

# **Report to IMIA General Assembly 1998**

## **Agenda topic 8.1: The Secretary's Report**

### **The Secretary's Report**

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Since election to the position of Secretary of IMIA at the GA in 1997, the learning curve in regard the operation of the organisation, has been steep indeed. My thanks go to Bjarte G. Solheim, the previous secretary for his help.

Aside from attending a meeting in Hong Kong in February, and the Board spring meeting on the Coast de Ivoire, on behalf of IMIA the year has been one of change and adaption.

The electronic services of which members will hear later are now not operated by the Secretary, and therefore much of the responsibility and accountability have been moved from this office to the President and Professional Secretariat. Thus, the Secretary no longer has a prime role in keeping in touch with member countries. Over the next year it will be my intention to help define what the new Secretary's position is within IMIA and to clearly define responsibilities between the Secretary and the Professional Secretarial Service. The development of strategy and policy under the direction of the President, has made much progress, and the Secretary's position has fulfilled its part in that role. I wish to record my sincere thanks to the outgoing President for his time, and work on behalf of IMIA.