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1. The Meeting was opened at 9 am by President, S. KAIHARA who thanked S. MANDIL et J.R. SCHERRER for their hospitality in WHO building in Geneva.

S. KAIHARA introduced Mr BOBILLIER (past President of IFIP) being with us in place of Mr MELBYE.

S. MANDIL welcomed the participants and recalled the very good relations between IMIA and WHO.

2. R. SALAMON presented the apologies and proxies of:
   - SYMONDS (New Zealand): Proxy to S. KAIHARA
   - J. ZVAROVA (Czechoslovakia): Proxy to J. FLINT
   - A. GOSE (United States): Proxy to J.R. SCHERRER
   - BARBOSA (Portugal): Proxy to J.R. SCHERRER
   - G. GELL (Austria): Proxy to A. BAKKER

S. KAIHARA welcomed O. RIENHOFF, new representative from FRG and Mr BOU, representative from Spain.

The list of present participants is on APPENDIX 0.

3. The agenda was approved with some modifications only regarding the order of the items. (APPENDIX 1)

4. The Minutes of Annual General Meeting, October 1987 are adopted with the addition of the budget which was missing. (see APPENDIX 2)

5. RELATIONS WITH IFIP

S. KAIHARA summarized the present situation: IMIA is a special interest groups of IFIP; this situation leads to some practical difficulties and IMIA expressed the wish to become independant. A review Committee was formed (MELBYE, FINCH, KAIHARA) to analyse the relations between IMIA and IFIP.
Last week in New Delhi (India) their rapport was approved by the General Assembly of IFIP (see APPENDIX 3). In this rapport the review Committee proposed IMIA to become an independant association (but, of course, still very close with IFIP).

After some discussions, particularly about legal and practical implications, a proposal is made by S. KAIHARA on the principle of independance of IMIA with the following motion:

**THIS AGM AGREES IN PRINCIPLE THAT:**

- IMIA BE ESTABLISHED AS AN INDEPENDANT INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION AND AS AN AFFILIATED MEMBER OF IFIP IN COMMON ACCORD WITH IFIP GENERAL ASSEMBLY (SEPTEMBER 7th 1988).

- A COMMITTEE IS SET UP TO STUDY THE LIKELY IMPLICATIONS AND TO MAKE A FORMAL PROPOSAL TO A FUTURE AGM.

The motion is seconded by J. WILLEMS and R. SALAMON and adopted unanimously.

The committee was formed with the members of J. WILLEMS (chairman), S. KAIHARA, H. PETERSON, J. R. SCHERRER and J. FLINT.

6. MEDINFO 89

- Mr OUYANG, Chairman of the Medinfo Organizing Committee, presented a very complete report.

- Phil MANNING, Chairman of the Medinfo Scientific Committee, presented a report; more than 200 presentations are yet proposed.

The deadline for submission is January 1989. The instructions for preparing a paper for Medinfo 89 are presented (APPENDIX 4).

7. MEDINFO 92
A selection committee, chaired by J. Willems (with D. Shires, R. Salamon, H. Peterson), have sent to all members of IMIA (November - December 1987) a guideline how to present a proposal for MEDINFO.

The only formal received proposal was from Switzerland and this proposal presents all the conditions for a future success.


The motion to choose Geneva for hosting MEDINFO 92 is proposed by D. Shires and Morales and adopted unanimously.

8. MEDINFO 86

J. Flint was in contact with council for MEDINFO 86 and the statement was as follows:

The profits is 47,724 $; from these profits 33,408 $ will be sent to IMIA in a couple of months.

9. REGIONAL MEMBERS

9.1. EFMI  B. Barber reported the EFMI activities

- MIE 88 (August - October) was a success
- In September 88, a conference will be organized in Hanover on "Expert System", it will be Peter Reichertz memorial.

S. KAIHARA is very sorry not to be able to participate to this conference and have asked J. Anderson to read his message for Prof. Reichertz.

- Next MIE Congress will be in Glasgow in 1990

9.2. IMIA - LAC  NO REPORT

9.3. ASIAN PACIFIC REGIONAL GROUP

S. KAIHARA presented the wish of some Asia Pacific Countries (Singapore - Hong Kong - China - Australia) to for man Asia-Pacific Association of Medical Informatics which may become
a Regional Member of IMIA.

