

# ASSOCIATION FOR INFORMATICS IN MEDICINE

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Dear Dr Nugawela,

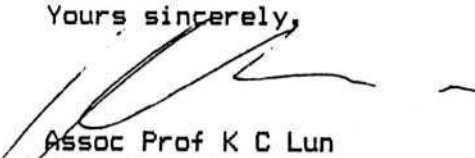
1st Pan-Pacific Business & Medical Computer Conference  
1-5 October 1988

Thank you for your letters of 6 February and 8 March 1988. Please accept my sincere apology for taking so long to reply to you. I have been in and out of Singapore on conferences and, very recently, been bogged down by university examinations.

The Executive Committee of the Association for Informatics in Medicine (A.I.M.) met recently to discuss the invitation of the RACGP to us to participate in the 1st Pan-Pacific Business & Medical Computer Conference to be held in Singapore. We shall be pleased to accept the invitation and shall be happy to assist in whatever way we can. We are particularly interested in the RACGP proposal to form an Asia-Pacific Association of Medical Informatics. Incidentally, as the IMIA representative for Singapore, I have also been approached by Dr Z Ouyang, one of the IMIA trustees and Chairman of the Organizing Committee for MEDINFO 89, to discuss the possibility of forming IMIA-South East Asia. We are hoping to have preliminary discussions when the IMIA board members are in Singapore for their Spring Board Meeting from 29-30 May 1988. Concurrent with the IMIA board meeting in Singapore, the Association for Informatics in Medicine is also holding a one-day Inaugural Conference under the theme "I.T. Applications in Health". I have enclosed a copy of the First Announcement for the information of your organization. We would like to officially invite the RACGP to our Inaugural Conference. Your participation in the conference will also facilitate preliminary discussions with members of the IMIA board on the proposed formation of the Asia-Pacific Association of Medical Informatics.

I look forward to hearing from you.

Yours sincerely,

  
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**EXTRACT**

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING  
HELD IN THE TEACHING LABORATORY OF THE  
DEPT OF COMMUNITY, OCCUPATIONAL & FAMILY MEDICINE, NUS  
ON FRIDAY, 29 JULY 1988 AT 5.00 PM

PRESENT:

DR WONG POI KWONG  
A/PROF LUN KWOK CHAN  
MISS GOH SWEE WAH  
MR TAN PENG ANN  
DR ALEX LEE  
DR DAVID KOH  
A/PROF MAURICE CHOO  
MR ALVIN SEAH BOON HENG

DR GEORGE SOH  
DR CHIA KEE SENG  
PROF CHAO TZEE CHENG  
DR TAN CHOON KIM  
MR ANDREW SOH  
A/PROF TYE CHO YOOK  
DR ILANCHERAN

APOLOGIES:

A/PROF D K SEN  
DR GOH LEE GAN

DR WONG CHONG THIM  
DR PETER TAY

QUORUM

As the meeting required 17 members to be present to form a quorum and only 15 members were present, the meeting was adjourned for half-an-hour after which those present were deemed to form the quorum. This was provided for under Article 8b of the Association's Constitution.

WELCOME AND APOLOGIES

The AGM began at 5.30 pm with a word of welcome from Dr P K Wong, the President of the Association. Dr Wong noted that the Association had had a reasonably good year and thanked all members and well-wishers of the Association for the support they had given to the Association in the first year of its formation.

Constitution did not allow for this and also this was not the practice in many societies and associations. Members joining after the financial year had begun would still be required to pay the full membership fee. However, he said that the Association would monitor this and if a large number of people were deterred from joining the Association as a result of not enjoying pro-rated subscription, then the Association could consider amending the Constitution to provide for this situation.

Prof Chao asked whether the Association would be launching a membership drive and that incentives be given to those who help to recruit new members. Dr Wong said that the new Exco would look into this suggestion.

Dr Wong then briefed members present on the proposed formation of the Asia Pacific Association for Medical Informatics. The proposal was actually mooted by the Royal Australian College of General Practitioners (RACGP) which is keen to link up associations for medical informatics in the Asia-Pacific region. In addition to Singapore, the RACGP had also got in touch with medical informatics associations in Hong Kong and the Philippines. China and Japan had also indicated that they would be keen to join the regional group. This proposal had also been favourably received by the IMIA board when they discussed it during their board meeting in Singapore last May. The RACGP proposed to form the Asia-Pacific Association during the First Pan-Pacific Conference on Business and Medical Computing to be held in the Pan-Pacific Hotel in Singapore in October. Dr Wong said that AIM would be favourably inclined towards joining the Asia-Pacific Association and having a permanent secretariat based in Singapore. On the latter note, we would have the support of China. Singapore would support Australia for the presidency of the regional association since the Australians were the ones who started the ball rolling.

Dr Wong asked whether the members present had any strong objection to the Association pursuing this matter of joining an Asia-Pacific Association for Medical Informatics. The members present unanimously supported the Association's stand.

As there were no other matters, Dr Wong thanked all members present for their support and closed the meeting at 6.45 pm.

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