## **MIE 96**

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## MIE 96 Thirteenth International Congress

celebrates

the 20th Anniversary of the European Federation for Medical Informatics the 30th Anniversary of the Danish Society for Medical Informatics

**MIE 96** is the main medical informatics and telematics event in 1996. **MIE 96** is the place where users meet industry, where decision makers are presented with the available informatics and telematics solutions to major challenges in modern medicine and its delivery. Researchers and developers draw a picture of tomorrow's systems and services.

Under the motto *Human Facets in Information Technologies* leading people in the field explore medical informatics' role in the new Information Society. The leitmotif of **MIE 96** is to integrate the interests and priorities of the four strands - community, users, industry and research institutions - into a forum for mutual learning. Each keynote reflects one of these strands confronting the requirements of one strand with the capabilities of the others. Following the themes of the keynotes, **MIE 96** includes a number of parallel activities soundly founded on scientific papers, posters, workshops, demonstrations and exhibitions.

The opening of Central & Eastern Europe provides the Congress with an opportunity to act as an instrument for the development of new infrastructures in both East and West. Thanks to support from the Commission of the European Union the participation of representatives from Central & Eastern Europe is higher than ever before, and several workshops relate to East/West issues.

Within the health care sector an awareness is raising of the huge potential of applying advanced ITbased solutions as means for quality assurance and cost-containment. Also the industrial participation has come to a turning point, reflecting that a true European IT market for value added health care services and telecommunication is being established.

**MIE 96** is a special event and is placed in Copenhagen for several reasons. Firstly, **MIE 96** celebrates the 20th Anniversary of the European Federation for Medical Informatics, EFMI, that was established in Copenhagen at WHO's premises in 1976. Secondly, **MIE 96** celebrates the 30th Anniversary of the Congress host, the Danish Society for Medical Informatics, that was founded in Copenhagen in 1966. Thirdly, Copenhagen is the Cultural Capital of Europe 1996. Hence, we envisage that the anniversaries will be celebrated with both academic pride and cultural pleasure.

**MIE 96** is the result of a collaboration between numerous people and organisations, as seen below. Many industrial and institutional sponsors have contributed significantly to the success of **MIE 96**.

The Flying Trunk on the front page originates from a fairy tale the Danish writer Hans Christian Andersen. It illustrates the connection between culture/psychology and informatics/telematics, which in combination add to the competitive edge of the European health informatics industries.

On behalf of the Danish Society for Medical Informatics, I warmly welcome you to MIE 96.

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