4. Minutes of Previous Meeting
MINUTES OF IMIA
11TH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

(SINGAPORE, DECEMBER 1989)
1. Welcome and opening remarks

The members were officially welcomed to Singapore by Dr. P. K. Wong as Honorary President of the Association of Informatics in Medicine.

K. C. Lun, Chairman of the Organizing Committee for Medinfo 89 Part II, told the meeting how Dr. Kaihara had asked them to organize a conference to complement Medinfo 89 in Beijing. This involved a lot of work and a short period of time to establish a world conference. Dr. Kaihara thanked K. C. Lun for the “relief” that our Singapore friends had provided in running a Medinfo on short request. His thanks were echoed by all members present.

2. The proxies were indicated for members who could not attend.

4. Amendments were made to the September 1988 Annual General Meeting minutes. The amended minutes were adopted on a motion duly seconded and passed.

5. The report from the Secretariat in Richmond Hill, Canada was brief indicating that in addition to regular business, the mailing of Authors Kits to North Americans took place there. The temporary Secretariat performed part of the Secretariat activities for about six years. Material will be transferred to Geneva when the IFIP Office is prepared.

6. REPORTS

6.1 The EFMI Report was presented by Barber for Roger who attended the Beijing meeting. Czechoslovakia and Yugoslavia have applied for membership. The annual Congress MIE will take place in Glasgow in August 1990. Where it is possible EFMI has tried to coordinate its Working Groups in conjunction with IMIA. Dr. Kaihara thanked Dr. Barber and congratulated the European region for its high level of activity.

6.2 IMIA - LAC report was presented by Yacobsohn on behalf of Rodriguez. Yacobsohn reported the activities of individual countries during the year. Yacobsohn was elected as the new President of IMIA - LAC. As a result of this election Yacobsohn will be the new Vice-President of IMIA representing IMIA - LAC.

6.3 Mr. Ouyang presented a brief report on meetings between countries of South East Asia exploring the possibility of an Asian Pacific Regional Group of IMIA. A number of those in attendance as well as Dr. Nugawella, Australia, have been working on this.

7. REGIONAL MEMBERS

7.1 Membership Committee: Changes of representation for USA - a formal application was made by AMIA (American Medical Informatics Association) September, 1989 to become US member society in place of AFIPS. Representative is Dr. Marion Ball, Dr. T. Peirme as alternate.

Recommendation by Membership Committee is to proceed with this change. Dr. Ball reported that Dr. Lindbergh was appearing before Congress therefore could not attend. A press release was presented to group.

IMIA has had too few formal contacts with US said Dr. Willems in expressing the IMIA Board's satisfaction with results.

Marion Ball thanked Dr. Lindbergh for his work to establish AMIA.

Dr. Gose, former US representative, supports this change according to
FAX message and communication with Dr. Kaihara.

Motion: That AGM accepts ANIA as US representative in place of AFIPS per rule 3.3A - Willems, Petersen unanimous

Brasil - Current representation SUCESU. SBIS Brazil Society for Medical Informatics was formed and proposes to replace SUCESU. SUCESU is an organization of informatics users whereas SBIS is Medical Informatics representative in Brazil. Jacobsohn provided background.

Motion: The AGM strongly recommends that SBIS becomes the official representative of Brazil for IMIA. It hopes that such transition can mutually be agreed by SUCESU and SBIS. Such transition implies that SBIS accepts responsibility for past dues not paid by the Brazilian Society. The President should take steps to convey this information to SBIS and SUCESU. - Willems, Rienhoff, unanimous

Corresponding Member: Korea: Dr. Chan J. Soon Koh, President Korean Society says that there are currently 85 members.

Motion: AGM accepts the Korean Society of Medical Informatics as members (at a fee to be determined by the Treasurer according to the formula of IMIA). - Willems, Pansegrover, unanimous.

The President also referred members to Australia where we have received an informal application from the Australian Medical Informatics Association.

7.2 Nomination Committee Chairman, Dr. David Shires’ report delivered by Dr. Kaihara.

Ab Bakker is proposed as Treasurer for the period from 1989 - 1992
Motion by Flint, Ball unanimous, Bakker abstained.
Thanks for Flint

John Flint is proposed as Trustee for the period 1989 - 1990
Motion by Kaihara, Willems unanimous, Flint abstained

Hans Peterson is proposed as Chairman of Nomination Committee for the period 1989 - 1992
Motion by Ball, Willems unanimous, Peterson abstained

Marion Ball is proposed as Trustee for the period 1989 - 1992
Motion by Kaihara, Willems unanimous, Ball abstained

7.3 Newsletter Committee: two issues prior to Tbilisi/Glasgow - Financial position of Marlis is better than North Holland/Springer for costs to print the Newsletter.

