

Information on IMIA Regional Groups

APAMI

Regional Representative's Report

1. Membership of APAMI

There has been no change as previously reported; currently membership of the APAMI consists of 15 medical informatics societies: Australia, China, Hong Kong SAR, India, Japan, S Korea, Malaysia, New Zealand, Pakistan, Philippines, Singapore, Sri Lanka, Taiwan, Thailand and Vietnam. Bangladesh, Indonesia and Kazakhstan have been observer members.

2. General Assembly Meeting of APAMI

The AGM 2006 was held at Grand Hyatt Hotel in Taipei, Taiwan on October 28, 2006 in conjunction with the 5th APAMI Conference. The Taipei meeting was attended by 9 member societies (Australia, Hong Kong SAR, Japan, Republic of Korea, Malaysia, Philippines, Singapore, Taiwan, Thailand). In the AGM the following resolutions were made:

- a. New APAMI Officers are installed as follows and their terms will start immediately after this APAMI Conference 2006 during October 27 – 29, 2006:
 President: Professor Jack Li (Taiwan)
 Vice-President: Professor Michio Kimura (Japan)
 Secretary: Dr. Yuen Ho Chow (Singapore)
 Treasurer: Dr. CP Wong (Hong Kong)
- b. Also the following resolutions were passed:
 - 1) the next APAMI Conference 2009 will be hosted by Japan (JAMI);
 - 2) Dr. CP Wong (Treasurer) will organize a team to study the most stable and productive custodian of the APAMI fund by the end of April,

2007 and determine a new Treasurer should be appointed on the basis of the site selected and until such change occurs he will continue to manage the APAMI fund, hence serve as the Treasurer; and 3) the Assembly accepts the Treasurers annual report as presented (current fund level is slightly over USD 30,000 and TAMI – organizer of APAMI Conference 2006 – will contribute 70% of the Conference profit or USD10,000 whichever is greater).

3. Activity of APAMI Member Society

APAMI member society countries have recently been advancing their national projects of health information technology (HIT) for deployment of National Health Information Networks and strengthen their national Medical Informatics Societies, some examples are as followings:

- 1) Australian Health-Connect (managed by NeHTA), Japanese National EHR project, Korean Public Healthcare Organization EHR project, Taiwanese NHII project have been continuously progressed;
- 2) The Hong Kong Society of Medical Informatics successfully hosted the eHealth Forum in October, 2006. The Hong Kong Hospital Authority has successfully implemented new generation HIS and HER;
- 3) Malaysia recently launched its plan for LHR (personal life-long health records) project;
- 4) China, Thailand, Indonesia and the Philippines have made progress on strengthening their Medical Informatics Societies' activities in recent years;
- 5) APAMI Conference 2006 was held at Grand Hyatt Hotel, Taipei, Taiwan on October 27-29, 2006 with near 400 participants and number of scientific paper presentations which was considered to be the best APAMI Conference so far;
- 6) CJK (China, Japan, Korea) MI Annual Conference was

held in Jeju, Korea on November 17-18, 2006; and 7) Regional scientific meetings such as MedInfo 2007 in August, 2007 in Brisbane, Australia and HIMSS-Asia Pac Inaugural Annual Conference in May, 2007 in Singapore have been planned.

4. APAMI WG Activity

- a. APAMI WG1, Standardization (Chair: Dr. Yun Sik Kwak) and IMIA WG 16 Standards (Chair: Dr. Michio Kimura) jointly held a workshop on HIT standards during APAMI Conference 2006 in Taipei. A work item on clinical terminology standard has been proposed and its progress will follow.
- b. WG2, Developing countries (Chair: Dr. HM Goh) will have an annual conference in Kuala Lumpur in 2007 and plan for training road show will follow.
- c. WG3, Decision support (Chair: Dr. Yoon Kim) will be actively developing its action plan during 2007 in conjunction with President Jack Li (previous Chair of this WG).
- d. WG4, Nursing Informatics (Chair: Dr. Polun Chang) will have an annual conference in conjunction with MedInfo 2007.

5. Next APAMI Meetings

- a. The next AGM is scheduled to be held in Brisbane, Australia during MedInfo 2007.

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