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Dear Professor Adamic,

The application of Slovenian Society for Medical Informatics for Membership in IMIA has been discussed during the IMIA Board Meeting, which was held in Vancouver, April 30th - May 1st, 1992.

The Board is very positive towards your application. Since Slovenia and also Croatia have recently become Members of the United Nations, and since your application has been judged positively by the Membership Committee the conditions for acceptance as a new member in IMIA are satisfied.

Your application will therefore be submitted up for voting during the Annual General Meeting which will take place on September, 5th just preceding MEDINFO in Geneva.

I look forward to the entry of SSMI into the IMIA family and wish you and all the members of your Society all the best.

Sincerely Yours,

Prof. Dr. Jos L. Willems
President of IMIA

cc.: M. Ball, President-Elect IMIA
R. O'Moore, Chairman Membership Cee
B. Solheim, Secretary IMIA
A. Bakker, Treasurer IMIA
S. Bengtson, President of EFMI

J. L. Willems  President  B  1989 - 1992
S. Kalhara  Past President  J  1989 - 1992
M. J. Ball  President Elect  USA  1989 - 1992
R. O' Moore  Vice-President (EFMI)  IRL  1991 - 1992
V. Yacubsohn  Vice-President (IMIA-LAC)  A  1989 - 1992

B. G. Solheim  Secretary  N  1991 - 1994
A. R. Bakker  Treasurer  NL  1989 - 1992
J. R. Scherrer  Trustee  CH  1988 - 1994
Dear Prof. Willems,

referring to my letter of January 20, 1992 I am honoured to reapply in the name of the Croatian Society for Medical Informatics (CSMI) again for full IMIA membership. The reason why I am doing it lies in the fact that Croatia became now member of the United Nations and WHO, and that CSMI held its assembly on May 26, reconfirming fully the application from January. The new CSMI Statutes are enclosed for IMIA’s needs.

Although the war against Croatia did not finish fully, we hope that the end is visible, thanks to friends all over the world who helped to resolve the crisis of former Yugoslavia. Our worries are now about our colleagues in Bosnia and Herzegovia, from where we did not receive any information for long time.

On April 28 I sent a letter to Prof. van Bemmel in connection with data for IMIA Yearbook 1992. As I do not know whether you had contacts with him on the matters I raised in this letter, I am enclosing a copy of it because it explains all the problems connected with the membership of new countries constituted after the disappearance of former Yugoslavia.

In order to facilitate the spread of information necessary to accept new IMIA members, I am sending copies of this letter and all documents to Dr. Rory O’Moore, the Chairman of the Membership Committee for IMIA.

Hoping that CSMI will enter IMIA soon and that we will meet at MEDINFO 92, I wish to express my sincerest thanks to IMIA and to you personally for keeping contacts with us and helping to overcome the difficult days of disasters and horror. Any further help from IMIA’s side in our efforts to recover from war destructions would be accepted with gratitude.

Yours sincerely,

Gjuro Dezelic
President, Croatian Society for Medical Informatics
APPLICATION
for membership of the IMIA

The Croatian Society for Medical Informatics (CSMI) is a scientific and professional organization established on a voluntary basis to promote the activities in the development of medical informatics in the country as well as to represent these activities in the country and abroad.

The site of CSMI is in Zagreb, Croatia, with the address of the CSMI Secretariat: "Croatian Society for Medical Informatics, c/o KBC - Centar za informatiku, Salata 2, 41000 ZAGREB, Croatia". The address of the CSMI President is: "Croatian Society for Medical Informatics, c/o Andrija Stampar School of Public Health, Medical School, University of Zagreb, Rockefellerova 4, 41000 Zagreb, Croatia, P.O.B. 770".

The main activity of CSMI is to stimulate and coordinate the activities of its members in the development of medical informatics in the country and to support international cooperation in the field of medical informatics. CSMI especially:
- aims to stimulate the member activities in promotion of health care, medical profession, science and education by using medical informatics methods and computer technology;
- organizes scientific and professional conferences, meetings, courses and exhibitions in medical informatics and collaborates in such activities with related organizations both in the country and abroad;
- publishes professional and scientific medical informatics publications;
- develops professional and scientific contacts with related societies and associations at international level.

