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Dear Dr. Kaihara,

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Yours sincerely,

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Dear Friends;

I am writing this letter regarding the registration fee of MEDINFO 89.

I thank you for your interest in MEDINFO 89 and I understand that you have already paid your registration fee into Chinese Bank. IMIA, however, recently made the decision to modify the time and site of MEDINFO and this change will have some implication to the registration fee you paid.

At the end of June, IMIA Board decided to split the MEDINFO 89 into two parts, namely, Part 1 to be held in Beijing, PRC as originally scheduled and Part 2 to be held in Singapore from December 10 to 14. The authors of papers can present their papers in either part (or both parts, if he wishes) and participants can also select the part they want to attend.

I discussed with Mr. Ouyang, OC chairman of Beijing part, about this new situation and Mr. Ouyang kindly agreed to handle the registration fees already paid into Chinese Bank in the following principle.

1. If the registrant wants to attend Beijing part, no action is required.
2. If the registrant wants to attend Singapore part, he or she has to notify Beijing OC by August 25 (post mark of this date is still valid). Then the registration fee will be transferred to Singapore OC.
3. If the registrant wants to cancel, and does not participate either in Beijing part or in Singapore part, the registration fee will be refunded as the *Invitation to Register* states; namely *Cancellation of early registrations must be requested in writing and received prior to August 1, 1989. A service fee of US \$40.00 will be charged..*

This means that even if you have already canceled to attend Beijing part, you can still transfer the fee to Singapore without losing US\$ 40.00, if you so wish. This is a generous offer of Beijing OC and I sincerely thank Mr. Ouyang for this kind decision. If you want to attend Singapore part, I also recommend you to notify Singapore OC about your decision. You will be receiving information about MEDINFO 89 Singapore from the Singapore OC within the next few days.

The addresses for Beijing and Singapore OC are as follows;

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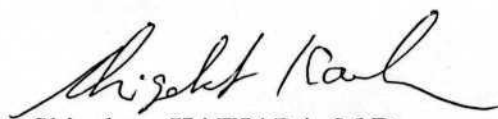
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I am looking forward to seeing you in either Beijing or Singapore.

Sincerely yours,

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Shigekoto KAIHARA, M.D.
IMIA President

Administrative Arrangements of MEDINFO 89

----- Report from the President-----

The event in June, 1989 in Beijing caused tremendous problems to IMIA. This was certainly the most critical time during my term of presidency and even from the viewpoint of IMIA history, this was probably one of the most critical time.

I thank you again for the tremendous support, suggestions and encouragements I received from Board members, IMIA national representatives and many individuals. Your guidances were most helpful, but because of the emergent situation, I did not have time to respond to all the letters or to consult to you in my decisions. I apologize for this.

Here I summarize for your information the events and the actions chronologically. Your questions and comments are welcome.

Chronological series of Events

June 3 to 4

I visited Beijing to solve the problem of conference site. Because of the happening of in Beijing on that very night, I left Beijing on June 4 according to the advice of Mr. Ouyang.

June 5

I sent a letter to Board members, MEDINFO SC,PC members showing possible alternative sites and asking for their advice.

June 6 to 30

I received more than 100 faxes and letters from IMIA national societies or members, MEDINFO committee members and individuals. The societies which sent me the letter were German Society (GMDS), Dutch Society (VMBI) and Norwegian society. They expressed one or several of the following opinions.

- 1) It is not possible for them to attend Beijing MEDINFO, especially Beijing is under Martial Law.
- 2) IMIA Board should immediately look for alternative site.
- 3) Beijing MEDINFO should be canceled or postponed
- 4) IMIA should issue a statement to protest the Chinese Government and officially cancel the Beijing MEDINFO as the sign of protest.

June 8

A suggestion from Jan van Bommel was received that we should have MEDINFO in conjunction with SCAMC.

