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Dear Ab,

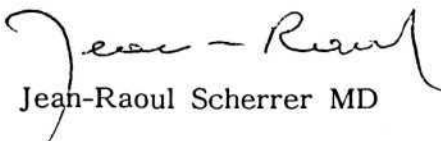
It was good to see you, if only fleetingly, two weeks ago in Maastricht, however, as usual there was no time to talk!

I was very pleased to get your letter dated May 15, 1995, regarding the future of the IMIA WG 15 as a joint IMIA / ISTAHC Working Group - you have summed up my concerns entirely. I feel slightly unhappy that I have not had the opportunity to talk at any length with Seymour Perry, however, he has delegated several tasks already to Elisabeth Van Gennip, who seems to have coped splendidly. She advised me last year that they were hoping to move into gear with a first workshop during MEDINFO 95 and were looking for funding.

While I endorse wholeheartedly your proposal concerning Elisabeth Van Gennip as the future Chair for IMIA WG 15, the immediate solution you suggest, as I understand, for a sharing of this IMIA WG Chair, between Drs. Van Gennip and Perry (meaning that we have effectively two Chairs for this IMIA WG) would I believe be unworkable. We must remember that the ISTAHC Working Group is becoming a kind of sub-group within IMIA WG 15 and, however, will have an increasing amount to offer on its own. Therefore, I propose talking to Seymour Perry and suggesting that, while Elisabeth Van Gennip takes over the Chair of the IMIA WG 15, we consider his ISTAHC Working Group as a special independent entity within IMIA WG 15 and include a separate paragraph on its activities in the 1996 IMIA Year Book, under the IMIA WG 15 section.

Wishing you all the very best and looking forward to having your input on the above in order to contact Seymour Perry next week. I hope I have more time to talk with you during MEDINFO 95!

With my very warmest regards,


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Dear Mrs. Horne:

Thank you for your fax of June 16, 1995.

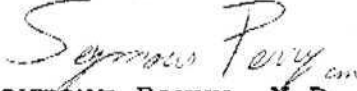
Unfortunately, I have nothing to report about IMIA Working Group 15. Originally, Dr. van Gennip and I had planned a working conference to precede the annual meeting earlier this month of the International Society of Technology Assessment in Health Care in Stockholm as well as a pre-conference session at the annual meeting. Unhappily, both had to be cancelled due to Dr. van Gennip's maternity leave.

Dr. van Gennip submitted an application for a CEC grant for a working conference but I do not know where it stands at the moment.

She will probably have more information.

As you probably are aware, I will not be attending MedInfo '95 since I have just returned from two weeks in Europe and I cannot justify being away again so soon.

With best regards.
Sincerely,


Seymour Perry, M.D., FACP
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cc: Dr. van Gennip

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Dear Jean-Raoul,

In reaction to your letter of June 7, I draw your attention to the fact that IMIA Workinggroup 15 is officially a workinggroup of the two societies IMIA and ISTAHC. So I do not share your idea that the ISTAHC workinggroup can be considered as a special independent entity within IMIA workinggroup 15, while the purpose of the initiated workinggroup was just to join forces.

So I repeat my suggestion to have in this special situation two chairmen; one from the side of IMIA (for which I suggest Elisabeth van Gennip) and one from the side of ISTAHC.

Perhaps you could ask Seymour Perry before the meeting about his feelings concerning such a solution.

Yours sincerely,

Ab Bakker