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Dear Mr. President!

We consider it necessary to inform you of the creation in the USSR, on the USSR Academy of Sciences initiative, of the All-Union Association of the Organizations of the Health services informatics systems designers, manufacturers and users. The creation of the Association is supported by the USSR Supreme Soviet Committee on people's health protection. The Association is created by the Agreement on the Association that is signed among the USSR Academy of Sciences, the USSR Medical Sciences Academy and a number of ministries and departments of the USSR.

The main task of the Association is complex solution of the state health service information problems, including development of scientific, technical, organizational and economical conditions for its realization, and the introduction of the health service informatics systems.

Having acquainted with the available documents on the activity of the IMIA we believe that the possibility of co-operation and partnership is of a certain mutual interest.

Mr. President, for more detailed information concerning the activity of the Association and the problems it is to solve I send the Association constituent documents. We hope that these materials will be of great interest for you in terms of a possible further co-operation and the Association entry into the IMIA.

In the case of the positive decision we ask you to inform us about the conditions and the procedure of the new members' entry into the Association you are at the head of which.

Yours sincerely
O. Lochmel
General director of the All-Union Association of the Organizations of the Health services informatics systems designers, manufacturers and users

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Dear Dr. Lochmel,

I have well received your letter and the Statutes of the All-Union Association of the Organizations of the Health Service Information Systems Designers, Makers and Users.

I am quite pleased with the establishment of this Medical Informatics Association in your country, and will submit your documents and application to the Membership Committee and the Board of IMIA. The next IMIA Board Meeting is scheduled for March 20-22nd, 1991 in Bordeaux, France and the General Assembly in November 1991 in Washington D.C. Your applications has to be approved by the General Assembly.

Prof. Dr. F.H. Roger, who is chairman of the Membership Committee will in the coming months try to obtain some further information on the number and background of the members of your organization, on your planned activities and contacts with other organizations in different Republics of the USSR.

In the mean time, I wish you success with your organization and hope that the Board and General Assembly will open up the way for a possible membership of your organization with IMIA. Hereby enclosed I am sending you a copy of the Statutes of IMIA.

Yours Sincerely,

Prof. Dr. J.L. Willems  
President of IMIA

cc. Prof. Dr. F.H. Roger-France, Chairman of the IMIA Membership Cee  
Dr. Marion Ball, President-Elect of IMIA  
Prof. Dr. S. Kaihara, Past-President of IMIA  
Prof. Dr. R. Salamon, Secretary of IMIA
Dear Dr. Lochmel,

During its meeting in Bordeaux March 21-23, 1991 the Board of IMIA has decided to wait for the time being with granting Membership for your organization as long as the following questions have not been resolved.

1. What "Medical Informatics Organizations" do exist in the USSR and which organization or organizations will best represent the Medical Informatics field in your country?

2. Do we admit one or more organizations for your country?

The Board has asked the Membership Committee for further exploration to solve these questions.

Sincerely,

Your,

Prof. Dr. J.L. Willems
President of IMIA

c.c. Prof. Dr. F.H. Roger
     Prof. Dr. R. O’Moore

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Dear Rory,

Please find herewith a letter from Dr. O. Lochmel from Moscow, in relation to VASIZ.

This all union association groups "a number" of medical informatics systems designers and manufactures in USSR (in ministries, research units and some users organisations).

It remains difficult to assess its representativity, as well as its relations with other organisations in USSR.

Sincerely,

[Signature]

cc: Prof. J.L. Willems
May I suggest that you contact by phone participants from USSR who attended MIE90 meeting in Glasgow as well as Prof. O.P. Shepin or Dr. Vladimir Boyiadjan from the Semashko Institute of the Ministry of Public Health (National Institute for Social Hygiene, Economics and Management of Public Health, phone: 7 095 2114700 - fax: 7 095 2115310) in order to have their opinion?

They might provide some more information on the present situation of medical informatics in USSR.

My advice would be to obtain a clear description of the different groups in USSR before taking any decision of membership.

With my best regards.

Yours sincerely,

Prof. F.H. Roger
Past Chairman of the Membership Cttee of IMIA
To Prof., Dr. Roger F.H.
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the Chairmen of the
Membership Committee
in the IMIA

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Dear Professor Roger!

I express my sincere thanks for the letter IMIA/EC/jw/jt/90-575/, in which you inform about the consent to consider the question of membership of the All-Union Association of the Organizations of the Health services informatics systems designers, manufacturers and users (VASIZ) in the IMIA at the meeting of the Board and at the General Meeting of the IMIA.

In addition I let you know the information about VASIZ you are interested in. The members of the VASIZ are a number of the medical informatics systems designers and manufacturers of different ministries and departments (for example, Central research-and-production association "EKOR", Research-and-production association "Fazotron" and others) and of the user's organizations (for example, Medical institute, Kazan; Moscow Regional Hospital for war invalids).

