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The AGM (Annual General Meeting) took place at the Forum Hotel.

1 - The meeting was opened at 9.30 a.m. by *J.L. Willems* who thanked our Scottish friends for their kind hospitality. He noted with pleasure the great number of attending people as a sign of good health for IMIA. In his answer, *Bud Abbott* expressed how pleased he was to see all his friends from aboard gathered in Glasgow. He introduced to other members *Jane Roberts*, a new UK representative in place of *B. Barber*.

2 - Apologies were received for the absences of *M. Ball* (represented by *T. Piemme*), *D. Protti* (proxy to *J.R. Scherrer*), *K.C. Lun* (proxy to *J. Willems*) and *P. Nugawela* (represented by *E. Coiera*).

The attendants list is given in Annex 1

J. L. Willems welcomed especially *Jane Roberts* (a new representative from UK), *G. Dezelic* and *V. Lovrek* (from Yugoslavia, a new member) *A. Espinosa* (a new representative from Mexico). He mentionned that *P. Nugawela* is the new representative from Australia (in place of *D.M. Bennett*)

3 - Agenda was approved (see Annex 2)

4 - The minutes of AGM, December 1989 (Singapore) were approved (unanimity) after a modification on point 10 where "congratulations were presented to *Ouyang Zhineng*" had been added.

5 - Reports

5.1 Report from Secretariat : no report (*R. Salamon* was absent in Beijing and Singapore)

5.2 and 5.3 Report from MEDINFO 89 *S. Kaihara* 's report.:

"MEDINFO 89 (both in Beijing and Singapore) was a scientific success and also a financial one (at least 35.000 US\$ surplus were expected for IMIA).

The financial report was still preliminary.

Only the report of the common account is made and the financial reports

of both Organizing Committees are left in the hands of both Organizing Committees. Such a decision is made because the situation in Beijing and Singapore is so different and hence it is almost impossible to analyse the cost and expense of both Organizing.

Committees separately. Although the internal financial report will not be explained to the AGM the past president and treasurer of IMIA investigated the situation and found that both Organizing Committees had done their utmost best to make Medinfo 89 successful and moreover to help IMIA financially”.

A motion was presented by *J. Flint* :

“The AGM adopts the interim report from MEDINFO 89 and takes special note of the fact that ::

- a) The IMIA loan to MEDINFO 89 will be repaid.
- b) There is an unexpected surplus which will be used for budgeting purposes”.

This motion seconded by *T.Piemme* and *A. Fernandez De Talenz* , was adopted with unanimity.

6 - Regional Members

6.1 EFMI (*F.H. Roger's* report) : the future MIE (Medical Informatics Europe) Congresses will held in Austria(1991), Israel (1993), Portugal (1994) and Danmark (1996). In 1992 and 1995, because of MEDINFO, no MIE will be organized.

- Yugoslavia is a EFMI's new member.
- Five working groups are in function :

- 1 Case Mix
- 2 Data Protection
- 3 Standardization
- 4 Modeling
- 5 Nursing

6.2 IMIA-LAC (*V. Yacubsohn's* report) see Annex 3

6.3 Asian Pacific Regional Group : *Ouyang* informed the AGM that the group will be officially set up in December 1990 in Singapore.

6.4 Middle East Regional Group : the problem will be discussed during the next AGM.

6.5 North American Regional Group : nothing new on this point.

7 - Committee Reports

7.1 Membership Committee

- Singapore and Yugoslavia were unanimously accepted as new members.

The membership fee category for Singapore will be determined finally after some discussion between IMIA treasurer or president and Singapore's representative. Category D will be proposed :

- AGM was informed about :

The change in representation in Brazil : SBIS (Sociedade Brasileira de Informatica em Saude) has become Brazil's official representative to IMIA in place of SUCESU.

The Australian society has accepted officially the abbreviation of AMIA for internal use in Australia. When dealing with the outside world the suffix AMIA - Aus will be added, in order to eliminate confusion with United State's Association).

7.2 Nomination Committee : *H. Peterson* proposed :

S. Kaihara 's nomination as Honorary Member of the IMIA

The motion seconded by *J. Willems* and *R. Salamon*, was unanimously adopted.

The prolongation of *J. Michel*'s trusteeship for one year, and to not replace other trustees finishing their term in 90 (*J. Flint* and *Ouyang Zhineng*) was adopted unanimously.

M. Ball as President elect of IMIA. Unanimously adopted

The creation of an "AUDIT Committee" with *H. Peterson* (for the first year)

B.G. Solheim as member for three years.
Unanimously adopted.

7.3 Bylaws Committee

A lot of changes took place within the bylaws during the past years :

H. Peterson made a proposal of new bylaw (see Annex 4). A new version of the following articles was adopted by vote :

Article 1 : Unanimity

Article 2 : Unanimity

Article 3 : Unanimity

Article 4 : After discussions, it was decided, unanimously, less two abstentions, that the point 4.2.2 (Voting

Rights) remains as before ("the member countries of the AGM have only one vote, irrespective of the number of representatives)

Point 4.2..5 : the sentence before the last one becomes :
"It may also be convened at the request of the Board of the Executive Committee or at least 1/5 of the National Members".

Point 4.2.6 : the last sentence disappears.

Articles 5,6,7,8 : no changes, yet approved.

7.4 Newsletter Committee

The number of issues per year will be two and an adequate budget will be given by IMIA to *O. Rienhoff*.

A decision was taken (unanimously less one abstention) that the size of the newsletter will be A5.

