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Dear Prof. Peterson

It was a great pleasure to receive your letter dated 3 rebruary this year, concerning participation of my country in IMIA activities. Unfortunately we have no country-wide organisation of Medical Informatics till now. There were some attempts to create the Society during Medical Informatic's meeting, November 1985, guided mainly by Prof. Janecki, head of Informatic branch of the Medical Analitic Society (and its President). The practical activity of the computer application in medecine is growing up in Poland very quickly and in different fields: administration, epidemiology, hospital management and widely in microprocessor based diagnostic and therapeutic equipment. The last approach is the most interesting for me, mainly for its direct diagnostic and therapeutic application.

My current activity concerns data evaluation for electrical & mechanical cardiac assistance as well for antiarrhythmic pacing as for LVAD. The second field of my direct interest is the cardiac micropotential study based on computer ecg averaging and statistical (FFT and oth) analysis.

I'd like to inform you, that the first official medical computer organisation in my country is (created in November 85) the "Computer in Cardiology" section of our Cardiological Society. I'm the President of the Section and Peter Jasiński EE, Ph.D -- the member of the "Journal of Medical Informatics" board -- is the Secretary. There are several other activities in our field in my country coordinated (or not) also by the Ministry of Health and Social Welfare. As a result of this complicated

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situation I'd like to assure you, that till the creation of the Polish Medical Informatic Association, sponsored (I hope) by the Ministry of Health and the Academy of Science, I'm ready to serve as a contact person to you and the Society.

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