14. Working Groups (W.G) vs Special Interest Groups (SIG)

Specific Information and Discussion Documents
January 29, 1990

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Dear Hans:

Re: IMIA WG.1 - Education

Further to Dr. Willems' letter of December 28, 1989 please find enclosed a copy of the letter sent to the 24 members of working group 1.

As you know, in the past, working group 1 carried out its mandate primarily by hosting three working conferences. The most recent conference was the one held here in Victoria in May '89. It brought together over 300 representatives from 23 countries for four full days to discuss medical informatics and education. The 600+ page proceedings reflect a growing awareness of the importance of the educational aspects of medical informatics.

As is evidenced by the suggestions emanating from a preliminary planning meeting held in Singapore, the working groups priorities may go beyond simply hosting working conferences.

I am excited about the future of WG.1. The response to the call for members was much better than I had expected. It is also most encouraging to see that the majority of the members are based in educational institutions and are actively involved in teaching medical informatics to health professionals.

I would appreciate receiving material which distinguishes between "Special Interest Groups" and "Technical Committees". I would be happy to add this subject to our Glasgow & Prague meetings - assuming that the decision has not already been made by your Task Force.

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If you would like more than what is in this letter and the one attached please let me know by FAX. I will try to respond prior to your February 15, 1990 deadline. I trust this finds you well. I expect that we will see each other in Glasgow. Take care.

Yours sincerely,

Denis J. Protti
Professor & Director
School of Health Information Science

DJP/sjh
Dear F11:

RE: IMIA WORKING GROUP 1 - EDUCATION

Thank you to the six of you who responded to my letter of January 29, 1990. There are differing opinions of the importance of the four areas identified by the group that met in Singapore. All the more reason that our meetings in Glasgow and Prague are important to plan the future efforts of WG.1.

Enclosed please find an agenda for the two meetings and an updated membership list. You will note that we have added a few more countries and that a few FAX numbers have changed. Also enclosed is an order form for the proceedings of the May '89 IMIA SYMPOSIUM on Medical Informatics and Education. We are down to the last few boxes and we will not be reprinting. If you have not yet ordered your copies, I'd encourage you to do so in the near future.

One of the items on the agenda concerns a proposal from the Heidelberg group to host a working conference there in the summer of 1992. I will mail out the details if I receive them prior to July 1.

If you have any thoughts on the priorities of the 4 suggested areas, please forward them to me. I do plan on bringing a summary of the observations I've received to the meetings.

I would also appreciate, if you have not already done so, a note indicating whether or not you expect to attend one or both of the meetings. It will help us plan for the size of the meeting room we will need.

I am looking forward to our meetings. They should be filled with exciting possibilities.

Yours sincerely,

Denis J. Protti
Chairman
Working Group 1

cc. President, IMIA
IMIA WORKING GROUP 1 - EDUCATION

WORKING MEETINGS

LOCATION: Forum Hotel
Glasgow

Palace of Culture
Prague

DATE: August 22, 1990
September 4, 1990

TIME: Noon
To be posted

ROOM: To be posted
To be posted

PROPOSED AGENDA

1. Introduction of the Participants

2. Appointment of a recorder/secretary

3. Clarification of the 4 areas
   A. Directories
   B. Brochures
   C. Syllabi
   D. Exchanges

4. Identification of additional areas

5. Priority setting

6. Translation of materials

8. Assignment of responsibilities

9. Heidelberg Proposal

10. Future Meetings

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