The decision is taken to encourage this action.

10. COMMITTEE REPORTS

10.1. MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

- B. BARBER proposed to accept application from Society of Biomedical Engineering of Czechoslovakia.

The proposal is seconded by J. FLINT and ANTONIO PEREZ de TALENZ and adopted unanimously.

- B. BARBER proposed to accept application from Hong Kong Society of Medical Informatics on condition that this society is open to full membership of all persons and disciplines involved in Medical Informatics as indicated in Article 2.1 of the by-laws.

The proposal seconded by ANTONIO PEREZ de TALENZ and A. BAKKER, is unanimously adopted

10.2. NOMINATION COMMITTEE

D. SHIRES made the following proposals:

* For membership Committee:

  - R. RODRIGUES (chairman) and J. ZVAROVA.

  Seconded by B. BARBER and R. SALAMON, unanimously adopted.

* For the board:

  - J. FLINT is proposed as Treasurer for the period 1988 - 1989.

  Seconded by B. BARBER and S. KAIHARA unanimously adopted.

  - R. SALAMON is proposed as Secretary for the period 1988 - 1991.
Seconded by B. ABBOTT and J. WILLEMS unanimously adopted.

- J. MICHEL and OUYANG are proposed as Trustees for the period 1988 - 1990.
  
  Seconded by MORALES and ANTONIO PEREZ de TALENZ unanimously adopted.

- A. GOSE is proposed as Trustee for the period 1988 - 1989.
  
  Seconded by ANTONIO PEREZ de TALENZ unanimously adopted less one abstention.

- J. R. SHERRER is proposed as Trustee for the period 1988 - 1991.
  
  Seconded by J. WILLEMS and H. PETERSON unanimously adopted.

10.3. BYLAWS COMMITTEE

NO REPORT

10.4. NEWSLETTER COMMITTEE

O. RIENTHOFF reexpressed his need for informations.

The following proposal is made:

- The newsletter will have:

  * Regional members:

    - A. GOSE (North America)
    - LUN (Asia)
    - RODRIGUES (Latin America)
    - O. RIENTHOFF (Europe)

  * Responsible for Technical Edition:

    - O. RIENTHOFF

The proposal is seconded by SOLHEIM and adopted with
- 19 in favor
- 1 against

10.5. PUBLIC RELATIONS COMMITTEE NO REPORT

10.6. PUBLICATION COMMITTEE

J. VAN BEMMEL sent the following message:

"North Holland wants to renegotiate its contract with IMIA regarding future MEDINFO's. My proposal is that the President of IMIA together with the Publications Officer prepare proposal for the next board meeting"

It will be done.

The IMIA survey, sent by North Holland, is presented in APPENDIX 5.

11. INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS

11.1. WHO

The relations between IMIA and WHO are very good and it will surely continue because the new Director General of WHO, Dr HIROSHI NAKAJIMA is very interested by the field of Medical Informatics.

11.2. WMA NO REPORT

11.3. IHF

A brief report is made by B. BARBER; the relations are good.

12. FUNDING MECHANISM

12.1. POLICY TO FUND WORKING GROUPS:

J. FLINT made the following proposal:

"Within its budget IMIA may annually extend grants in total not exceed 8000 Swiss Francs"
The proposal is seconded by J. WILLEMS and B. BARBER and adopted unanimously.

12.2. CONFERENCE FINANCIAL GUIDELINES

J. FLINT made the following proposal:

"Within its budget IMIA may annually extend loans in total not to exceed 1000 Swiss Francs. Extension of this funding will not jeopardize the cash flow of IMIA. There would be a clear expectation for repayment. Interested may be charged or waived at the discretion of the IMIA board."

After some discussions, this proposal, seconded by J. WILLEMS and B. BARBER was unanimously adopted.

13. WORKING GROUPS

13.1 H. PETERSON report on the meeting of W.G chairmen (September 16th 1988 - WHO).

The major items are the following:

- The bylaws are not always followed (a chairman is designated for 3 years)

- Guidelines and recommendations are necessary, including funding mechanism.

H. PETERSON proposed to present them for the next annual general meeting.

From the discussion it appeared a clear need for standardization and a small group (BAKKER, S. MANDIL, A. PEREZ de TALENZ, ABBOTT) is set up for this task.

