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Dear KC,

Firstly, thank you very much for the kind hospitality shown to my wife and I whilst in Singapore. Despite my "inside" knowledge of Singapore, I am extremely impressed at the change, in general, to the country and moreso in Medical Informatics. Singapore has taken a giant leap into the technological era and I certainly hope that this will be prominently featured at the Conference in October.

Arrangements are proceeding well. As time is short, please forgive my getting down to brass tacks in summary form as noted below.

A Concessional Registration Fee has been broached by yourselves for local registrants. This is both logical and feasible, in view of the support and assistance from Singapore.

We propose S\$350.00 (or S\$120 per day) to include:

- Unlimited access to all Lectures, Workshops, Hands-On and Exhibition/Trade Fair.
- Conference Materials and Computer Disk filled with various utility programs.
- Morning/Afternoon Teas/LUNCHES

FULL Registration (S\$500) will include, in addition to the above entitlements listed for Concessional Registrants:

- Opportunity to win a Computer.

Gala Dinners are an optional extra and would cost S\$150.

The Concessional Registration costs are approximately 50% of what Australian and Other registrants would be paying and would be available to Registrants applying through SMA and AIM.

We will justify this generous discount on the basis of the assistance rendered by yourselves in this project. We hope that you will be able, in return, to assist by:

Undertaking all promotional work for Singaporean Doctors (members of SMA and AIM)

Processing all Singaporean Registrations

Using your good offices to obtain, at no cost to the conference, a video projector with accessories (interface units, cabling, connections etc) for the Conference duration

Marketing some Exhibition Booths

Provision of Supervisors (for Hands-On Sessions)

General involvement with on-site management of Conference (if required, at the time of the Conference)

You may, at your discretion, wish to add a moiety (to be retained by yourselves) to the registration fees to cover your costs, if any. On our part, we will not enter into discussions with other parties pertaining to arrangements reached between ourselves. Do please note that we do not require any financial contribution by yourselves.

With respect to Exhibition Booths, you may be aware that we have sent a mass mail-out to selected Singaporean companies. The cost (for the full duration of the Conference) start at S\$1850 (approx. S\$205 per sq. m. or S\$370 per day). This includes the space, shell and practically everything else. We enclose information for your information. We would be pleased to liaise further with Singaporean Exhibitors, once they have expressed interest in participation. Should you be fortunate in obtaining sponsorships, donations, etc, we will endeavour to assist where possible by way of acknowledgement in the Conference Programme.

With respect to the Regional Body, the following is noted for your perusal and comment.

The Objectives of the Regional Association are to (1) Promote Medical Informatics (MI) in the region, (2) Organise regional MI meetings, (3) Support joint activities involving member countries, (4) Support the International Medical Informatics Association (IMIA).

Representation by member countries (FULL Membership) would be restricted to ONE delegate per country.¹ Full membership shall be available to a single or group of national bodies most representative of MI in each country.

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¹ However, Affiliated Membership (to the Regional Association) by various bona fide bodies associated with MI in each country would be encouraged.

The Organisation of the Regional Association shall be autonomous and self-funding by subscriptions from member countries exclusively. (No subscriptions will be payable to IMIA nor will IMIA ordinarily fund the Association's ongoing activities).

Application by the Regional Association to become the Regional Member of IMIA (for the Asia-Pacific region) shall be made after Inauguration, at the discretion of member countries. None of the above shall be altered by virtue of such application.

As you know, these proposals for the Asia-Pacific Association were presented to the Board of IMIA at their Spring meeting (*Singapore, May 1988*) and were supported unanimously. The World Health Organisation has expressed support and desire to participate in the Regional Association and we are taking this up with Dr Mandil. Currently, some seven countries have expressed support and will be represented at the Conference. Our own role is one of Conference Organiser and a main mover in the formation of the Regional Body. In Australia, we have been the major force in Medical Informatics for the past 15 years.

You are invited to consider, in consultation with other bodies associated with MI in SINGAPORE, representation of your country. Enclosed is material relating to the conference. Provision for presentation of selected papers from various countries is available, as per enclosure.

A draft Constitution and Agenda will be circulated prior to the meeting, so we hope that appropriate comment, if any, is received by 15th August 1988.

If I could be of further assistance, please do not hesitate to contact me by telephone at (Australia 09-448 3022). Please forgive me for reiterating this lengthy list, but I am sure you understand.

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Finally, I am pleased to advise that Mr Tan Chin Nam, Chairman, National Computer Board, has written promising support and assistance for the Conference. I leave it to you to liaise further with the NCB in relation to assisting as outlined above and whatever you consider appropriate. Kindly advise also if you would be prepared to be our "contact men" in arrangements with the Singapore Government (Hon. Minister of Health, Mr Yeo Cheow Tong). Mr Yeo and his wife will be attending the Opening Ceremony, Open the Conference and attend the VIP function later that evening. This function is restricted to invited guests and the media. We would be honoured if you and your wife would be our guests at this function.

Thank you all, once again.

Yours most sincerely,

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Conference Chairman

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