Dear Jean Raoul:

First of all I have to thank you for your most encouraging letter on the activities of WG1. Attached please find the half year report requested as well as the list of WG1 members. As there have only been slight changes to my report prepared for the Yearbook of Medical Informatics 1996, I have taken this report and have added some additional comments at the beginning. I will bring 80 copies of this report to the next meeting of the General Assembly.

Please let me report about two other issues of WG1.

As you know, Wendy Swinkels and I were preparing a first proposal for a 6th IMIA WG1 conference on health and medical informatics education as satellite conference following the Health Informatics 97 Conference of HISA and APAMI on August 11-13 1997 at Sidney, Australia. We have the possibility to run the working conference at the Faculty of Medicine and Health Sciences in Newcastle, a lovely city about 100 miles north of Sidney. A proposal is also attached. It will be distributed on our next WG1 meeting on Monday, August 19th. A first SPC meeting is also planned on this Monday. I would like to report about this conference on the IMIA general assembly, preferably on Friday, as I cannot attend the assembly on Saturday. We got a lot of encouragement to prepare such a conference, besides from you e.g. from IMIA president Otto Rienhoff, IMIA past president Marion Ball and APAMI president K.C. Lun. As I had no other possibility to have the WG1 and the SPC meeting during MIE, it is my hope that we can have an approval by the general assembly afterwards.

The next topic is, that the name of IMIA WG1 (Information Science and Medical Education) does, in my opinion, no more fit appropriately to the objectives of WG1 (cf. the WG1 description for the Yearbook 96). I will discuss on the next WG1 meeting, whether we should propose to the IMIA General Assembly to rename WG1. My proposal for an appropriate name of WG1 is: Health and Medical Informatics Education. I also would like to raise this topic on the general assembly on Friday, depending on the votes of the WG1 members on our meeting on August 19th.

I am very much hoping that you as the WG1 representative of Switzerland will have the time to come to the WG1 meeting on August 19th. Otherwise I will meet you on Thursday, August 22nd, on the meeting of the IMIA working group and special interest group chairs and I will then ask for your advice.

I am very much looking forward to meet you at Copenhagen.

Yours sincerely,

[Signature]

Enclosures: half year report, WG1 member list, proposal for 6th WG1 conference
6th International Conference on
Health and Medical Informatics Education
Health and Medical Informatics Education: its Status and its Priorities for the Next Decade
August 14-16 1997 Newcastle Australia

CALL FOR PAPERS AND FIRST ANNOUNCEMENT

The International Medical Informatics Association, Working Group 1: Health and Medical Informatics Education (IMIA WG1), the Asian Pacific Association for Medical Informatics and Health Informatics Society of Australia as sponsoring bodies, hosted by the Faculty of Medicine and Health Sciences of the University of Newcastle, Australia, have pleasure in announcing an international conference on Health and Medical Informatics Education.

BACKGROUND


Health and medical informatics (HMI) education has become an integral part of education and training, e.g. for physicians, nurses and for administrators in the field of health care in a variety of countries all over the world. In addition there exist HMI courses for informatics students and even dedicated programs for specialists in HMI.

In accordance with the aims of IMIA, its Working Group 1 seeks to advance the knowledge of
- how informatics is taught in the education of health care professionals around the world,
- how in particular health and medical informatics is taught to students of computer science / informatics and
- how it is taught within dedicated curricula in health and medical informatics.
TOPICS OF THE CONFERENCE

The conference includes all aspects of health and medical informatics (HMI) education. It will especially focus on an international information exchange on courses and programs on HMI for health care professionals and will discuss international and national priorities for the next decade. Topics are, e.g.:
- HMI courses and programs for physicians
- HMI courses and programs for nurses
- HMI courses and programs for health care managers
- Programs and courses for specialists in HMI
- HMI courses and programs for informaticians / computer scientists
- Recommendations for HMI programs and courses
- Future priorities for HMI education
- New approaches and technologies for teaching HMI

TYPE OF CONFERENCE

In order to have sufficient time for discussion, the conference has been planned to consist of the following types of sessions:
- Plenary sessions with invited papers
- Paper sessions
- Working group discussions

The plenary sessions will provide an international overview of the state of HMI education, future trends and recommendations.

