng
3. The Government of China regarded the MEDIINFO89 as a very important event. At the working meeting held in Beijing on Aug. 4, 1986, high ranking officers from various departments of the Government were present and listened to the preparation report from the China Council for MEDIINFO89.

4. The CHIA 1985 Annual General Meeting and 1986 Board Meeting were held in Beijing on Dec. 29, 1985 and Sep. 5, 1986 respectively. At the meetings the members discussed the preparatory work for MEDIINFO89, the arrangement of scientific excursions and soliciting for papers. CHIA decided that the China Annual Conference on Medical Informatics will be held in Fujian Province in Apr. 1987. (500 participants are expected to attend the conference). All this work concerns the preparations for MEDIINFO89.

5. The Congress Places for MEDIINFO89

There are two "candidate-sites" for MEDIINFO89 Congress: International Science Centre and China International Culture Exchange Centre.

A) International Science Centre (ISC)

This Centre, located in the area of Jianguomen Wai street, opposite Beijing International Club, Friendship Store and International Building, is near the Changfugong Hotel and Beijing Customs Building. 1 KM away from the Centre there is Jianguo Hotel, Beijing-Toronto Hotel, International Hotel, Beijing Railway Station and the diplomatic areas. 3 KM away is the world-known Tian-An-Men Square. The total floor space of the Centre is 63,500 sqm. It will open for business in 1988.
The building of the Centre includes:
* One 500-seat lecture theatre equipped with advanced audio-visual facilities and a 6-language simultaneous interpretation system,
* Two 200-seat and seventeen 30-to-56-seat functional rooms,
* 624 m² total display space for exhibition,
* 341 tastefully decorated guest rooms and suites including 2 presidential suites,
* Chinese and Western-style restaurants, bars, a café, a ballroom, a swimming pool, a sauna, gymnasium, recreation rooms as well as shops.

The Centre also has a press centre with satellite and microwave telephones, audio-visual and printing services, copy machines, word processors, telefax and microfilm equipment, post office, cable and telex.

The other lecture places are:
1) One 500-seat room in Changfugong Hotel,
2) Two 200-seat rooms in International Club,
3) One 500-seat and two 200-seat rooms in Beijing-Toronto Hotel,
4) One 500-seat room in International Hotel,
5) One 200-seat room in Jianguo Hotel.

Plenary sessions will be held in The Great Hall of the People, which is 3 KM away from the Centre.

B) China International Culture Exchange Centre (CICEC)
This Centre is located at the north-eastern corner of a flyover, where the Second East Ring Way crosses the Dongsi No. Ten Lane Road.

The total construction area is 82,693 m². 1 KM away from the Centre is the Sanlitun diplomatic areas. 2.5 KM away is Kunlun Hotel, Huadu Hotel, Zhaojiong Hotel and Great Wall-Sheraton Hotel. The distance between this Centre and International Science Centre is about 3 KM.

The main building of CICEC is designed in the shape of the "Lusheng", a reed-pipe wind instrument, popular among South Chinese minority nationalities. The Centre will start business in May 1989.

In the building there are:
* One 1500-seat theatre equipped with simultaneous interpretation systems and computer-controlled stage-machinery lighting and acoustic systems of world-advanced standards. Plenary sessions can be held there as well.
* One 700-seat multi-purpose hall,
* Six lecture rooms, each with a seating capacity of 400-500,
* 2500-3000 m² total space for exhibition,
* 200 luxury guest rooms.

The building will offer all public amenities and up-to-date equipment. There will be restaurants serving Chinese as well as foreign-style food, café's, bars, a ballroom, a swimming pool, a bowling room, a beauty parlour, a gymnasium and a roofgarden etc. Various other service facilities will be available, such as photograph development and printing, typing and copying, post office and telex etc.

All scientific paper sessions, workshops, plenary sessions and exhibition can be held within the Building of CICEC.
We submit the two above-mentioned Centers to I.M.I.A. Annual General Meeting for choosing the site of MEDINFO89 Congress.

6. Finance and Costs
The budget of MEDINFO89 will be made by China Council for MEDINFO89. It has been accepted by finance authorities of the Government that CHIA will turn over 10% registration fee of the foreign active (full fee paid) participants to I.M.I.A. treasurer. For this purpose, the preliminary budget was done in terms of the estimates of income and costs (on 1986's price).
and based on the estimates of the number of the participants, papers, size of the exhibition area and less than 10 kernel persons to be involved in Scientific Program Committee and Proceedings Editorial Committee.

National and international funding agencies were being contacted. China Association for Science and Technology (CAST) has promised to fund MEDINFO99 with about RMB 40,000 Yuan, while other Ministries and Departments will also take the consideration of their own finance support.

7. The Number of Participants in MEDINFO 99

CHIA has developed into a national wide society. Their activities are supported by CAST, State Council Office of Electronics Vitalization Leading Group, Ministry of Public Health and Ministry of Electronics Industry of PRC. The Congress MEDINFO 99, which will be held in Beijing 1989, will promote the progress of Chinese medical informatics. We hope CHIA members will give public notice to medical informatics circles in each country. A warm welcome to MEDINFO99 in Beijing.

The Congress will provide Chinese simultaneous interpretation.

The expected number of participants in MEDINFO99 is estimated as follows:

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8. Sightseeings, scientific excursions and social activities.