June 8

I happened to know that Singapore will host IFIP SEACC conference in December and sent a fax letter to Dr. K.C. Lun asking him to explore the possibility to host MEDINFO 89 in Singapore.

June 5 to 20

More than 10 letters were exchanged between Mr. Ouyang and I using fax. First, I sent a letter to Mr. Ouyang asking if China can still host MEDINFO 89,. Mr. Ouyang replied that China has no intention to cancel MEDINFO and can host MEDINFO in Beijing as scheduled. by the following letters, we discussed the

financial problems in case of MEDINFO in Beijing, but Mr. Ouyang kept saying that financial problems can be solved even participants are few.

June 12

I received a letter from Dr. Lun saying that Singapore can host MEDINFO 89.

June 12

I sent a letter to Board, PC, SC members explaining the situation with some copies of above letters and ask for their advices.

June 16

70 % of replies from Board, PC and SC members supported to have MEDINFO in Singapore.

June 20

I received a letter from Austrian Medical Informatics Society that it can host MEDINFO 89 in Vienna.

June 20

I sent a letter to all IMIA National members, SC, PC members explaining the options and asked for their reply in a reply form enclosed.

June 22-

More than 70 % of the replies from National members supported Singapore as alternative site.

June 22

I drafted a motion that *MEDINFO 89 be split into two parts, one in Beijing and one in Singapore*. I asked Board members to vote about this motion. I sent the motion to PC and SC members and asked for their opinions about this motion.

June 26-

The results of voting	
yes (including comments)	7
no -- to be cancel	1
to be held in Beijing	1
no answer	1

June 29

I sent the decision to all IMIA national representatives, MEDINFO PC SC members and asked Dr. Lun to start the preparation of Singapore part.

June 29

I asked Prof. Phil Manning to send the letter asking the authors in which part they want to present their papers and the letter was sent out on June

July 1

I discussed with Barry Barber if it is still possible to re-edit the proceedings, and he answers that it is not possible and he wants to produce proceedings as originally planned.

July 19

I met Barry Barber early morning at London Heathlaw airport and discussed about the proceedings and the reaction of European people.

July 22-23

I visited Beijing and discussed with Mr. Ouyang. Mr. Ouyang understood IMIA's decision and promised to support both Beijing and Singapore support. I discussed mainly about financial problems including how to refund PC expenses already spent, how to handle the registration fees already paid into Chinese Bank (about 200 registrants), who will order proceedings and how many copies are required.

July 24

I sent a fax to Barry asking for his approval that I order the proceedings to North Holland for both Beijing and Singapore.

August 3

Mr. Ouyang sent his letter to all the registrants about the treatment of the registration fee already paid into Chinese Bank.

August 4-7

I visited Singapore and attended Singapore OC. discussed with Dr.Lun about the Singapore programs and financial arrangements.

August 8-9

I visited Beijing to finalize the discussion with Mr. Ouyang.

August 10

I sent the order of proceedings to North Holland

August 12

I sent a letter to all the registrants explaining the same contents as Mr. Ouyang's letter.

Financial Arrangements of MEDINFO 89

Because of the split of MEDINFO 89, the financial arrangements of MEDINFO 89 became complicated. I am working to sort out the problems with Mr. Ouyang and Dr. Lun with the advice of our treasurer John Flint. IMIA and two OC chairmen will sign a document of mutual agreement in the near future. The basic principles are already agreed, which are;

- 1) The expenditure are divided into 4 parts, Beijing OC expense, Singapore OC expense, Program Committee Expense and Proceedings expense.
- 2) *IMIA MEDINFO Fund* is created under the IMIA treasurer and PC expense and proceedings expense will be paid out of this fund. If we could get enough participants, IMIA can get its loan refunded from this fund and also may get some real surplus for IMIA.
- 3) The income of the *IMIA MEDINFO fund* are a) contribution from Beijing OC (the fund raised from industries by Beijing OC and IMIA president), b) surplus from Singapore OC, c) part of proceedings in the registration fee, which will be transferred from both OC.

