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subject

Dear Jean-Raoul,

Enclosed I am sending you the reports for IMIA Workinggroup 4 and IMIA Workinggroup 10. I will bring 70 copies of each with me to Copenhagen.

I am also trying to arrange for the meeting of the Special Committee that is preparing for the transition of Workinggroup 10 into a Special Interest Group. In conjunction with MIE '96.

Looking forward to succesful meetings in Copenhagen.

Yours sincerely,

Ab Bakker

Enclosures

Report of IMIA Workinggroup 10 (Health Information Systems)
to IMIA AGM and IMIA board

The subject "Health Information Systems" attracted a lot of attention during the MEDINFO 96 conference. There were ten sessions on HIS, many of them were over crowded. This showed clearly that the subject is still very vital.

In view of the new statutes of IMIA it was decided in principle to change the status of workinggroup 10 into a special interestgroup (SIG). This transition is still being prepared. It is a process that is hardly known within IMIA, the only example until now is workinggroup 8, that changed its status.

In view of the new statutes several other workinggroups will have to go through such a transition process. For that reason it is recommended that the board pays attention to the structuring and planning of such a transition process.

For workinggroup 10 a preparatory committee was installed, consisting of 6 members from the same number of countries. Until now this has turned out to be a difficult procedure. Because of the complexity of the subject a meeting of the committee members is desirable, but on the other hand it is difficult to get such a meeting organised. During MIE 96 it will be tried again to have a meeting and come with a concrete proposal (a discussion document has been mailed to the members).

Another important issue is the chairmanship of the workinggroup. The committee is also asked to come with a proposal.

Until now workinggroup 10 has been an active and productive workinggroup. The status issue and the chairmanship issue hampers the activity of the group seriously. At the moment the activity level is low. There is only a suggestion for a next working conference in Hongkong in 1997, however it is doubtful whether that is realistic.

The current list of members is attached to this report. It is proposed not to modify this list before the SIG status is achieved and the structure of the SIG has been made explicit.

Ab Bakker

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Jean-Raoul, good to hear from you. After things are announced, I will visit with you to set a course that will move things forward. Our group can probably do something constructive. By that time my current efforts on the security task force will be finished up. I am not coming to Copenhagen because of financial and time constraints. I hope to see you soon anyway. Pdc

On Fri, 5 Jul 1996, Jean-Raoul SCHERRER wrote:

> To: Dr. Paul Clayton, USA Re: IMIA WG 10
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> Dear Paul,
> Many, many apologies for not getting back to you before this but
> everything is continuing to fit into place (albeit extremely slowly)
> concerning the changeover in the Chairmanship of IMIA WG 10. You
> will be announced as the new Chairman of WG 10 during the next IMIA
> meetings in Copenhagen, Denmark this coming August 22 to 24, after
> the MIE 96 Congress.
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> Look forward to seeing you in Copenhagen, meanwhile, any new
> thoughts you have concerning your Chairmanship I'll reply to after July
> 30 and hope to hear from you then. Have a great summer yourself and
> look forward to catching up with all your news soon.
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> With warmest best wishes,
> Jean-Raoul
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dear Sandra,

Up to the moment, everything works the way it was planned. It is a pleasure to be here with Paul Clayton. First because it is always nice to be with friend able to share so many concerns with us regarding the prospective evolution of healthcare information systems but also, and it is not minor, to consider to roll up the sleeves in order to take over IMIA-wg10 and to make a brand new proposal about its full reshaping. Such a proposal will be ready to be presented at the next IMIA-general assembly. Is it that great?

With my very best regards, yours Jean-Raoul Scherrer



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Dear Marion,

Thank you for your letter dated September 13, 1995 in which you brought to my attention that in the minutes you can't find a clear statement about the nomination of the next chairman of IMIA Working Group 10 in case Paul Clayton would be willing to be the next chairman.

I definitely do remember that Paul Clayton's name was mentioned, but he was mentioned with a lot of hesitation, particularly concerning the need for him to find the time. As we all know he is a very busy person. It was indeed a very lengthy discussion, which was dominated by the idea of the majority of the meeting that Ab Bakker should not hand over the chairmanship before Working Group 10 is transformed to a Special Interest Group.

At the end of the meeting two conclusions were drawn. One was that a new chair should be found (whether that should be Paul Clayton remained a bit unclear) and two, that it was preferred that Ab Bakker should not hand over the chairmanship before reorganizing Working Group 10. I do remember that Jean-Raoul proposed an immediate hand-over of Ab Bakker to a chair who should be found, but the majority of the meeting did not support that idea.

