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Dear Professor Kaihara,

I enclose herewith a draft copy of a form letter which will be circulated throughout the Asia-Pacific Region. Kindly advise if any alterations are recommended. Due to time constraints, may I impose on you to advise by this Friday (8th July) - the date when the form letters are due to be despatched.

Yours sincerely,

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Dear Professor Kaihara,

FIRST PAN PACIFIC MEDICAL COMPUTING CONFERENCE

We are pleased to confirm that arrangements for the above conference are proceeding well. Scheduled to be held in *Singapore (1st - 5th October 1988)*, it has the support of several medical professional bodies associated with Medical Informatics and Practice Management.

In addition to the immediate objectives of the Conference (which are to promote and advance computing interest within the medical profession), the broader perspective of regional development will be fostered by the formation and inauguration, at the Conference, of the:

Asia-Pacific Association of Medical Informatics.

With the 6th World Congress of Medical Informatics (*MedInfo 89*) in *Beijing, People's Republic of China* in 1989, the inauguration of the Regional Association is opportune. The following proposals are recorded 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

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

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single or group of national bodies most representative of MI in each country. There is no requirement that current IMIA representatives (if any) should act as each country's nominee to the Regional Association.

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.

The 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. 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 JAPAN, 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. Do please note that each country's delegate is exempt from Registration fees, though they will be expected to meet their own travel and accomodation expenses. (Morning and Afternoon Teas are complimentary).

We look forward to your early reply. As a draft Constitution and Agenda will be circulated prior to the meeting, we hope that appropriate response 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).

Yours sincerely,

Dr Patrick Nugawela
Conference Chairman

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