

The New IMIA Yearbook of Medical Informatics

- Objectives, Contents, Formats —

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Objectives and Target Audience of the IMIA Yearbook of Medical Informatics

Objectives: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• To present an overview of the most original, excellent state-of-the-art research in the area of health and biomedical informatics of the past year.• To provide surveys about the recent developments, and comprehensive reviews on relevant topics in this field.• To provide information about IMIA.	Target audience: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Health and biomedical informatics scientists in research, education, and practice worldwide.• Health care professionals interested in current health and biomedical informatics research results.• Health and biomedical informatics students and postgraduates.• Scientists and professionals with shared interests in biomedical informatics.
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Due to changing demands by its readership and new technology and opportunities, from 2006 on the new *IMIA Yearbook of Medical Informatics* has been modified in content as well as in its mode of publication. The objective is to position the IMIA Yearbook to meet the future needs of its readership and to substantially broaden its availability to virtually all members of the IMIA family. In particular, surveys, giving overviews of recent developments, and comprehensive introductory reviews on relevant topics in the different fields of health and biomedical informatics, have been added as original articles.

The new *IMIA Yearbook of Medical Informatics* appears as a supplement of *Methods of Information in Medicine*, one of the official journals of IMIA. As a consequence, all original papers are peer reviewed, Medline indexed, and impact factor listed. The Yearbook remains a non-profit publication of IMIA, jointly published with Schattauer Verlag.

Contents of the IMIA Yearbook of Medical Informatics

- Foreword from the IMIA President, editorial
- Keynote paper on the Yearbook’s annual special topic
- Surveys of recent developments, corresponding to the fields of the Yearbook sections¹
- Traditional best paper selection with short synopses as introductions
- Comprehensive reviews on relevant topics from health and biomedical informatics.
- Articles on research and educational programs
- History of medical informatics section with original papers on the history of medical informatics and reprints of ‘classic’ articles
- Information on IMIA and on IMIA Regional Groups

¹ ‘health and clinical management’, ‘patient records’, ‘health information systems’, ‘sensor, signal and imaging informatics’, ‘decision support, knowledge representation and management’, ‘education and consumer informatics’, ‘bioinformatics’ and the special topic section (section names as in the Yearbook 2007, topics are regularly updated)

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