Expression of thanks to Otto Rienhoff and Editor Rienhoff recommended the following changes:

North America - Lindbergh
Africa - Medohouf
Europe - Degolat
Asia - Lun
LAC - Rodriguez
Chief Editor - Rienhoff

Motion: Hannah, Ball unanimous

7.4 P.R. Committee - no report

Discussion was held regarding the need for P.R. Committee. It was agreed that there is still a pressing need for a P.R. document however it was felt that the Newsletter Committee could perform much of this.
President asked Board to explore needs for P.R. and how to deliver these needs.
Motion: Kahiara, Willems unanimous.

Publication Committee:
Chairman J. Van Bemmelen presented report. Much discussion was held on the concept of a competitive bid between publishing houses. The need for an IMIA publication policy was emphasized. The president summarized by saying that: 1) A publication policy will be developed and proposed for the next AGM. 2) In the interim any decision will be reached by consultation with Publications Committee and Treasurer. 3) Competitive bids will be pursued.

8. REPORT FROM IMIA TRANSFORMATION COMMITTEE
Chairman Willems summarized status of this committee and introduced Dr. Scherrer as agent. Scherrer introduced the following points as essential under Swiss Law for an Association:
1) Association under Swiss Civil code
2) Address of IMIA is 16 Place Longemalle 1204, Geneva
3) Affiliated Member of IFIP
4) Objectives
5) English
6) Termination
7) Notice of Meeting
8) Waiver of Notice

This AGM agrees that IMIA be established as an Association under the Swiss law with the seat in Geneva.
Motion: Agreed to operate under Swiss Law as described - Kahiara, Willems, unanimous

By-law amendments proposed, Scherrer, Kahiara, unanimous

9. INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS
9.1 WHO: Dr. Mandil indicated that the way is being paved for a direct relationship with IMIA. Medinfo 92 involvement will be demonstrated through WHO. Dr. Mandil said that he is pleased to use National Societies as a means of communication in addition to normal channels.
It is WHO intention to participate in Working Groups.

9.2 WMA - Kahiara was invited to attend AGM but there was not sufficient on Agenda re Medical Informatics so thanks but regrets were sent.

9.3 IHF - no recent communication. Barber to pursue and report.

9.4 Commission of Medical Anthropology and Epidemiology (part of International Union of Anthropology and Epidemiology) made a Proposal to become an Affiliate Member of IMIA.
Dr. Rudan the President reported that this is a very old organization, established in 1934, with members in 140 countries.
The proposal, while very attractive, was referred to the Membership Committee to clarify the relationship of parent group to IMIA.
9.5 IMEKO - Non Governmental of 30 National Members. Director General asked Dr. Naslady to communicate to the IMIA AGM the desire to become closer associated. The Membership Committee will be asked to consider this when a formal proposal is made.

10. MEDINFO 89 PART I

Dr. Hannah and Mandil proposed that the AGM ratify the decision of the Executive Board of IMIA to have a 2 part Medinfo 1989.

This was passed with Dr. Ouyang abstaining.

Mr. Ouyang presented a photo album commemorating Medinfo 89 Part I. A 30 minute video tape was also presented.

Willems thanked Ouyang for commemorative pieces and hard work through great difficulty.

11. MEDINFO 89 PART II

11.1 OC - Lun reported on the attendance of 630 Active and 65 students including accompanying people 750.
200 papers, 42 sessions, 90 posters, 15 Scientific demos and 9 Scientific Workshops

Congratulations were extended to Singapore OC.

Lun thanked Beijing OC for transfer of registrants.

11.2 SPC - Dr. Manning described the process undertaken to manage papers at two parts of Medinfo 89.

850 papers were originally submitted with 200 papers presented at Singapore.

12. MEDINFO 92 AND FUTURE MEDINFO

12.1 Medinfo 92 OC Chairman, J.R. Scherrer

Distributed First Announcement and Rules and Regulations.

Medinfo 92 - SPC: Have booth to promote Medinfo 92. Folders are available.

12.2 SPC Committee: Search for Chairman of SPC resulted in the selection of Dr. Mandil who has a background through 3 Medinfos. Vice-chair of SPC will be filled by Dr. J. Mohr.