The question of membership of leading organizations on medical informatics of Union Republics such as Republican date-processing centres of the Ministry of Public Health of the RSFSR, Armenia, Estonia and others in VASIZ is on the stage of co-ordination. It is planned to build the System of VASIZ's territorial and regional branches in the country. The branches have been built and are working in Rjazan (RSFSR, in all - 6 organizations), Kazan (Tatarstan, in all - 3 organizations), the branch is building in Krasnoyarsk (Siberia).

I offer apologies for delayed answer to the IMIA letter.

Yours sincerely,

General Director Lochmel
Dear Sirs,

Recently, a society named "Romanian Society for Clinical Engineering & Medical Computing" was founded in Bucharest, the status of which is exclusively professional, nongovernmental and autonomous; the new activities and ideas developed by this society are shown in a publication of its own.

Our society aims at the encouragement of interdisciplinary research in the field of medical engineering, based on computing techniques and informatics, for the development of new methods, techniques, devices and systems with a view to improve the quality of curative and prophylactic medical activity.

The members of our society are researches, physicians, engineers, physicists, specialists in informatics, as well as other professionals dealing in the domain of prophylactic medicine and treatment; at the same time, we welcome other socio-professional categories, interested in clinical engineering and computer aided medicine.

At this moment when we are launching our society, we would welcome any kind of help from homologous societies: documentation on how similar bio-medical engineering and computer aided medicine societies in your countries are organized, informations regarding forms of possible cooperation between our society and yours, as well as certain material help.

We are pleased to consider this as a beginning of our cooperations.

Sincerely Yours,

Simion Pruna, MSEE,
President Previsional Committee
ANNONCE PRELIMINAIRE

Nous avons le plaisir de vous inviter au

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Avec participation internationale

(MEDINF '91)

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THEMES:
1. Tendances actuelles dans l'informatique médicale.
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(Table ronde, démonstrations)

Si vous consentez de participer à notre symposium, vous êtes prié d'envoyer les titres, auteurs et résumés de vos travaux jusqu'au 30 juin 1991.

Les sujets acceptés pour la table ronde seront parmi les suivants:
- Gestion de données ophthalmo-logiques, bibliographiques et des dispensaires.
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Nous espérons bien pouvoir vous accueillir à Brasov.

Le Comité d'Organisation,

Dr. Vasile CRISTINA
Dear Dr. Kyprianou,

Through Dr. Marion Ball and a representative from the Gerber Alley Company, I heard that you are interested in the activities of IMIA and that you eventually want to become a contact person for your country to IMIA.

Hereby enclosed you will find an IMIA Bulletin with the objectives and structure of IMIA, as well as with the names and addresses of the people involved in IMIA.

Only national Societies can become Member of IMIA. I do not know whether a National Medical Informatics Group already exists in Cyprus. However, also interested individuals can become observer for their country to IMIA.

If you are interested to become an observer you should send your Curriculum Vitae and publication list, together with a description of the state of activities in Medical Informatics in your country and a motivation of your application to the Chairman of the Membership Cee which currently is Prof. Dr. R. O'Moore, Irish Computer Society, P.O. Box 795, St. James's Street, Dublin 8 EIRE. The Membership Committee and the Board of IMIA has to approve your candidacy. They will meet in November in Washington DC.

Looking forward to your reply, I remain,

Sincerely Yours,

Prof. Dr. J.L. Willems
President of IMIA

c.c. Prof. Dr. R. O'Moore, Chairman Membership Cee
Dr. Marion Ball, President-Elect of IMIA
Dear Jossa,

I should to inform you as the President of IMIA about the nowadays trends in the field of medical informatics in Czechoslovakia. After the positive changes made in November 1990, the centrally directed institutions as well as scientific societies have started to change their status. Some of them nearly totally fail down (e.g. Czechoslovak Scientific and Technical Society), some of them has started to adapt to new conditions and change slowly their structure (Czechoslovak Association of Medical Societies).

Czechoslovak Association of Medical Societies is composed from more than 60 scientific societies, one of them is Czechoslovak Society for Biomedical Engineering. As you know before November, each international scientific activity of any society should be approved not only by the Board of the Czechoslovak Association of Medical Societies but also by different state authorities according to given rules. Therefore it happened that the center has not wanted to loose any of its possibility connected with the regulations of the Societies' activities and the Societies wanted to receive more rights to solve problems by themselves. Therefore, many discussions about competencies have arisen and up to now the rights and possibilities of societies are not clear. Therefore we have decided to establish a new association that could work more independently and moreover stress the methodological field of medical informatics much more than technical one. The new association is called Czechoslovak Association for Medical Informatics and System Science and their relationship with the Czechoslovak Society of Biomedical Engineering is very closed. It leads to cooperation in organizing different scientific lectures and seminars as well as forthcoming conferences, e.g. SSHC 92 Conference in Prague. However, this conference is devoted mainly to narrow topic on Health Systems, that should be important especially for my country.
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28 July, '91

Please be advice that we shell not be renewing our membership in your association since IPA is not active in this field.

Sincerely yours

Ruth Kupperman
IPA secretary

Geneva: 9.8.91

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