7.5 Public Relation Committee : terminated

7.6 Publication Committee (*J. Van Bommel*'s report).

In 1990, the following books will be published by Elsevier as results of Working Conferences :

Brighton (April 90) : "Primary Care"

Praha (September 90) : "Medical Education"

Montpellier (October 90) "Technology Assesement" (Proceedings not yet fully decided)

Amsterdam (November 90) : "Telematics and Medicine"

8 - Relationship with IFIP (see report / annex 5)

Mr *Melbye* will be the liaison officer of IFIP"

9 - International Organizations : *J. Willems* will send a form for recognition of IMIA as a non governmental organisation to WHO via *S. Mandil*

10 - MEDINFO 92 and 95

10.1 MEDINFO 92

Reports were made by *J.R. Scherrer* (for O.C.), *S. Mandil* (SPC), *O. Rienhoff* (E.C.) and *J.Willems* (Steering C.), see annex 6

Everything is working well and a financial agreement was signed between the O.C. and IMIA.

10.2 MEDINFO 95

8 applications were received : Vancouver, San Francisco, Sao Paulo, Mexico City, Budapest, Zagreb, Cuba, Buenos Aires.

The decision will be taken by th AGM in 1991 in Washington.

11 - Finance and transfer of treasury

J. Flint presented the statement of income and expenses for the year ended December 31st, 1989 (see annex 7) and the balance sheet (see annex 8)

Ab. Bakker presented some notes to the financial statement (see annex 9), the cash forecast and budget for four years to December 31st, 1992 (see annex 10) and the budget 1991 (see annex 11).

A motion was presented by *Ab. Bakker* to adopt the budget. This motion, seconded by *A. Fernandez De Talenz* was unanimously adopted.

12 - Financial status and future funding mechanism

The report written by *M. Ball* (see annex 12) was discussed. No decision was made but the following items were proposed :

- Clearly separate "sponsoring" and "scientific aspects".
- Set up a supportive organization such as "Friends of IMIA".

13 - Financial agreement on Medinfo 92 : see 12.1

14 - Working Groups

14.1 *H. Peterson* gave a summary of the discussion which took place during the meeting of the working group chairmen, August 18th, after the Board meeting.

This meeting was a good opportunity for the Board to have informations from WG. One of the issues of this meeting was to examine whether working groups with longstanding objectives should not be transformed to Special Interest Groups (SIG), whereas

working groups with detailed short-term objectives would keep this name.

The following discussions took place :

- Proposal of SIG by R. Côté

A SIG on medical concepts structure for knowledge representation could replace WG6 (Nomenclatures and classifications) since its usefulness has ended after the last Conference in Geneva in 1988. Until the next GA, R. Côté was asked to study further this proposal in the former WG6 framework.

- Working groups reports

WG1 on Education could evolve to SIG (J.R. Scherrer). Specific WG could be splitted up by categories of interest (doctors, nurses, administratives, or by technology, computer programs, ...).

This offers an opportunity also to have a collaboration between Regional WGs and IMIA.

WG3 on Biosignals analysis will most likely be dissolved.

WG4 on Data Protection held several meetings (in Brussels 1987, Olso 1988, Brussels 1990). There was also a collaboration with AIM (CEE) with the European WG on data protection, as reported by B. Barber. For him, all WGs should not necessarily be included in the frame of a SIG. Data protection enlarged to safety and data security could however evolve on a SIG. Barry suggested also the topic of Quality Assurance as proposed for a Congress by the Hospital International Assoiciation as well as quality of software. The collaboration with WHO was proposed by S. Mandil.

Reports from other WG were also discussed :

- WG 5 Primary care - G.M. Hayes
- WG 7 Biomedical Patterns Recognition - J. Van Bommel
- WG 8 Nursing Informatics - K. Hannah

- WG 9 Developing countries - O. Rienhoff
- WG 10 Hospital Informations Systems - A. Bakker
- WG 11 Dental Informatics - J.J. Salley
- WG 12 (new) ? Pharmacists and Pharmacologists

(with multidisciplinary aspects) : a liaison officer : M. Ball was appointed in order to investigate the aims of a possible WG 12.

. Mrs. E. Pluyter Wenting has been appointed as new chairman of WG8. Exchanges of information with the EFMI-WG on nursing are planned.

. Extra copies of Proceedings of Conferences were made with IMIA benefits for developing countries.

. Each WG could have other names of representatives coming from other countries. These Representatives should submit their candidacy through the national societies.

15 - Working Conferences

15.1 Past Working Conferences

The Conference in Georgia (April 1990) was a great success and *Pr Vasadze* must be very much thanked.

The Conference in Brighton (April 1990), very well organized by *Dr G. Hayes* permitted the reactivation of WG5.

15.2 Future Working Conferences

"Medical Informatics and Medical Education " September 90.
Zvarova reported that it will be an open three days conference with 89 lectures and 70 posters and an expected attendance of about 150 participants.

Other working conferences are developing very well :

"Nursing Informatics" (Melbourne, April 90)

"Technology Assessment" (Montpellier, October 90)

"Software Engineering in Medical Informatics" (Amsterdam, October 90)

"Telematics in Medicine" (Rotterdam, November 90)

16 - Future Meetings

16.1 Board Meeting March (22-24), 1991, Bordeaux (France)

16.2 AGM November 15-16, 1991, Washington (USA)

16.3 Board Meeting Spring 1992, may be in Cuba

16.4 AGM September 1992, Geneva (preceding MEDINFO)

17 - OTHER MATTERS

S. Mandil proposed IMIA to join WHO in a consultation within the area of evaluation of software in health care.

O. Rienhoff expressed the fact it is the last AGM with two german representatives and offered Berlin to host MEDINFO in 1998 or 2001.

18 - Closure

J. L. Willems thanked once more *Dr. J. Bryden* and closed the meeting at 7 p.m.