PUBLICATION

It is intended to publish the papers and the results of the working group discussions as special issue of the International Journal of Bio-Medical Computing.

LOCATION

The conference will be held from August 14 to August 16 at the David Maddison Building at the Royal Newcastle Hospital, Faculty of Medicine & Health Sciences, University of Newcastle, Newcastle, NSW, Australia.

RELATIONSHIP TO APAMI-HIC 97

The conference immediately follows APAMI-HIC 97 (Joint conference of the Asian Pacific Association for Medical Informatics and the Health Informatics Society of Australia).

Date: 9-13 August 1997
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TRAVEL FROM SYDNEY TO NEWCASTLE

Newcastle is approximately two hours from Sydney by road, three hours by rail and thirty minutes by air. There are direct flights to Newcastle from Sydney, Melbourne, Brisbane and Canberra. There are two regional airports in Newcastle. Both are approximately 30 km from the conference venue and hotels. The taxi fare from either airport will cost approximately $30 (Aus). There is a coach shuttle service to Newcastle from the domestic and international air terminals at Sydney. Cost is approximately $20 (Aus). A limousine which seats four can be hired for approximately $200 for the trip between Newcastle and Sydney.

Transport via coach will be arranged for those travelling directly from the APAMI-HIC 97 Conference to Newcastle for the 6th International Conference on Health and Medical Informatics Education.

ACCOMMODATION

Accommodation has to be organised by the participants. Please use the attached accommodation form. We recommend booking at least 3 months in advance.

LANGUAGE

The conference language will be English.

SOCIAL PROGRAM

An Official Reception will be held on the evening of Thursday 14th August. On Friday afternoon there will be a trip to the Hunter Valley Vineyards with wine tasting at the vineyards in the afternoon, and a dinner in the evening.

REGISTRATION FEES

((The regular registration fee will be approximately $250 Australian Dollars))

INSTRUCTIONS TO AUTHORS

Please send a 1-2 page abstract, which can be used for an abstract volume, to the chairperson of the scientific program committee. If accepted, please bring 3 copies of your full paper to the conference. Papers must be written according to the instructions to authors of the International Journal of Bio-Medical Computing. Accepted papers will be published in a special issue of this journal. All papers submitted will be refereed.

IMPORTANT DATES

January 15th, 1997 Deadline for submission of abstracts
March 1997 Notification of acceptance
April 1997 Second announcement, invitation to register
May 15th, 1997 Deadline for early registration
August 15th, 1997 Deadline for full papers
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Information about IMIA WG1 and about this Conference is available on the Internet. The URL of the WWW server for this Conference:

http://ix.urz.uni-heidelberg.de/~vl16/

In order to disseminate and exchange information on HHI programs and courses an IMIA WG1 world wide web server and a mailing list was installed at the University of Heidelberg. The URL of the WWW server:

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To subscribe to the IMIA WG1 mailing list, send mail to LISTSERV@LISTSERV.NET with the body of the message reading

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July 22, 1996

Dear Colleagues,

MIE 96 will take place next month in Copenhagen. As you know and as I wrote you in my letter from March 22nd, we have planned our 1996 meeting during MIE 96. We will meet on

- Monday, August 19th, 1996
- from 3pm to 4pm
- at the conference site of MIE 96 (SAS Falconer Centre).

A room has been reserved by the organizing committee of MIE 96.