CSMI has now about 100 members - physicians and other health care personnel, teachers and scientists working or being interested in medical informatics.
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The statutes of CSMI acknowledge fully the principles of IMIA and EFMI showing the unanimous determination of its members to join the international medical informatics community and to promote these principles both at home and abroad. CSMI is representative of the national activities in the field of medical informatics in Croatia, thus fully qualified to be a Full Member of IMIA.

With reference to the fact that Croatia during May and June became a full member of the United Nations and the World Health Organization, we would kindly ask IMIA to accept our application for a full membership. We, therefore, repeat our application from January 20, 1992.

Zagreb, June 8, 1992

Gjuro Dezelic
President,
Croatian Society for Medical Informatics
Dear Professor Dezelic,

The application of Croatian Society for Medical Informatics for Membership in IMIA has been discussed during the IMIA Board Meeting, which was held in Vancouver, April 30th - May 1st, 1992.

The Board is very positive towards your application. Since Croatia and also Slovenia have recently become Members of the United Nations, and since your application has been judged positively by the Membership Committee the conditions for acceptance as a new member in IMIA are satisfied.

Your application will therefore be submitted up for voting during the Annual General Meeting which will take place on September, 5th just preceding MEDINFO in Geneva.

I look forward to the entry of CSMI into the IMIA family and wish you and all the members of your Society all the best.

Sincerely Yours,

Prof. Jos L. Willems
President of IMIA

cc.: M. Ball, President-Elect IMIA
     R. O'Moore, Chairman Membership Cee
     B. Solheim, Secretary IMIA
     A. Bakker, Treasurer IMIA
     S. Bengtson, President of EFMI
Dear Dr. Reichert,

Your letter to Dr. Hans Peterson dated January 21st, 1992 concerning the application of the Israel Association for Medical Informatics for Membership in IMIA has been discussed during the Board Meeting of IMIA, which was held in Vancouver, April 30th - May 1st, 1992.

The Board was very positive towards your application and will advise the General Assembly of IMIA to accept your candidacy. Voting in the AGM will take place in Geneva on September 5th, 1992 just preceding MEDINFO.

In the meantime, I hope that you can solve the question of the standing fees with our Treasurer Prof. dr. ir. A. Bakker, Director of BAZIS, Schipholweg 97, 2316 XA Leiden, The Netherlands, Tel. 31-71-256789, Fax. 31-71-216675.

The Board also reacted very positive for having its Spring Meeting next year in Jerusalem, i.e. on April 17th just preceding the 11th European Medical Informatics Conference. The acceptance of this proposal of course depends on the clearance of the Membership issue.

I look forwards to meeting you in Geneva.

Sincerely Yours,

Prof. Dr. Jos L. WILLEMS
President of IMIA

cc.: M. Ball, President-Elect IMIA
      R. O'Moore, Chairman Membership Cee
      B. Solheim, Secretary IMIA
      A. Bakker, Treasurer IMIA
      S. Bengtson, President of EFMI
Dear Mr Assa Reichert,

I have well received your application for membership of IMIA and will send it to the chairman of our membership committee which is Dr Rory o'Moore whom you know well from your work in EFMI. He will probably come back to you for some more information about your Association before he can propose your Association as a member of IMIA to the Annual General Meeting.

Looking forward to having you as a member and to meet with you soon.

Yours sincerely,

Hans Peterson

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Dear Rory,

I hereby forward to you as chairman of the membership committee an application from Israel. I hope that you can handle this so it can be decided upon in Geneva.

I send copies of these letters to Jos Willems and Marion Ball.

All the best,

Yours sincerely,

Hans Peterson
Jan. 21, 1992

Prof. Hans Peterson
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Dear prof. Peterson,

The Israel association for medical informatics that was established in 1970, includes now 740 members from all disciplines of medical information and computerization aspects.

The association that had gained the recognition of the Israeli Ministry of Health, conducts many activities aimed to deliver knowledge and information to its members, as well as to promote the involvement of Medical Informatics in the healthcare system in Israel.

Due to this reason, the activity of the Medical Group in the Information Processing Association in Israel had stopped and most of the people of this group are now active members in our association. That is why the Information Processing Association of Israel withdrew its membership from IMIA.

We are full members of EFMI since 1987 and we would like to apply now for the membership of IMIA.

