REPORT OF THE MEMBERSHIP VICE PRESIDENT

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Overview

Since the Membership Team have amalgamated the legacy web-based systems into a new more user-friendly portal and enhanced the IMIA brand new member applications have increased mainly under the Corresponding Member category. Due to the volume, guidelines to process these applicants have changed as the turnaround time from Office to Regional VP and back were taking too long.

1. Feedback on Membership Benefits SWOT with recommendations

According to the reported SWOT analysis and possibilities listed at the Victoria Board meeting 2017 the following are possible enhancements of membership benefits.

1.1. Member Societies

This member category is already granted benefits; however, all members are not aware of what they have. To confirm and publicize these would make participation morale high:

- Hosting rights of IMIA meetings
- Reduced IMIA activity participation fee
- Participation to General Assembly and voting rights
- Recognition of their presence at IMIA HP, yearbook Recognition as IMIA member in their materials, including their HP, their applications to large projects

1.1.1. Possible enhancements

- IMIA logo in their HP, publicity materials, etc.
- Their banners in IMIA HP
- Invitations to IMIA WGs and SIGs (at least, the information, chair contact should be given directly)
- Repeated invitation for correspondence persons to become member society
1.2 Academic or Corporate Institutional Members

1.2.1 Already granted benefits
- Reduced IMIA activity participation fee
- Participation to General Assembly and voting rights
- Recognition of their presence at IMIA HP, yearbook
- Recognition as IMIA member in their materials, including their HP, their applications to large projects

1.2.2 Possible enhancements as “Gold” tier (Name like; Gold? Partnership?)
- IMIA logo in their HP, publicity materials, etc.
- Their banners in IMIA HP
- Their presence recognition in Yearbook
- Invitations to IMIA WGs and SIGs (at least, the information, chair contact should be given directly)
- Preferred allotment (and rates) of their publicity booth at MEDINFO and other IMIA activities
- Publicity time slot in MEDINFO sessions (otherwise charged, declaration that it is outside SPC session)
- Membership fees for Gold tier should be some percentage premium to current institutional academic or corporate fees.

2. New Members

2.1 Introduction of New Member Societies
There are none

2.2 New Member Society Representatives
There are none

2.3 New Corporate Institutional Members and Representatives
There are none

2.4 New Academic Institutional Members
- Norwegian Center for E-Health Research
- Universidad San Sebastian

2.5 New Academic Institution Representatives
Dr. Monika Johansen.

2.6 New Affiliate Representatives
There are none.

2.7 New Corresponding Members
Indonesia – Dr. Winner Ng
Kuwait – Dr. Mussaad M. Al-Razouki
Oman – Dr. Salim Abdullah Al Salim
Palestine – Adel Taweel
Peru – Lady Murrugarra
Qatar – Amid Abu Hmaidan
Sudan – Mazin Abdelaziz Gadir

Application details and profile of applicants available on the IMIA Website.

2.8 New Regional Representatives
Andre Kushniruk (COACH) is the new North American Vice President.
Please see Appendix A with the detail of all applications that are in process.

3 TERMINATIONS
Terminate Academic Institutional Member **Information Technology Institute (ITI), Egypt** - has informed IMIA that all the ITI activities in health informatics domain have been stopped.

Terminate **MEAHI Region** as a represented regional member of IMIA - has informed IMIA that it no longer complies with the criteria for regional representation as defined by the IMIA statues.

4 CORRESPONDING MEMBERS (CM)
The ‘old’ applications labeled Ghost Applications have been deleted from the old web sites. Countries involved are Afghanistan, Algeria, Armenia, Azerbaijan, Bangladesh, Egypt, Indonesia, Kuwait, Lebanon, Moldova, Oman, Portugal, Russian Federation, Serbia, Syria, Tanzania, Uganda, UAE, Uzbekistan, Zimbabwe.