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DATE: January 23, 1996 TIME: 8:45 AM  
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RE: **IMIA WG14**

Message:

Prof Scherrer,

Unfortunately there has been very little action concerning WG14 *in the past year.*" Partially because of John Silva's exit from the group and partially from my inactivity. I must confess I agreed to look into this Chair position under the *gentle duress* from Marion Ball in an elevator discussion. I then had little opportunity to further discuss plans with you and others at MEDINFO this past year. I truly felt a bit left out or *unneeded* as I received no communication before MEDINFO concerning the position and then at the meeting also could not participate in additional discussions because of my own time commitments in Vancouver and the lack of notification about board or WG meetings. Concerning the latter, you asked me to present before the Board(?) at MEDINFO. That request coming in a brief discussion we had before the CPRI noon luncheon 21 JULY 95. the presentation to be done that afternoon. With little time to prepare I did put together some ideas about the goals of the WG and then *arrived at the assigned time to find the meeting in recess* and after returning within the hour found it over for the day. I followed this with three messages concerning my indecision to *proceed with the WG endeavors*, left for you via the hotels. With no response and one e-mail message ( to: jrs@diogenes.hcuge.ch on 12 August 95 ) also without response I *presumed this of little importance* and therefore have not proceeded to organize or develop additional ideas.

Even with these comments my interest remains as I think the clinical workstation specification for the future is important part of the whole of automation of quality medical care. As you know the working conference of July 1993 made the

recommendation for the formation of WG14 with the DRAFT objectives (modifications underlined by me) of:

- prepare a vision statement that describes, from various user views, what functions should be supported by a workstation now and in the future.

(This should include a view for the patient)

- develop, publish, and maintain a widely-available domain model of this workstation.
- promote the recommendations of the 1993 working group conference (some of which should possibly be modified even now with technology evolution)

I support the basic agenda cited above. Unfortunately there has been no other activity concerning this WG that I am aware of.

Lastly, a decision I must make about future participation. I have little or no information about what support there is for WG activities, staff help?, funding? I am personally involved in major work here at Mayo and some in other national efforts (CPRI executive, AMIA, etc.), many that have intensified even since my initial visit with Marion 3/95. I have some concern about my ability to lead this type of diverse group as it will be very difficult to think of any non-USA travel at least for this calendar year unless some other time commitments become free. I noted in last year's WG14 report a WG working meeting was being prepared for Holland for 1996. I have heard nothing about that and John Silva didn't mention anything about this in our brief meeting in 1995.

If there is another to talk the helm of this WG you might be better served. If not I will continue in that position with the restrictions I cite above. The first wide opportunity for a WG meeting might not be until SCAMC based on my current personal schedule. /

Regards.

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Jean-Raoul,

Unfortunately the first I heard of the 22Aug meeting was 18Jun96 and cannot therefore attend. My schedule is built at least 6 months in advance.

Additionally, as I previously messaged, this lack of communication is discouraging to me and makes my interest diminish. Therefore, I do not feel encouraged to take over this workgroup. In the past year I have assumed many other responsibilities and feel I could not do good service to the WG. The concept of the 'workstation' is becoming diffuse. The web is a given in most medical institutions now. Therefore, not certain what is needed.

Paul