The membership in IMIA is now of vital importance for us, due to the MIE 93, which will take place in Jerusalem.

Sincerely Yours,

Assa Reichert
Chairman of EFMI

P.S.: For easy and fast communication, please use my business address:
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28 July, 1991

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Switzerland

Please be advised that we shall 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

[Handwritten note:]

to Prof. J. L. Williams, Pres.
R. Sabanai, Sec.
A. K. Baker, Treas.
J. R. Schauer, IMIA - IFIP Liaison
A. Neve, IFIP - IMIA Liaison
Professor Costas Pappas  
President Greek Society of Medical Informatics  
Aristotelian University of Thessaloniki  
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Dear Prof. Pappas,

A Proposed Greek Application to Join IMIA

I am writing to put down on paper my suggestions for your approach to IMIA in case they may be helpful to you in finding a constructive way forward. I will, also, copy my letter to Prof. Jos Willems the IMIA President so that he can assist you in presenting an application for IMIA membership. I am, of course, writing from memory as I no longer have the latest IMIA information since I finished my term as IMIA Vice President (Europe) nor do I any longer do I have the latest EFMI information. If there are any factual errors in my understanding, I am sure that they will be swiftly corrected by my colleagues but I believe that my general approach is valid.

Both IMIA & EFMI seek to achieve the most appropriate and representative organisation from each country. It should represent the whole spectrum of Medical Informatics from the medical doctors, nurses, para-medics, dentists, health care managers, computer and operational researchers concerned with health care activities. This can be a difficult matter and it changes with time. I forget which of your societies is the EFMI member but in any case I see no objection in adopting your suggestion of setting up a federation of the four societies to become the IMIA member. It is no business of either IMIA or EFMI to tell any country how to run their affairs, they simply need to find the best way of contacting the medical informatics community in that country when medical informatics is treated in its widest sense.

I am sending you a copy of the latest IMIA regulations with some examples of recent EFMI congress programmes for information - the Medinfo congress is a much larger matter but you will have the chance to participate in September.
have, also, compiled a short report to the President in order to get things moving. I hope you think that it adequately reflects our discussions.

I suggest that you proceed as follows:-

1 Advise the IMIA President, Jos Willems that Greece would like to apply for membership of IMIA as soon as possible and ask if he could advise how to approach this.

2 Discuss this with Dr Filoktitis Salaminios who represents EFMI to agree a sensible Greek approach and secure EFMI support for the way you wish to proceed [EFMI Council meets on the Saturday before MEDINFO in Geneva at the same time as the IMIA AGM - the IMIA Board meets the day before on the Friday]. You should write to Stellan Bengtsson, the EFMI President to secure his support and to Dr Rory O'Moore, the IMIA Vice-President [Europe] who will be at the IMIA BOARD meeting.

3 Set up your own arrangements within Greece and explain how you have done this so that it is all clear to EFMI & IMIA.

4 If you tell everyone what you are trying to do and seek their support, I think that it will all work out as you wish.

5 Explore with Stellan when you might be able to host a European [EFMI] congress. I suspect that 1997 or 1999 might be possible. Think about it and, if it seems feasible, make a bid at the next EFMI Council to show that Greece is serious about things and wants this to be recognised! It is certainly time for us to come to southern Europe!!!

6 Think of a meeting or conference that you would like to run, examine the financial and organisational arrangements to make sure that you can cope with them and ask for IMIA support to set it all up under the IMIA banner as a working conference. A working conference on a topic that would be of interest to your colleagues and work it up with one of the chairmen of the working groups. I am trying to get a Data Protection meeting going but it looks as if it might settle in The Netherlands nut, in any case, I do not think that this topic would as interesting as you need for a first IMIA working conference.

I hope that these comments may be helpful but please contact me if there is anything that I can do to help. I enjoyed my meeting in Thessaloniki but I hope that I shall be able to stay longer in your part of the country next I visit. This visit was fitted into a tight schedule at short notice but I shall have slightly longer in Samos when I go there for an AIM SEISMED meeting in June!
Warmest Greetings to yourself and to all of your colleagues,

Yours,

Barry

cc Jos Willems, IMIA President
Rory O'Moore, IMIA Vice President (Europe)
Prof Ab Bakker, IMIA Treasurer
Stellan Bengtsson, EFMI President
Filoktitis Salaminios, Greek, EFMI Representative
Prof George Pangalos
Prof Sokratis Katsikas
Prof Dimitris Gritzalis
To Dr. Valerio YACUBSOHN  
President IMIA-LAC  
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Dear Valerio,

We missed you at the Board Meeting in Vancouver. From Roger Salamon and also from Daniel Sigulem I heard that the IMIA-LAC Conference in La Habana was a big success.