The Organizing Committee will arrange programmes for sightseeings and tours to the following resorts in Beijing Area for all participants and their companies during the Congress:


And we will arrange a Beijing Opera show and a banquet for the Congress participants and accompanying persons.

A number of scientific excursions will be available to participants. Included among them will be:

- Sino-Japanese Friendship Hospital
- Beijing Tumour Hospital
- Traditional Chinese Medicine Research Academy
- General Hospital of People’s Liberation Army
- Jishuitan Hospital
- Academy of Military Medical Sciences
- Capital Hospital
- General Hospital of the Ministry of Electronics Industry
- Beijing Capital Medical College and
- Information Institute of China Academy of Medical Sciences.

Three itinerary post-congress tours will be organized to visit various places in China. You can see the pottery figures of warriors and horses of Qin Dynasty (200 B.C.) and enjoy the Southern China scenery in Guilin, Shanghai, Nanjing, Wuhan and Guangzhou. You can go on scientific excursions in these cities also.

The fee of a fortnight package tour in China is about 1300-1500 US dollars (1986), including the fees of airplane, train, coach, hotels,
9. Commercial Exhibits

The Commercial Exhibition of medical equipment and instruments and medical information processing equipment will be held in conjunction with MEDINFO89. There are about 130 exhibit booths, 100 for foreign companies and 30 for Chinese. We warmly welcome companies and firms from U.S.A., Japan, Western Europe, Eastern Europe and other countries to display their products on the Exhibition. We hope the IMIA members and people from various countries will recommend the concerned companies to take part in the exhibition actively. We hope the world well-known computer companies will support the exhibition as cosponsors.

10. China Academic Press Company will print, bind and distribute the proceedings for MEDINFO89. They will negotiate and sign a contract with the North-Holland Publishing Company.

We hope IMIA will have organized the Proceedings Editorial Committee and the Scientific Program Committee at the Annual General Meeting in Washington D.C. in Oct. 1986. CMIA nominates the following persons as candidates for the members of Proceedings Editorial Committee:

- Prof. Cao Dexian  
  Beijing Tumor Research Institute
- Prof. Qin Dulie  
  Beijing Capital Medical College

CMIA nominates the following persons as candidates for the members of Scientific Program Committee:

Kernel members

- Prof. Wang Jizhong  
  China Academy of Medical Sciences
- Prof. Li Ensheng  
  Sino-Japanese Friendship Hospital
Introduction to CMIA

China Medical Informatics Association (CMIA) is a national wide academic organization in medical information science. CMIA was founded in September, 1981. As far, CMIA has about 1000 members including specialists, professors and other workers of science and technology who are engaged in researches and application in medical informatics in various provinces and municipalities directly under Central Government of our country. About 50% of members are doctors. Activities of CMIA are supported by The China Association for Science and Technology, The Ministry of Public Health and The Ministry of Electronics Industry and led by Chinese Institute of Electronics and China Association of Artificial Intelligence. The task of CMIA is to promote computer applications in health care and to carry out domestic and international academic exchanges. It usually holds local academic conferences or professional seminars in specialized fields and holds a national wide annual congress every 1-2 years.

In 1983 a delegation of IMIA headed by Professor Shire, former President of IMIA, visited China and established friendly relationship between IMIA and CMIA. In 1983 CMIA became a formal member of IMIA.

In China, researchs in medical informatics began in early 1970s and developed rapidly. Up to now, the fields of computer application in medical care include Traditional Chinese Medicine (TCM), hospital management, medical research support, epidemic and statistics, medical decision-making and expert system, decision-making system in health administration, intellectualized medical instruments, medical signal processing, medical information...
retrieval, computer-aided instruction, medical record management, pharmacy and drug information management, modelling and simulation, medical image processing, local network in hospital and nursing etc. CMIA attaches importance to develop computer applications in TCM. The research results in TCM expert system have been used in clinical environment and caused wide interest and attention abroad. CMIA set up 14 specialized groups to facilitate academic activities and published a journal named Acta of Medical Informatics. CMIA pays close attention to new achievements in computer applications in medical care and values active results brought by international academic exchanges and friendship with medical informatics scientists in the world. CMIA welcomes academic visits of foreign scholars, specialists and international academic organizations to our country. For this reason, at the Annual General Meeting in Lisbon in Oct. 1985, CMIA presented the formal proposal to host MEDINFO-89 and this proposal was unanimously accepted. The IMIA Board meeting held on April 15-16, 1986 and further discussed and investigated the possible congress site and hotels in Beijing. The Board members were confident that the MEDINFO-89 would be a great success. It will be greatly honoured for CMIA to sponsor the MEDINFO-89 congress. CMIA will give wholehearted support and make own contribution to this congress. CMIA believes that with the support and aids of the Board of IMIA, member societies of IMIA, IFIP, WHO, and the government of our country the MEDINFO-89 Congress will become a new landmark of medical informatics development.
Main leading members of CMIA are as follows:

Prof. Guo Pinxin, President of CMIA, Trustee of IFIP
Prof. Ouyang Zhineng, Executive Vice-president, Trustee of IMIA
Dr. He Hongming, M.D., Vice-president
Dr. Guo Rongjiang, Vice-president and concurrently Secretary General
Mr. Zao Wanyi, Vice-secretary general (Treasurer) and concurrently Director of Office
Dr. Gao Pengyuan, M.D., Vice-secretary general (Organizer)

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