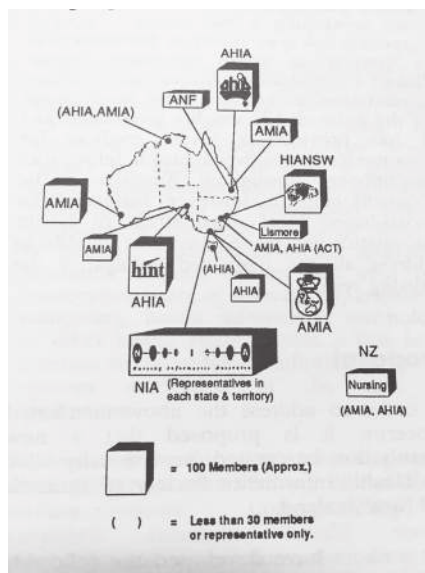


A paper documenting these discussions was published in November 1992, including a diagram of the diversity and size of the major groups. National incorporation of a new organisation was proposed, embracing all existing health informatics associations, providing a national structure with a series of special interest groups. The provisional name of Health Informatics Society of Australia and New Zealand emerged.



- **1993** - A further meeting of key stakeholders was held in February 1993, with the outcomes reported in the March 1993 edition of *Informatics in Healthcare Australia*. The name had changed to Health Informatics Society of Australia and it was noted that the success of this national initiative would depend on the development of a shared vision for the future of health informatics in Australia. The proposal developed included

an action plan listing the activities required towards implementation.

- The vision for HISA was 'informatics enhancing health through a co-ordinated national network of individuals and groups by the achievements of shared objectives'.
- The NCGV provided the seed funding for the first national Health Informatics Conference (HIC) held in Brisbane in 1993 on the understanding that the profits would go to the newly established Health Informatics Society of Australia (HISA).
- The inaugural national Health Informatics Conference (HIC 93) was held in Brisbane on 2-3 August 1993. Chaired by Evelyn Hovenga. The other organising committee members were Lynn Zelmer, Joan Edgecumbe, Michael Kidd, Michael Crampton, Wendy Swinkels and Don Walker. The conference secretariat was Joan Edgecumbe, Kaye Stanistreet and Darryl Simpson. Profits made were presented to HISA.
- At HIC 93, HISA was "born" at 8am on Monday 2 August, 1993 in the presence of 169 people at the Inaugural HISA Meeting. The Interim Committee was elected: Chair Ian Graham, Secretary Joan Edgecumbe and Treasurer Michael Kidd. The members of the Interim Board also included the Chairs of the affiliated State Groups (Peter Adkins, Branko Cesnik, Evelyn Hovenga, Wendy Swinkels, Don Walker and Chris Wright). The plan was to hold a General Election in 12 months at the first Annual General Meeting to be held at HIC 94.

- In November 1993, *Informatics in Healthcare Australia* became the official publication of the Health Informatics Society of Australia, and includes, for the first time the HISA Interim Board Members.
- **1994** - HISA was officially incorporated in Victoria on 8 July 1994 with its own constitution.
- The first HISA Annual Meeting was held at HIC 94 on 2 August 1994.
- The first HISA board, elected in February 1995, was Ian Graham (Chair), Michael Kidd (Treasurer), Evelyn Hovenga (Secretary), Rita Axford (Member),

Peter Adkins (Member), Branko Cesnik (Member), Wendy Swinkels (Member) Don Walker (Member), Chris Wright (Member) with Joan Edgecumbe as HISA Secretariat.

- The next milestone will be the 25th anniversary of the Asia Pacific Association for Medical Informatics (APAMI), with the inaugural conference held on November 10-12, 1994 in Singapore. HISA was one of the foundation members of APAMI.
- **2001** – After being instrumental in HISA's formation, Nursing Informatics Australia (which started as the Nursing Computing Group Victoria in mid-1980s), became a special interest group of HISA.

IHA Mag	Informatics in Healthcare - Australia Magazine	Joan Edgecumbe
RACGP NCC (National)	Royal Australian College of General Practitioners National Computer Committee	Michael Kidd
AHIA (NT)	Australian Health Informatics Association (Northern Territory)	Ernst Van Oeveren
AHIA (Qld)	Australian Health Informatics Association (Queensland)	Peter Adkins
AHIA (SA)	Australian Health Informatics Association (South Australia)	Don Walker
AHIA (Tas)	Australian Health Informatics Association (Tasmania)	Bryan Cooper
AHIA (Vic)	Australian Health Informatics Association (Victoria)	Michael Kidd
AHIA (WA)	Australian Health Informatics Association (Western Australia)	Trevor Lord
HIANSW	Health Informatics Association of New South Wales	Wendy Swinkels
IMIA Medinfo-92	International Medical Informatics Association, Scientific Committee for Medinfo-92	Branko Cesnik
IMIA WGS	International Medical Informatics Association, Working Group 5, Primary Healthcare	Michael Crampton
IMIA WGS	International Medical Informatics Association, Working Group 8, Nursing	Evelyn Hovenga
ANIC	Australian Nursing Informatics Council	Joan Edgecumbe
NNMDS	National Nursing Minimum Data Set	Moya Conrick & Jo Foster
RACGP-CF	Royal Australian College of General Practitioners, Computer Fellow	Patrick Bolton
RACGP-ACA	Royal Australian College of Physicians - Advisor on Computer Affairs	Terry Hannan
SA IT-14	Standards Australia Committee IT-14 Health Informatics	Rod Neame
SA IT-14-2	Standards Australia Committee IT-14 Vocabulary and Semantic Issues	Don Walker
SA IT-14-5	Standards Australia Committee IT-14-5 Message Forms and Communications within Health Information Systems	Richard Dixon Hughes
SA IT-14-7	Standards Australia Committee IT-14-7 Data storage and Off-line Devices	Chris Williams
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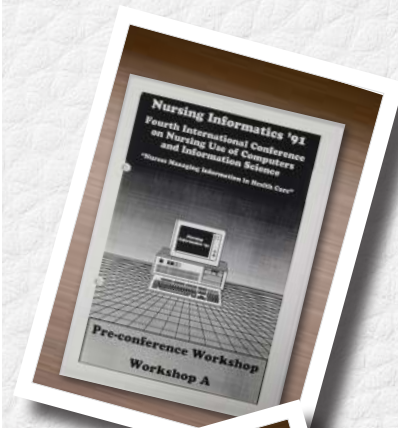


TABLE 1 Organisations and their Representatives who negotiated HISA's establishment and its inaugural constitution as drafted by Dr Ian Graham