Dear IMIA Colleagues,

We are now preparing the 1996 IMIA Yearbook of Medical Informatics. Similar to the earlier Yearbooks, the 1996 Yearbook will be distributed worldwide in about 10,000 copies of over 500 pages. The title of the 1996 Yearbook will be: Integrated Workstations for Health Care. It will contain:

- Information on national societies, working groups, working conferences, board members, forthcoming events, etc. (see earlier Yearbooks),
- Review articles on the state-of-the-art in Medical Informatics,
- Articles, representing a selection of the best in medical informatics published during the preceding year,
- A section describing activities in postgraduate education and training in Medical Informatics, worldwide,
- A list of virtually all publications in the field of medical informatics, published worldwide in the English language, together with an Authors Index, and a Subject Index,
- So-called "yellow pages", describing products offered by industry.

The Yearbook will appear in the first half of August 1996 and will then be shipped to all participating Societies. In addition, it will be available at all major Medical Informatics Conferences in 1996, such as MIE 96, August 19-22, 1996 in Copenhagen, Denmark.

Please take action regarding the following points:

1. **Orders for 1996 Yearbook**
   Please return the enclosed form before December 31, 1995, indicating the amount of Yearbooks (minimum: 100) for your Society. As decided by IMIA, the cost per copy will be DM 16.--. For orders by societies within the European Union, this will be DM 16.-- + VAT.

2. **Addresses**
   To achieve uniformity we would like you to fill in the enclosed form. If your society has a home page on the World Wide Web please mention your URL.
3. **Background information**
   Since you are chair and/or representative of a National Society and/or Regional Organization, we would like to receive from you not later than **January 31, 1996**, a one to two-pages (i.e., about 250 to 500 words) description of your National Society and/or Regional Organization, its activities, names and addresses of key persons, published papers and/or books, foreseen conferences, etc.
   Enclosed you find a copy of the text which was published in the 1995 IMIA Yearbook. We would like you to update this text and send it to us by regular mail, fax (+31 10 436 2882) or E-mail (imia@mi.fgg.eur.nl).

4. **Suggested articles**
   Similar to the last years, all IMIA representatives are kindly requested to suggest **Refereed Articles** for the 1996 Yearbook. If an article that you want to propose is really outstanding, you may also submit such an article in another language than English. Then please send us the original article and a translated version plus original photographs. We would appreciate your action in this respect as early as possible. All article suggestions should be in our hands **not later than December 31st, 1995**, because of the reviewing process and the editorial work involved.

5. **Pictures**
   We would greatly appreciate to receive a photograph (passport format or larger, black-and-white) of the chairman of your national Society of Medical Informatics and/or Regional Organization, to be included in the 1996 Yearbook.

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