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**ASIA PACIFIC ASSOCIATION FOR MEDICAL INFORMATICS
(APAMI)**
(An International Medical Informatics Association Regional Group)

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The year 1995 has been another fruitful year for the Asia Pacific Association for Medical Informatics.

APAMI '97 Conference

Work has begun on the preparation of the next APAMI Conference which is scheduled to be held at the Darlington Harbour in Sydney from 9-13 August 1997, one year preceding MEDINFO 98. The APAMI Conference will be jointly hosted with the annual Australian Health Informatics Conference. The chairman of the Organising Committee for the Joint Conference is Dr Michael Kidd while the Scientific Programme Committee will be jointly chaired by Dr Takashi Takahashi of Japan and Dr Evelyn Hovenga of Australia. The Editorial Committee will comprise Dr Terry Hannan of Australia, Mr Ian Symmonds of New Zealand and Dr Sarah McGhee of Hong Kong. About 500 delegates are expected to attend the APAMI-HIC Joint Conference in Sydney.

At the last IMIA Board Meeting in Seoul in January 1996, in-principle approval had already been given by the Board to have the 1997 IMIA General Assembly in Sydney to coincide with the APAMI-HIC Joint Conference. The APAMI Executive Committee appreciates the Board's decision as a further sign of the strong endorsement of IMIA to the activities of the Asia Pacific regional group. By having the IMIA General Assembly in Sydney, we can also expect the joint APAMI-HIC Conference to benefit from the participation of medical informatics experts outside the Asia Pacific.

Thanks to the efforts of Dr Reinhold Haux of Germany, Chair of IMIA WG1 and Ms Wendy Swinkels of Australia, a WG1 working conference will be held at the University of Newcastle, Australia from 14-16 August 1997, immediately after the APAMI-HIC Joint Conference. This will enable delegates planning to attend the WG1 working conference to take part in the APAMI-HIC Joint Conference as well.

APAMI Website

At the APAMI Annual General Meeting held in Nagoya, Japan in November 1995, the APAMI Executive Committee endorsed the setting up of an APAMI Website to promote the activities of the Asia Pacific regional group. In addition, the website will also have links to websites hosted by APAMI national members as well as by IMIA and MEDINFO 98.

The APAMI Website will be hosted by the Association for Informatics in Medicine, Singapore (AIMS). Work on the website is in progress and should be ready for launching before the end of the year.

APAMI Special Issue in the IJBC

Fourteen outstanding papers from the APAMI Inaugural Conference held in Singapore in November 1994 were eventually published in a special issue of the International Journal of Biomedical Computing (IJBC issue 40, 1995). The guest editors of the special issue were Dr L G Goh and Dr K C Lun of Singapore.

APAMI AGM 1996

Negotiations are underway to have the 1996 APAMI AGM to be hosted by the Thai Medical Informatics Society in Bangkok in November/December. Arrangements are being made to have the AGM coincide with the national meeting of the TMIS so that the local meeting can benefit from the participation by APAMI members outside Thailand.

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