The agenda, as suggested in my letter from March 22nd, is:

1. Introduction of the participants
2. Appointment of a recorder/secretary
3. Approval of the agenda
4. Minutes of the last meeting at MEDINFO 95 at Vancouver
5. IMIA WG1 WWW server, mailing list
   We should discuss the contents and structure of the server. Especially we should discuss the structure of the IMIA WG1 database on health and medical informatics programs and decide about further steps. We should also discuss, whether the 'call for participation' should be modified and whether it should be submitted to medical informatics journals.
6. IMIA WG1 working conference 1997 at Melbourne, Australia
   Wendy Swinkels and I are currently preparing a proposal for a working conference on health and medical informatics education as satellite conference, following the Health Informatics 97 Conference of HISA and APAMI on August 11-13 1997 at Sidney Australia. We would have the possibility to run the working conference at the Faculty of Medicine and Health Sciences in Newcastle, a lovely city about 100 miles north of Sidney. A proposal will be distributed on our meeting. In parallel I am also in contact with the IMIA board.
7. Name of IMIA WG1
   The name of IMIA WG1 (Information Science and Medical Education) does, in my opinion, no more fit appropriately to the objectives of WG1 (cf. the WG1 description for the Yearbook 96). I would like to discuss with you, whether we
should propose to the IMIA General Assembly to rename WG1. My proposal for an appropriate name (just to start the discussion) of WG1: Health and Medical Informatics Education.

8 Other activities
9 Other business

Please note, that immediately afterwards, from 4.10pm to 5.50pm, MIE 96-workshop 6 on education in health and medical informatics takes place. Details of this workshop can be found in the programme of MIE 96. All of you are also welcome to this meeting.

I am very much hoping to meet you in Copenhagen.

Yours sincerely,
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Dear Colleagues,

MIE 96 will take place next month in Copenhagen. As you know, we have planned a first meeting of the scientific programme committee for our 6th IMIA WG1 conference during MIE on
- Monday, August 19th, 1996
- from 6pm to approx. 7pm
- at the conference site of MIE 96 (SAS Falconer Centre).

A room has been reserved by the organizing committee of MIE 96.

Meanwhile the list of SPC members is complete and I am very happy that all of you have accepted to join the SPC and that many of you will be able to come to our first SPC meeting.

The proposed agenda is:
- Appointment of a recorder
- Approval of the agenda
- Topics of the conference/discussion of the suggested call for papers
- Conference location
- Conference structure
- Invited speakers
- Finances, other topics of the organizing committee
- Future activities, incl. time schedule
- Other business

Please note, that from 3pm to 4pm a meeting of IMIA WG1 is scheduled at the same place (but maybe in another room). Afterwards, from 4.10pm to 5.50pm, MIE 96-workshop 6 on education in health and medical informatics takes place. Details of this workshop can be found in the programme of MIE 96. All of you are also welcome to these two meetings.

Attached you find a proposal for the call for papers, that has been
prepared by Wendy Swinkels (chairperson of the organizing committee) and me. Wendy and are very much hoping to meet you in Copenhagen.

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IMIA
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Working Group 1: Health and Medical Informatics Education

APAMI
Asian Pacific Association for Medical Informatics

HISA
Health Informatics Society of Australia

University of Newcastle Faculty of Medicine and Health Sciences Australia

6th International Conference on Health and Medical Informatics Education
Health and Medical Informatics Education: its Status and its Priorities for the Next Decade
August 14-16 1997 Newcastle Australia

CALL FOR PAPERS AND FIRST ANNOUNCEMENT

The International Medical Informatics Association, Working Group 1: Health
and Medical Informatics Education (IMIA WG1), the Asian Pacific Association for Medical Informatics and Health Informatics Society of Australia as sponsoring bodies, hosted by the Faculty of Medicine and Health Sciences of the University of Newcastle, Australia, have pleasure in announcing an international conference on Health and Medical Informatics Education.

BACKGROUND


Health and medical informatics (HMI) education has become an integral part of education and training, e.g. for physicians, nurses and for administrators in the field of health care in a variety of countries all over the world. In addition there exist HMI courses for informatics students and even dedicated programs for specialists in HMI.