The ordering of MEDINFO Proceedings

As the IMIA decision to split MEDINFO came after the completion of the editing, it was decided by the editor not to make any modification in the proceedings.

The ordering of the proceedings to the North Holland became a complicated matter. It would have been OC chairman to order the number of copies required, but because of the two OCs, it became impossible for either OC chairmen to have responsibility to order the proceedings. Because of this situation, according to the suggestion of Jan van Bommel, our publication committee chairman, I decided that IMIA order the proceedings to North Holland and pay to North Holland out of the IMIA MEDINFO Fund mentioned above. Since IMIA has to order more than the participants' number, this means that IMIA Fund will lose some money. I hope that IMIA can sell the remaining copies to those who were to come to MEDINFO but could not come because of the change.

I ordered 1250 copies to North Holland on August 10. The estimate of the participants is 500 for Beijing and 750 for Singapore. The unit price for a copy is 70 Dfl according to the contract. The unit cost is 75 Dfl, if order is between 1000 and 1249, and this was one of the reason why I ordered 1250.

Promotion of MEDINFO

It is the responsibility of all the IMIA national members to promote MEDINFO. Now the future survival of IMIA is dependent of the success of MEDINFO 89. I sincerely ask you for your cooperation in the promotion of MEDINFO.

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To IMIA AGM Members

Dear Friends;

This is the follow up of my letter dated June 29, 1989 regarding MEDINFO 89.

According to the decision of IMIA Board, the Singapore MEDINFO organizing committee was formed and it had already had three OC meetings. Two organizing committees, Beijing Committee chaired by Mr. Ouyang, and the Singapore Committee chaired by Dr. K.C. Lun, are, working hard to make both MEDINFOS successful.

I visited Beijing twice recently on July 22 to 23 and August 8 to 9. On both occasions, Mr. Ouyang and the Chinese PC members cordially welcomed me and I could have fruitful discussions about the arrangements of MEDINFOS. I also visited Singapore on August 4 to 7 and attended one of the Singapore OC meetings. I was very much impressed by their enthusiasm to make Singapore MEDINFO successful and eventually to help IMIA in this critical situation. Both OC members understood very well the situation of the other organizing committee, and they are helping each other in every possible ways.

Our Program Committee Chairman, Phil and his talented secretary Clare Kodama are working hard to sort out the authors in regard to the place of presentation. Barry completed the editing of the proceedings under this difficult situation.

In conclusion, I think that all the problems are now under control and I am now confident that we could overcome most of the problems. The last task we have to do is to promote both MEDINFOS in each country and encourage as many people as possible to come to either Beijing or Singapore MEDINFO. The next few months will be most critical time for us to promote the MEDINFO and I ask you cordially for your help.

In the separate paper, I summarize the most updated information of both Beijing and Singapore MEDINFOS for your information.



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IMIA Anual General Meeting

For the members of IMIA Annual General Meeting, the date and the site were changed. The new site and date are;

**Time: December 9, 1989 (Saturday) from 10:00 a.m. to 16:00 p.m. and
December 10 (Sunday) from 9:00 to 12:00 (if necessary)
Place: Raffles City Convention Center, Singapore**

The reason of the change of the time and place was that I recognized from the responses to my letter that less number of AGM members can come to Beijing part of MEDINFO than Singapore part. I discussed the situation with Mr. Ouyang and he generously agreed to change the site of AGM. After consulting IMIA Board and also Singapore OC chairman, this change was made. I apologize for any inconvenience which may be caused by this change, but I hope that you all will be able to come to AGM. At this AGM, we have to finalize our transformation of IMIA into IFIP Affiliate member. In this meaning, this is very important AGM. Please mark your calendar now.

For Board members, there will be Board meeting as scheduled in Beijing. The meeting is held on October 15, 1989 at the conference site or one of the hotels nearby. I will circulate more detailed information later.

