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Dear Jean-Raoul,

thank you for your letter from July 13th. Daniel Sigulem never received books or newsletter for redistribution. All books from the IMIA book literature program as well as all newsletters have always been directly sent out from Germany.

Regarding the literature support program, I already told Marion unofficially that my last activity from Marburg resulted in five parcels coming back from overseas because colleagues have either not accepted them or have not received appropriate information. The situation was extremely annoying, as we had to pay the transportation cost both ways without any result. I have therefore decided to give up the literature support program and have delivered the books which I had available to various institutions in former East Germany.

Regarding working group 9, I strongly recommend to scrap the working group and to establish a special interest group (SIG) with the only intention to do what we have been doing so successfully during the first years of the working group: arranged specialised workshops and meetings on all regional and international conferences which IMIA is supporting (MEDINFO, IMIALAC, EFMI, etc.).

In Germany, I found out that professor Prokosch who recently got an associate professorship at the university of Münster would be very interested to serve in such a SIG. However, due to his professional situation he is now not able to organise the SIG. For this purpose, we should try to find a colleague from one of the developing countries - if possible from the HELINA circles.

Kindest regards,

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