What is IMIA?

IMIA is a bridge organization...
- moving theory into practice through linking academic and research informaticians with care givers, consultants, vendors, and vendor based researchers
- leading the international Medical and Health Informatics community into the 21st century
- promoting the cross fertilization of Health Informatics information across geographical and professional boundaries
- serving as the catalyst for ubiquitous world-wide health information infrastructures for patient care and health research.

The basic aims are to...
- promote informatics in health care and biomedical research;
- advance international cooperation;
- stimulate research development and routine application;
- further the dissemination and exchange of information;
- encourage education and responsible behavior; and
- represent the Medical and Health Informatics field in relation to the World Health Organization and any other relevant professional or governmental organization.

IMIA has established Special Interest and Working Groups, and supports and encourages Working Conferences on the state of the art in regard to Health Informatics issues.


The International Medical Informatics Association was established in 1969 as a Technical Committee of the International Federation for Information Processing (IFIP). In 1979, it was elevated to the status of a Special Interest Group which was transformed in 1989 into a politically independent international organization, with affiliation ties to IFIP. IMIA serves the specific needs in the application of information science and information technology in the fields of health care and biomedical research. This field is also referred to as Medical or Health Informatics.

Members

IMIA has National Members, Institutional Members, Affiliate Members and Honorary Fellows. One society, a group of societies or an appropriate body which is representative of the Medical Informatics activities within that country, may become the National Member representing the country. National IMIA member societies can organize into Regional Groups. Universities, medical centers, professional organizations as well as vendors may become Institutional Members. Professional international organizations can become Affiliate Members. Societies or representatives from countries which are not Members of IMIA may be accepted as Observers for a limited period.

The Association is governed by a General Assembly that meets annually, and consists of one representative from each IMIA Member, Honorary Fellows and a representative of IFIP and WHO. Only National Members have full voting rights. The General Assembly elects the IMIA Board. The business language of IMIA is English.

National Members

Argentina, Australia, Austria, Belgium, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Brazil, Canada, China, Croatia, Cuba, Czech Republic, Denmark, Finland, France, Germany, Georgia, Hong Kong, Hungary, Ireland, Israel, Italy, Japan, Korea, Mexico, The Netherlands, New Zealand, Nigeria, Norway, Philippines, Poland, Romania, Singapore, Slovakia, Slovenia, South Africa, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, Ukraine, United Kingdom, Uruguay and USA.

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What is the Yearbook of Medical Informatics?

The Yearbook is published annually in spring and contains basic information on IMIA, reviews and selected articles within Medical Informatics, concise descriptions of education and training programs within the field, and an index of all articles that appeared in the main Medical Informatics journals.

Some other IMIA Publications

MEDINFO Proceedings:
MEDINFO 95 (Greenea RA, Peterson HE, Protti DJ, eds.), 1995; 1742pp.

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