In accordance with the aims of IMIA, its Working Group 1 seeks to advance the knowledge of
- how informatics is taught in the education of health care professionals around the world,
- how in particular health and medical informatics is taught to students of computer science / informatics and
- how it is taught within dedicated curricula in health and medical informatics.

TOPICS OF THE CONFERENCE

The conference includes all aspects of health and medical informatics (HMI) education. It will especially focus on an international information exchange on courses and programs on HMI for health care professionals and will discuss international and national priorities for the next decade. Topics are, e.g.:
- HMI courses and programs for physicians
- HMI courses and programs for nurses
- HMI courses and programs for health care managers
- Programs and courses for specialists in HMI
- HMI courses and programs for informaticians / computer scientists
- Recommendations for HMI programs and courses
- Future priorities for HMI education
- New approaches and technologies for teaching HMI

TYPE OF CONFERENCE

In order to have sufficient time for discussion, the conference has been
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to consist of the following types of sessions:

- Plenary sessions with invited papers
- Paper sessions
- Working group discussions

The plenary sessions will provide an international overview of the state of HMI education, future trends and recommendations.

PUBLICATION

It is intended to publish the papers and the results of the working group discussions as special issue of the International Journal of Bio-Medical Computing.

LOCATION

The conference will be held from August 14 to August 16 at the David Maddison Building at the Royal Newcastle Hospital, Faculty of Medicine & Health Sciences, University of Newcastle, Newcastle, NSW, Australia.

RELATIONSHIP TO APAMI-HIC 97

The conference immediately follows APAMI-HIC 97 (Joint conference of the Asian Pacific Association for Medical Informatics and the Health Informatics Society of Australia).

Date: 9-13 August 1997
Venue: Darling Harbour, Sydney, Australia
Contact: HISA Secretariat, 413 Lygon St, East Brunswick, Victoria 3057, Australia
Tel. 61-3-9388-0555
FAX. 61-3-9388-2086
Email: hisa@hilink.com.au

TRAVEL FROM SYDNEY TO NEWCASTLE

Newcastle is approximately two hours from Sydney by road, three hours by rail and thirty minutes by air. There are direct flights to Newcastle from Sydney, Melbourne, Brisbane and Canberra. There are two regional airports in Newcastle. Both are approximately 30 km from the conference venue and hotels. The taxi fare from either airport will cost approximately $30 (Aus). There is a coach shuttle service to Newcastle from the domestic and international air terminals at Sydney. Cost is approximately $20 (Aus). A limousine which seats four can
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be hired for approximately $200 for the trip between Newcastle and Sydney.

Transport via coach will be arranged for those travelling directly from the APAMI-HIC 97 Conference to Newcastle for the 6th International Conference on Health and Medical Informatics Education".

ACCOMMODATION

Accommodation has to be organised by the participants. Please use the attached accommodation form. We recommend booking at least 3 months in advance.

LANGUAGE

The conference language will be English.

SOCIAL PROGRAM

An Official Reception will be held on the evening of Thursday 14th August. On Friday afternoon there will be a trip to the Hunter Valley Vineyards with wine tasting at the vineyards in the afternoon, and a dinner in the evening.

REGISTRATION FEES

((The regular registration fee will be approximately $250 Australian Dollars))

INSTRUCTIONS TO AUTHORS

Please send a 1-2 page abstract, which can be used for an abstract volume, to the chairperson of the scientific program committee. If accepted, please bring 3 copies of your full paper to the conference. Papers must be written according to the instructions to authors of the International Journal of Bio-Medical Computing. Accepted papers will be published in a special issue of this journal. All papers submitted will be refereed.

IMPORTANT DATES

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((Will be specified before sending out the call for papers))
In order to disseminate and exchange information on HMI programs and courses an IMIA WG1 world wide web server and a mailing list was installed at the University of Heidelberg. The URL of the WWW server:
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