REPORT OF THE Regional Vice President, IMIA – LAC Region to IMIA Board and GA at MedInfo2017

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Overview

To date, we do have a number of formally registered member societies: Argentina, Bolivia, Brazil, Chile, Cuba, Mexico, and Peru. Societies in Ecuador, Colombia, Venezuela, Costa Rica, Puerto Rico, Bahamas, Cayman Island, Republica Dominicana & Bahamas, have shown interest to join and we will follow up.

Board main activities have focused on the governance and sustainability of the organization. We have invited local societies to join in academic webinars for nursing, physicians and technicians. Topics have been chosen according to the suggestion of the representatives and have covered different issues like remote telemonitoring, personal health record, nursing informatics, standards for EMR and the implementation of academic curricula in the field of Medical Informatics. Our main objective is to share information among the region, help local societies to become to strategic organization to support digital transformation objectives for healthcare in their countries.

During Infolac 2018 we’ll include presentations of the results in different countries about how these new applications can impact positively into the healthcare systems.

Regarding the organization of Infolac, through the Cuban Minister of Health there has been contact with PAHO and we plan for regional call. The event will be held in April 2018 in La Habana.

We have also approved to host the conference NI2018, co-organized with the IMIA WG NI, which will be held in June 2018 in Guadalajara, Mex. The main topic will be “IT for the security and patient safety”, which is a major issue in our region. We expect 300 proposals and about 700 participants.
We have contacted SBISS to join IMIA-LAC Board meetings in order for them to be able to take over the leadership of our organization during Infolac 2018,