This is all I can report now. I will keep you informed. I ask you again to promote both MEDINFOs in your country. I am looking forward to seeing you either in Beijing or Singapore.

Sincerely yours,



Shigekoto KAIHARA, M.D.
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MEDINFO 89
---- Status Report from the President----

MEDINFO 89 will be held in two parts, namely, MEDINFO Beijing and MEDINFO Singapore.

MEDINFO Beijing (Part 1 of MEDINFO 89)

Time : October 16 (Monday) to 20 (Friday), 1989

Site: National Library, Beijing City

The site of the conference was changed. This is a new building with excellent facilities. It is located north west part of Beijing city.

Organizing Committee: The original OC chaired by Mr. Ouyang

Programs

At the Opening Ceremony, Dr. M. Collen (USA) and Prof. Wu Jie Ping (PRC) will speak as the key note speakers. There will be 3 to 4 simultaneous sessions and about 30 foreign papers among selected papers will be presented at Beijing according to the indication of authors (this number will still change, because the letters from the authors are still coming in to the PC chairman) In addition to these foreign selected papers, all the Chinese selected papers will be presented at Beijing. Selected Chinese posters will be also given the time to present orally.

Accommodations:

Hotels near the conference sites, such as Olympic hotel and Yan Shin Hotel etc. will be used. They are all very nice hotels. Please ask for detailed information to Beijing OC.

Registration:

The Invitation to Register already distributed are still valid. Please use the form in this brochure.

Social Programs

Many interesting social programs are now planned.

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MEDINFO Singapore (Part 2 of MEDINFO 89)

Time: December 10 (Sunday) to 14 (Thursday), 1989

This is the week designated by the Singapore government as Week of Information Technology

Site: Raffles City Convention Center, Singapore

This is very modern conference center located on level 4 of Westin Stamford and Westin Plaza Hotels.

Organizing Committee:

Chairman Dr. K.C. Lun (National University Hospital)

Vice Chairman Dr. P.K. Wong

(President, Association of Informatics in Medicine)

Vice Chairman Dr. Robert Iau

(Secretary of South East Asian Computer Conference)

Members Mr. Gay Swee Poh, Mr. Tan Peng Ann, Mr. Koh Siew Hoon,
Dr. Goh Lee Gen, Dr. CHia Kee Seng, Ms Koh Siew Hoon,
Dr. Maurice Choo

Program:

Opening ceremony To be held on the afternoon of December 10 (Sunday)

Dr. M. J. Fairey of United Kingdom and one Singapore distinguished scientist will speak as the key note speakers.

At present, about 150 authors among selected papers wanted to present their papers at Singapore and this number will change, because still there are some authors who has not made up their mind yet. There will be 3 to 4 parallel sessions. There will be scientific demonstrations and commercial exhibition.

Accommodations:

There are two hotels under the same roof as the conference center, Westing Stamford and Westin Plaza. Many other hotels of various price are available around the conference site.

Registration:

New registration form has been sent to you from Singapore OC. If you have not received them, please ask for the forms to Singapore OC. The registration fee is the same as Beijing MEDINFO, but the early reduction of 320 US\$ will be applied until Oct 1, 1989. For those, who have already registered to Beijing, but want to come to Singapore, please refer the enclosed letter.

Social Programs:

Many attractive social programs are planned including the reception at *Empress Museum*. It is possible to combine this tour with post congress tour to Bali or Bankok.

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Program Committee and Editorial Committee

The same Program Committee chaired by Prof. Phil Manning and the same Editorial Committee chaired by Barry Barber are responsible for the programs and the proceedings in both parts of MEDINFOs. The proceedings contain the papers to be presented at both MEDINFOs and the same proceedings are given to the participants of both MEDINFOs.

For gold medal awards, two papers will be selected from Beijing presented papers and two from Singapore presented papers. The awards will be given from the Program Committee Chairman at the each part of the closing ceremony.

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