

MY STATEMENT RE EFMI REP

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When they saw the announcement, my colleagues on the Committee of the Health Informatics (Northern) Specialist Group said that I was a 'natural' for the vacant post of BCS EFMI Rep and urged me to stand. I could not argue with that and here is my case.

I am Professor of Medical Informatics at the University of Manchester and, as I no longer have teaching commitments but do solely research. I have the time to devote myself to this role.

In the past I have been Chairman of the BCS "Health Informatics Committee" (a forerunner of HIF) for some eight years and I am currently Chair of HI(N). I have served on the Committees of (i) the Primary Healthcare Specialist Group, (ii) the Obstetric Computer Group, (iii) the Computer Group of the College of Occupational Therapists, a (iv) the NHS Obstetric Data Records Panel, and (v) the Intensive Care Society Computer Group. I was also a Member of the BCS Nursing Specialist Group.

Internationally, I was the first President of IHRIM, which in turn is a member of "The International Federation of Records Officers" (IFRO) with branches throughout Europe, and currently I am the IHRIM Examination Board Chairman, responsible for all those NHS Records Department Staff sitting the Clinical Coding Examination.

Within Europe, I am an Honorary Member of the Academy of Science of the Ukraine, and a Member of the Ukrainian Association of Computer Medicine; an Honorary Member of the Romanian Academy of Medical Science, and a Member of the Romanian Medical Informatics Society; an Honorary Member of the John von Neumann Computer Society of Hungary; an Honorary Member of the Czech Medical Informatics Society; and an Honorary Member of the Polish Medical Informatics Society.

In 1998 I was made "BCS Fellow of the Year for Services to Medical Informatics". In 1999, I was awarded the Wenceslas Medal by Charles University for 'Services to Medicine in Prague'. I have worked in the Hospitals in the Czech Republic, Poland, and Romania.

I have presented one or more Papers at the first 15 MIE Conferences, and in 2001 was awarded a Plaque by the IMIA President for being the "Only person in the World to have presented one or more Papers at the first ten MEDINFOS". I am known and respected by the EFMI reps in many of the countries of Europe, so much so that, if elected, I would have their full support.

In the medical journals, I have published papers in Gynaecology, Obstetrics, Neonatology, Paediatrics, Genetics, Intensive Care, Stroke, Gastroenterology, Cardiology, Infertility, and Hormones.

Finally, I have studied French, German, and Russian. Further, I have lectured in 24 of the 31 countries comprising EFMI. What better training for the Role of EFMI Rep.

It is my contention that I fulfill all the requirements for this Role.

If there is anyone more qualified for this post I will withdraw my Application.