IMIA Language and Meaning in BioMedicine - IMIA LaMB WG13 2020 Report

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For the 2020 report please provide details on the following:
(Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, IMIA acknowledges that many functions were cancelled, delayed and disrupted from January 2020 to the end of June 2020)

1. Brief Background- current mandate, historical background, etc.
   - Mission: To improve healthcare information by shared understanding and application of underlying linguistic and logical representations.
   - Vision: To provide an independent forum for state-of-the-art dialogue and collaboration on medical concept representation in healthcare applications.
   - Objective: IMIA’s Language and Meaning in Biomedicine is the international forum for issues related to informatics in the classification and coding of health data. Tasks include: (1) Reviewing health data nomenclature and classification needs for the world community; (2) Evaluating information processing technology in meeting these defined needs; and (3) Recommending methods for future classification and nomenclature systems.

2. Achievements - Events and projects conducted and publications completed
   Submission to Yearbook 2021
   Participation in joint submission “Covid call for action” with all working groups

3. Describe WG/SIG Participation - Engagement and participation in IMIA and health informatics events and activities in the past year
   Since MedInfo in Lyon it has been quite, in 2020 especially due to the Covid situation, which hindered having physical events, and increased the work load for many. In these
new dynamics, we have not yet been able to establish an optimal way of participation and interaction.

4. **Provide details of the WG/SIG’s Outreach - Recruitment and engagement of new members and target communities, publicity, and representation at major events and/or on social media.**

   We have 10 WG document collections published on Zenodo, these resulted in 231 views and 200 downloads over time. Furthermore, little outreach was done.

   **4.a Current number of members:**
   We have now 107 members in our LinkedIn-group.

   **4.b. List of WG/SIG members:**
   Not available