I do understand that it is for you difficult to get the specific details of the meeting as you had to leave beforehand. Furthermore discussions in such a large group as we had that morning are difficult to condense in writing. I do believe that you understand what I mean, especially when we have so many different cultures and countries around the table of which the majority is not speaking in their native tongue.

Again I appreciate your letter and I hope that I gave you some useful information.

Warmest regards,


Elly Pluyter



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My Dear Colleagues,

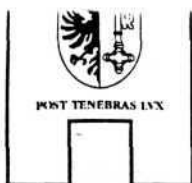
As you may remember we scheduled to have a full proposal ready for execution about the future of IMIA WG 10 at the IMIA AGM in Vancouver. Since the Durham Conference last year I have not heard much from you all and the time is going fast. I would like to ask you if you will be bringing along a proposal to Vancouver for discussion or not?

As you see from the attached copy of my letter to Ab Bakker, I have requested that he let me know what is happening concerning this proposal for the future of IMIA WG 10. It is now time for us to formalise any suggestions or proposals to be discussed in Vancouver and I would appreciate very much getting some kind of decision during our forthcoming meetings.

With my warmest best wishes,

Jean-Raoul Scherrer MD
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Dear Ab,

First of all thank you very much for your letter of June 19 regarding the linkage between the IMIA WG 4 Chairmanship and the transformation of IMIA WG 10 into a possible Special Interest Group. At the moment, despite my first letter sent October 13, 1993 and your answer dated January 19, 1994, I have, unfortunately, not yet received any reaction to my request for a concrete proposal. Ab, I would really like to know your answers to pending arguments regarding my questions and the feasibility of such a transformation as per the IMIA Bylaws (September 11, 1993 - Article 5.4) which is devoted to Special Interest Groups (SIGs).

As you will see from the attached copy of these Bylaws this states that such:

"A Special Interest Group is established by the General Assembly upon the submission of a relevant proposal containing: scope, aims and composition".

The quotation continues (second para. 5.4.):

"A Special Interest Group differs from a Working Group in the sense that it is not required to achieve a concrete goal within a restricted period of time. Rather, it is the expression of the continuous interest of IMIA in certain areas or activities falling within the scope of IMIA. In selecting Members both expertise and international distribution shall be considered. The scope of a Special Interest Group shall be attached to these Statutes, in the form of specific Bylaws for the SIG".

Later on (fifth and sixth paras. 5.4) it is mentioned that:

"The Chairman of a Special Interest Group may designate a Vice-Chairman (SIG/VC) and a Secretary from the Committee Membership, with the approval of the SIG Membership. The term of office of all Committee Officers shall be three years and will be reviewed by the General Assembly every three years.

The Special Interest Group can organize the work in "internal" Working Groups (SIG/WG). The Chairman of a SIG Working Group is appointed by the SIG Chairman".

The situation is ambiguous because I do not feel that we are close to a really sound proposal and I doubt that it is even feasible, in the present stage of membership and activity, as illustrated by the last working conference of WG 10 to promote such a SIG.

At the end of the Durham conference last year, I asked a couple of "wise people", including yourself, to work on a proposal with a formal deadline for execution at this coming IMIA AGM in Vancouver. May I ask you to let me know whether you are ready to make a proposal yet or whether I should make a proposal of my own as part of my yearly report. I will also ask, all the "wise people" addressed in my letter dated September 14, 1994 for their advice. By default I will work on two scenarios: a SIG and a WG10 restructurisation.

I look forward to seeing you in Vancouver and to discussing this matter further with the hope that it can be finally resolved.

With my warmest best wishes,



Jean-Raoul Scherrer MD
Vice-President IMIA WGs and SIGs

cc: Drs. M. Ball, J. Bryant, P. Degoulet, E. Hammond, P. Olsen, C. Safran,
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Attachment

entitled to elect a temporary successor for the period until the General Assembly meets again.

A Member of the Executive Committee can be discharged for misdemeanor by a two-thirds majority vote of the General Assembly Members present or represented by proxy.

5.2.2. *Authority*

The Executive Committee conducts the day-to-day operations of IMIA.

The President shall convene and conduct the General Assembly, the Board and the Executive Committee. During the absence or incapacity of the President, the President-Elect shall act in his stead in all matters. In the case that he too is absent, the Officer longest in office shall act in his stead.

5.2.3. *Meetings*

The Executive Committee shall decide on the dates and places of its meetings. The Minutes of the Executive Committee meetings shall be approved by the Executive Committee.

5.3. *Standing and Ad Hoc Advisory Committees*

These Committees advise the General Assembly in policy matters that require detailed analysis. The term of office of Committee Members is not more than three years. These Committees are composed of one to three Members elected from the National Membership.

5.4. *Special Interest Groups*

A Special Interest Group (SIG) is established by the General Assembly upon the submission of a relevant proposal containing: scope, aims and composition.

