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REPORT OF THE EFMI REPRESENTATIVE

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The 45th EFMI Council meeting was held in Bucharest, Romania. The minutes of past and present meetings, as well as related documents, may be found at <http://www.EFMI.org/> the official website of EFMI.

The EFMI President recommended having a spring meeting for every Medinfo year and also all regular MIE years.

The following is a citation from the 45th Council Meeting's Minutes: "The problem of co-ordination with IMIA working groups remained unsolved. Vice-President Assa Reichert tried to contact Mrs Nancy Lorenzi on this topic without success and then had a contact with Mrs Marion Ball. The former is reluctant to do anything and the latter is in favour of a closer examination of the current situation. Today, collaboration is possible thanks to occasional personal willingness of Chairpersons."

As IMIA/EFMI Vice-President my task is to keep contact between the two organisations. On behalf of EFMI Council I attach hereby an Official Letter to IMIA Board dealing with collaboration possibilities between IMIA and EFMI Working Groups. Our proposal is attached.

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To: Board of the International Medical Informatics Association

In last few meetings of the EFMI Council many times have been discussed the problem of cooperation between the Working Groups of the two international organisations dealing with the same or similar topics. Jean -Raoul Scherrer proposed some years ago to take into account the IMIA Regulations for their Working Groups. During my presidency I also recommended to accept it for EFMI Working Groups as it is. So we in EFMI have a Working Group's Regulation that is in accordance with those of the IMIA WGs.

In order to enhance the activities and avoid superfluous parallelism between IMIA and EFMI WGs we recommend a closer cooperation between them. The first step may be if we could agree in having co-chairmanships. Then they keep contact each other to clear the possibilities for common works, common meetings, perhaps conferences etc. These events might join to the above-mentioned Spring Meetings.

We are waiting your reaction.

Best wishes

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