

**International Medical Informatics Association**  
**Organizational Impacts of Informatics**  
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There is a growing interest in the organizational and people aspects of health informatics systems worldwide. For example, there is now an Organizational Issues Working Group as part of the Netherlands Informatics Association, and the European Federation of Health Informatics has formally adopted a working group on organizational issues. Thirty-five people have expressed an interest in this area of work and several have volunteered to help establish the European-based working group.

Many people have expressed an interest in the IMIA Organizational Impacts of Medical Informatics Working Group. Since the group was created, post-MedInfo 1992, most of the discussions and communications about this Working Group have been through electronic means or through a small number of people who have identified themselves or who have been identified.

We envision MedInfo 1995 as a very significant milestone in the development of this Working Group. First, there is, for the first time in the history of MedInfo, an organizational development track. There are three sessions connected with the organizational development track. In addition, two meetings for the Working Group have been organized. One session will deal with organizing the Working Group more formally; the other will be for members of the Group to further elaborate and discuss the research needs and the contributions that this Working Group can make to the total health informatics initiative worldwide.

Post-MedInfo, a report detailing the direction of the Working Group will be presented to the IMIA Board.



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