We heard that Armando Rosales from Cuba will succeed you as President and that Dr. Espinosa from Mexico will become the new secretary of IMIA-LAC. When will these changes come into effect?

Valerio, I would also like to know whether you have more information on the candidacy of Chile for becoming Member of IMIA. We have received sofar no further news from the Chileans.

I hope to receive your reply as soon as possible and look forwards to seeing you in Geneva.

Sincerely Yours,

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cc. : Marion Ball, President-Elect  
Bjarte Solheim, Secretary of IMIA
Sr/sra, encontré adjunto información sobre IMIA-Chile.

Atentamente,

Lic. Valerio J. Yacubsohn

Asociación Internacional de Informática Médica
Buenos Aires, Argentina
CONSTITUCION IMIA-CHILE

Se constituyó el capítulo chileno de IMIA-CHILE y se eligió:

Presidente: Dr Alfredo Yanez
Secretario: Dr Carlo Paolinelli
Tesorero: Dr Daniel Galdames

El Dr Gastón Oxman, asesor regional en informática de la OPS, participó en la constitución y es miembro del grupo. Además, servirá de contacto internacional, para diferentes actividades futuras.

Dirección: Hospital Jose Joaquin Aguirre
Santos Dumont 999
Santiago, Chile

JOS:

I THINK THAT IT IS NOT A PROPER NAME.

BUT IT IS THE INTENTION. I HAVE RECEIVED THIS FAX THREE DAYS AGO, AND I SUPPOSE I WILL HAVE BETTER INFORMATION IN THE NEAR FUTURE.

Valeaxo
Dear Dr. Badran,

I hereby acknowledge receipt of your letter dated, September 28th 1991. I am pleased with the establishment of the Egyptian Society for Health Informatics (ESHI). Although it is not explicitly stated in your letter, I presume that ESHI wants to become a Member of the International Medical Informatics Association (IMIA). Currently, Dr. Ahmed F. Seif El Nasr is correspondent for Egypt in IMIA. He is Director of the Center of Technology in Medical Education and his address is 21, Abd al Aziz al Saud Rhoda in Cairo.

I will transmit your letter to Prof. R. O’Moore who is Chairman of the Membership Committee of IMIA and I will submit your application for discussion at our next Board Meeting, which will be held in Washington, DC November 15-16th, 1991.

I am also pleased with your offer to host the Board Meeting in the Spring of 1993. This too, of course, needs to be approved by the Board.

I will let you know the result of our deliberations as soon as possible.

Sincerely Yours,

Prof. Dr. Jos L. WILLEMS
President, IMIA

cc: Prof. Dr. R. O’Moore, Chairman Membership Cee
Dr. M. Ball, President Elect IMIA
Prof. Dr. R. Salamon, Secretary IMIA
Dr. Salah Mandil, WHO
Dear Dr. Williams:

We did establish a new society, in Egypt. Our sponsored name is "Egyptian Society for Health Informatics (ESHI)". We would like you to consider the membership of ESHI in your IMIA organization. Dr. Salah Mandil, the WHO (Director-Advisor on Informatics) visited us and he is well informed with our objectives and the society members.

We would like to welcome IMIA 1993 Board meeting to be held in Cairo, Egypt. If you accept this idea, which we hope, please inform us so we can arrange on IMIA's behalf the necessary details. Also, we are thinking of organizing a Medical Informatics Workshop to be held during IMIA's board of directors visit to Cairo. Our idea is based on the valuable contribution we can get from you and your eminent team, and it is useful for our local members to take advice and to exchange ideas and opinions, in organizing ESHI's activities.

Thank you very much for your cooperation.