Mandil expects SPC members to be nominated by end of Medinfo 89.

12.3 Proceedings Committee Chair: Looked to Asia for Chairman and K.C. Lun was nominated and has accepted. Lun will find co-editors.

12.4 Future Medinfo

Proposals from Yugoslavia and Argentina to host 1995 Medinfo. Yacobschon, Argentina and Rudin, Yugoslavia briefly indicated their interest.

Cuba also is indicating its interest in Medinfo 95.
13. FINANCIAL REPORT

The Treasurer presented the financial statements for the year ended Dec. 31, 1988 and after a brief explanation answered questions. On a motion by Flint, seconded by Bakker the statements were approved as presented. Unanimous.

The Treasurer presented the budget and predicted cash flow for the 1990 year. Several points were raised, it was felt that since it was possible that the repayment of IMIA loan to Medinfo 1989 was unpredictable and that any surplus was unpredictable, they should both become nil. The Treasurer modified these figures and reduced two other figures to present a more realistic figure. With these changes the budget for 1990 was approved unanimously on a motion by Flint seconded by Williams.

The Treasurer noted that it was still too early for realistic results from Part II Medinfo and that he and the President would be meeting with Ouyang to discuss Part I results.

14. FUNDING MECHANISMS

14.1 Policy to find W.G. - refer to minutes of Geneva 88

14.2 Conference Financial Guidelines - refer to minutes of Geneva 88

15. WORKING GROUPS

15.1 Task force to develop guidelines to design scientific plan IMIA. A report will be prepared for the IMIA Board Meeting of April 1990. Dr. Pettersson to coordinate. Kaihara, Williams, unanimous

Each WG Chair to work with their group to make proposal to AGM Pettersson, Bakker, unanimous

The AGM encouraged each WG to interface with IFIP and EFMI WG's.

WG 1. Report received on the results of Working Conference in Victoria, Canada, May 1989. The Chairman, Protti, reported on activity for planning next conference in Prague.

3.2. Discussion re EC project - summary will be prepared, and the format will be discussed by Task Force.

4.3. Data Protection - report given by Dr. Sarber on behalf of the chair.

6.4. Report given by Dr. Scherrer - summarized results of Geneva 88 conference with plans for another follow-up likely after 1992

7.8. Biomedical pattern recognition verbal report from Van Bemmel

8.6. Nursing Informatics: Aims and Activities brochure was given to members, copies available. WG Meeting at Singapore Medinfo. Very active group.

9.7. Health Informatics for Development - Rienhoff

Books from US promised by Tom Pienime to add to the mailing program.

10.6. Reported by Bakker - Produced Publication from WC and have 25 members from 18 different countries.

11. Dental Informatics - Chairman Salley
16. PROPOSAL ON TELEMED NOVEMBER 1990 CONFERENCE IN ROTTERDAM

16.1 Telematics in Medicine - Van Bemmel, Bakker unanimous
No request for funding.

16.2 Nursing Informatics 91:

Have problem with financial resources. Hannah reported that local OC has needed much help. In future the Nursing WG plans to have $25,000 seed funding, $17,500 for next conference and $12,500 for local OC. This will be repayable before sharing of surplus. Publisher has yet to be decided for 1991. Hannah is negotiating with vendors to fund Travel Scholarships to assist nurses to travel to conferences. Permission requested to award next Nursing Informatics Conference to one of two proposing organizations. Extension of term of Chair for one year is recommended to recognize need to continue financial discussions with vendors. The WG will need to report if this is a problem. No request for funds - Approval of report, Kaihara, Barber, unanimous.

16.3 Proposal for WC: WG II reported by Marion Ball Kaihara, Hannah approved.

16.4 WC in January 1991 Prepared for India in conjunction with
Appropriate Medical Informatics for Developing Countries.
Kaihara, Solheim unanimous

16.5 WG 10 is planning WC in 1991 but no details. WC approved in principle. Kaihara, Hannah unanimous.

16.6 Use of informatics in Primary Care April 1990
Has already been approved.

For Information:

Computer in Healthcare in Czech, April 9-12/90 8th National Conference, 1st International Conference. EFMI supports this.

Hong Kong Medical Informatics Conference November 15-18/90

AGM 1991, in conjunction and prior to SCAMC November 1991
Kaihara, Barber, unanimous

September 4,5/92 Board and AGM in Geneva prior to Medinfo 92.
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