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The Chairman of a Special Interest Group is elected by the General Assembly upon recommendation of the Board. The Members of a Special Interest Group are appointed by the IMIA President upon recommendation of the National Members or by the Special Interest Group Chairman, who shall in advance consult the National IMIA Representative for the appropriate country.

Membership is restricted to those persons who are from a Member country of IMIA.

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Termination of a Special Interest Group can be made only by the General Assembly after notice from a national representative, the Chairman of the SIG or the IMIA Board.

5.5. *Working Groups*

A Working Group is established by the General Assembly upon the submission of the proposed scope of the Working Group and shall deliver whatever result is decided at a specific time. A Working Group consists of experts selected and assigned, without consideration of nationality, to work in a specified area.

The Chairman of a Working Group is elected by the General Assembly upon recommendation of the Executive Committee.

The term of office of the Chairman and the Members is three years but can be renewed several times.

The Members of a Working Group are appointed by the IMIA President

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Geneva, 14th September, 1994.

Dear Colleagues,

When I was at the WG10 conference in Durham, we briefly discussed how WG10 should evolve and who was ready to take the lead. It was obvious that no workable solution was available on the spot. As you might remember, I made the following suggestion to set-up a Board of "*wise people*" that should work on a proposal with the final deadline for execution at the AGM '95 in Vancouver.

A preliminary draft proposal is enclosed herewith, to be presented in Dresden. I will be extremely grateful to you if you could confirm your active participation in the study group before or during the Dresden meeting. An answer by e-mail would be fine !

Looking forward to hearing from you very soon and to a fruitful collaboration,

Yours sincerely,


Jean-Raoul Scherrer



PROPOSAL REGARDING THE SET-UP OF A STUDY GROUP IN CHARGE OF EVALUATING THE FEASIBILITY, THE ADVANTAGES AND THE PROBLEMS THAT COULD BE RAISED BY THE TRANSFORMATION OF WG10 INTO A SPECIAL INTEREST GROUP TO BE PRESENTED AT THE IMIA AGM IN DRESDEN

The study group is composed of the following officers :

- Dr. Ab Bakker, PhD, Professor in Leiden University, BAZIS Foundation, Leiden, NL
- John Bryant, Institute of Health and Community Services, Bournemouth University, UK
- Patrice Degoulet, MD, Professor in Broussais University Hospital, Paris, F
- W. Ed. Hammond, PhD, Professor in Duke University, Medical Centre, Durham, USA
- Peter Olsen, MD, Kommunedata, Vanlose, DK
- Charles Safran, MD, MS, Assistant Professor of Medicine, Harvard Medical School, Boston, USA.

Grounds for the proposal

Dr. Ab Bakker, who created WG10, and who took the lead for organising three very successful and even "popular" working conference at Nijmegen, NL, 1988; Göttingen, 1991 and Durham 1994 raised the problem after the last Kyoto AGM of the transition of WG10 into a Special Interest Group (SIG). He asked me to present the question for decision in Dresden.

Indeed, the scope of HIS areas has become perhaps too large to be contained in one WG only. It is also worthwhile to stress that HISs is an area of permanent interest for IMIA. Consequently, based upon the IMIA statutes as updated and approved in Kyoto, September 11 1993, it should be stated whether article 5, paragraph 5.4 entitled : "Special Interest Groups", might not be applicable as the best fitting solution. Hence, the full text of this paragraph is given herewith :

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IMIA Statutes

Updated and approved in Kyoto, Japan
September 11, 1993"

Study group mission

Since the major part of such a transformation would be to organise the work in internal WGs (SIG/WG) there should be a study regarding the set-up of such WGs, about their scope of responsibilities and whether there are enough prospective members to enable working conferences to be held. If it is feasible to do so, then the creation of a SIG committee should be studied with the proposal of a SIG Chairman to be presented for election by the General Assembly with the preliminary set-up from the Board.

However, we also know how difficult it is to recreate working conference active members. Such a problem should be thoroughly studied under the heading "Feasibility regarding the creation of a SIG". If the conclusion of the study group might appear negative, then they are asked to make a proposal about the continuation of WG10 and they should agree upon a proposed Chairman to be presented in this respect at the next AGM in Vancouver.

List of prospective groups

In Durham, we briefly discussed this issue. We understood that it will not be possible to make a final proposal to the Dresden AGM, but to select a Board of "*wise people*" that will have the mission to issue an executable proposal at the next AGM 95 in Vancouver.

Remark :

This proposal should be discussed in Dresden and should become executable, to be updated and completed if necessary.

Date : 15 Sept. 1994


Jean-Raoul Scherrer
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