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IMIA General Assembly Copenhagen 1996

Report of the IMIA-LAC President

Activities from IMIA-LAC

1. Incorporation of IMIA-LAC by the Mexican right as an official organization according to the IMIA by-laws and keeping the same activities and integration to IMIA. The formulation of the final by-laws were delivered at Guadalajara, where 10 representatives from different countries agreed to incorporate and formalize. There is a compromise from those countries which are not members at the moment to formalize their organizations. 2. Several official visits have been undergone. a) April 1995 Colombia b) June 1995 Ecuador c) July 1995 IMIA-LAC-PAHO-Kellog Medical Informatics Seminar to attend MEDINFO with the participation of 11 countries and 18 representatives d) September 1995 1rst. National Med. Inf. Conference of the Chilenean Association at Vina del Mar e) November 1995 Seminar of the Argentinian groups of Med. Inf. in Buenos Aires at Hospitalar 95 f) March 1996 Visit to Ecuador to organize their 1rst. National Meeting by the end of the year g) June 1996 1rst. congress of CLARIS, a regional meeting of Medical Informatics. Formal discussion with members of the AAIM h) July 1996 formal contact with the Brazilian association

3. Activities on preparation

a) Incorporation of the Chilenean, Colombian, Ecuatorian Paraguayan associations for this year b) Integration of a Central-America Regional Organization. Today the Costaricensel and Guatemalcal association are incorporated but with low activities. c) Uruguay is trying to integrate its own Association. Foreseeable for next year.

4. A letter of intention to PAHO is going to be send after the IMIA Board Meeting asking for a major collaboration and support.

5. It is a suggested a better way to formalize linkages among the other Regions of IMIA.

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