A report from this group should be available at the next board meeting (Spring 1989).

13.2. WG1

R. SALAMON presented the situation of the future working
Conference in Victoria (May 1989) which seems to be a future great success.
He proposed to be reimplaced as chairman of WG1 by Dr PROTTI.
The proposal, seconded by J. FLINT, is adopted unanimously.

13.3. WG3
A report from ZYWITZ is presented.

13.4. WG4
This group organized a very successfull conference prior MIE 88 in Oslo. A proposal for a new chairman, B. BARBER, is made by S. KAIHARA, seconded by J.R SCHERRER, adopted unanimously less 1 abstention.

13.5. WG6
J.R SCHERRER reported WG6 just achieved a successfull working Conference two days ago in Geneva (WHO).

13.6. WG7 (written Report from J. Van Bemmel)
During may 1988 there was an IFIP working Conference on "Pattern Recognition" of which approximately 40 % devoted to Biomedical Pattern Recognition.
North Holland will published the Proceedings by December 1988.

13.7. WG8 MRS ELLY PLUYTER-WENTING reported
On "Computer in Nursing", Conference June 88 (Dublin)

13.8. WG9 O. RIENHOF reported the activities of the group.
- Success for Habana Conference (February 1988)
- 1 100 books were mailed to developing countries.

13.9. WG10 Report from A. BAKKER
The main activities of WG10 dealt with the working Conference "Towards New Hospital Information Systems" organized May 14-18, 1988 at Nijmegen, the Netherlands.
13.10. NEW WORKING GROUPS

HANS PETERSON reported the wish from Medical College of Virginia to form a "Dental Working Group". HANS PETERSON made the proposal to agree in principle with this working group, seconded by D. SHIERES lead to the following results:

- 6 abstentions
- 1 against
- 14 in favor

HANS PETERSON is designated to help the Medical College of Virginia in building such a working Group.

14. WORKING CONFERENCES

14.1. PAST WORKING CONFERENCES (see item 13)

14.2. FUTURE APPROVED WORKING CONFERENCES

* "Medical Informatics in primary care": No Problem for the organization (B. ABBOTT).

* "Medical Informatics: educational issues and trends" (Victoria, May 1989). Many people are yet registered. The final program was mailed. The only main problem is a publication one; the high costs proposed by North Holland and Springer Verlag lead the organizer to use a local editor.

* "Methodological approaches to medical technology assessment" will be organized on June 1989 in Montpellier (France) (chairman: Prof. F. GREMY)

* "Fourth Generation programming systems in conference" organized by J. VAN BEMMEL is post-poned for late 1989.

14.3. FUTURE PROPOSED CONFERENCE

A proposal for a working Conference on "Informatics and Medical Education" is made by J. ZVAROVA (reported by R. SALAMON) in PRAHA (Czechoslovakia) in 1990. It will be the following of Victoria. After some discussion for the date (perhaps too early from Victoria) the proposal on
the principle of the working conference seconded by A. PEREZ de TALENZ is unanimously adopted less 1 abstention. The date will be precised in Victoria (May 1989).

15. FINANCE (APPENDIX 6)

- A motion for approval Financial Statement for year ended December 31, 1987 is presented by J. FLINT, seconded by A. PEREZ de TALENZ, adopted unanimously.

- J. FLINT presented the budget for 4 years to December 31, 1992.
  The motion for approval year 1989 presented by J. FLINT, seconded by B. BARBER is unanimously adopted.

16. LOCATION OF SECRETARIAT

The principle to have a permanent address in Geneva is accepted.

17. FUTURE MEETING

17.1. Next board Meeting will be in Rabat (Morocco) on March 18th and 19th 1989.

17.2. Next annual General meeting will be in Beijing October 15th 1989 (on the October 14th will be the board meeting).

17.3. No place was yet decide for Board Meeting Spring 1990.

17.4. A proposal for 1990 Annual General Meeting is made by B. BARBER:
  - August in Glasgow (connected with MIE 90).

  The proposal is seconded by J. WILLEMS and unanimously adopted.

18. CLOSURE

S. KAIHARA closed the meeting at 7 P.M. thanking again S. MANDIL for his kind hospitality and by thanking all the participants
hoping they will also be present to next year's meeting in Beijing.