Dr. Ibrahim G. Badran, President
Egyptian Society of Health Informatics (ESHI)
c/o ENSTINET
101 Kasr Al-Ainy Street,
Cairo, EGYPT.

cc. Dr. S. Mandil
Dear George,

I have well received your letter dated November 4th, 1991. It pleased me to hear that the Romanian Society of Medical Informatics was recently founded and that teaching of this field has become compulsory in almost all medical schools in Romania. In addition, I want to congratulate you for the award you received for your textbook on "Medical Informatics".

I have transmitted a copy of your letter to Prof. Dr. R. O'Moore, who at present is Chairman of the Membership of IMIA. The financial implications for Membership is 393 Swiss Franc when your country is accepted under rate D. For the first year the Membership Fee could still consider level E, for which the fee is at present 157 Swiss Franc (see IMIA Information Bulletin 1991, a copy of which is hereby enclosed).

You should write to the President or the Secretary of EFMI to obtain the financial conditions for Membership in EFMI.

Sincerely Yours,

Prof. Dr. Jos L. Willems
President, IMIA

cc.: Prof. Dr. R. O'Moore, Chairman Membership Cee
     Prof. Dr. B. Solheim, Secretary IMIA (as of Nov. 1991)
Dear dr. Willems,

I have just received the "Agenda and Discussion Documents". The documents show a large amount of work performed by IMIA leaders, so let me start my letter by congratulating you and your colleagues for your effort. Unfortunately, the probability that I could come is very small so I would greatly appreciate if you can inform the General Assembly about some important news in Romanian Medical Informatics:

1. A society named "Romanian Society of Medical Informatics" has recently been founded. It will have its first General Assembly in Brasov at November 8, 1991, connected with our XIV-th National Symposium of Medical Informatics. The possibilities of joining IMIA and/or EFMI will be discussed. We know about the "Romanian Society for Clinical Engineering and Medical Computing" and we had contacted eng. Simion Pruna in order to cooperate; I also informed him about IFMBE.

2. Medical Informatics has become compulsory in almost all medical schools in Romania so we have started a good cooperation between medical informatics departments of the medical universities within the Working Group on Medical Informatics Education of the Romanian Academy.

3. The Superior Commission of Diplomas has recently approved Medical Informatics as a discipline with doctoral level. Prof. Mihalas was attested as coordinator in this field. An exchange program or an invitation as a visiting professor would be welcome now.

4. Finally, we are proud to inform you that our textbook of "Medical Informatics", Ed.Medicala, Bucharest, 1988 (presented in MI Newsletter vol.14, nol, p.4) was awarded prize of Romanian Academy.

Concerning statement no.1, we would like to know the financial features connected with the affiliation to IMIA and EFMI.

Concerning statement no.3, I was suggested to apply for support under the TEMPUS Scheme for academic year 1992/1993. I would greatly appreciate your opinion and your suggestions in the line.

Looking forward to hearing of you,

Sincerely yours,

George Mihalas
Dear Ab:

GDR IMIA membership ended with German unification in 1990. The GDR Society of Biomedical Engineering and Information Processing has gone out of existence, and some of its members have joined GMDS (German Society of Medical Documentation, Informatics and Statistics).

As you know, the GDR member of IMIA used to pay its annual membership fees of 750.-- GDR Marks into an account of the former GDR State Bank in favour of IMIA. All bank accounts were devaluated 2:1, i.e. halved, by the 1990 monetary union. We have closed the account, as agreed before, and have transferred to the IMIA account 960.-- DM (less bank service charges). You will find, enclosed to this letter, copies of the account closing and transfer instructions and bank statements since 1989. Earlier statements should be in the files of John Flint.

This actually closes another, somewhat smaller chapter of IMIA history.

Yours sincerely,

[Signature]

Dr. J. Michel
Trustee of IMIA
Gesellschaft für Biomedizinische Technik
und Informationsverarbeitung
Sektion Automatisierte Informationsverarbeitung

An die
BERLINER STADTBANK AG
Behrenstr. 37
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Berlin, den 12. 11. 1991
Auflösung des Kontos Nr. 4363281400

Hiermit bitten wir um Auflösung des o.g. Kontos zum nächstmöglichen Zeitpunkt.

Bitte überweisen Sie den nach Abzug noch etwaig ausstehender Gebühren verbleibenden Betrag auf folgendes Konto:

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Mit freundlichen Grüßen,

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