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The International Medical Informatics Association, formally a Special Interest Group of the International Federation for Information Processing (IFIP) was in 1989 transformed into an IFIP Affiliate Member, and is now an apolitical independent international organization. The Association was established in 1978 to serve the specific needs in the application of information science and information technology in the fields of health care and biomedical research. This field is also referred to as Medical Informatics.

The basic aims of the Association are:
- to promote informatics in health care and biomedical research;
- to advance international cooperation;
- to stimulate research, development and routine application;
- to further the dissemination and exchange of information;
- to encourage education and responsible behavior; and
- to represent the Medical and Health Informatics field with the World Health Organization and any other relevant professional or governmental organization.

The business language of IMIA is English.

IMIA has National and Institutional Membership. One society or a group of societies or an appropriate body which is representative of the national activities within the field of Medical Informatics, may become National Member of IMIA. Universities, medical centers, professional organizations as well as vendors may become Institutional Members.

The Association is governed by an Annual General Assembly, which meets once every year and consists of one representative from each National Member. Institutional members are invited to the Annual General Meeting, where a one day session addresses their particular interests.

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IMIA also has the status of a Non-governmental Organization (NGO) with special relations to the World Health Organization (WHO).

IMIA is entrusted with the organization and conduct of the triennial World Congress on Medical Informatics - better known as MEDINFO.