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Biographical Lexicon of Medical Informatics, Third Edition

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...It is with pleasure I commend to you our colleagues and friends your impressive effort in putting together the third edition of your book "Biographical Lexicon of Medical Informatics", that document the lives and accomplishments of so many of our colleagues and friends around the world.

The time and effort that you have put into producing this 546 page book will be a valuable document for our field for years to come. Giving us an actual picture of our friends as well as your telling a summary of each informaticians accomplishments, is indeed a labor of love.

Many of us have respect for you as a professor of Medical Informatics and indeed someone who has done so much for Bosnia and Herzegovina.

Many of us have appreciated your company and admired your boundless energy at professional meetings for many years. I will never forget your devotion to IMIA when you came to Dresden, Germany for an IMIA General Assembly meeting, chaired by myself, as President. You, as BiH representative, in the middle of the war years in your country, driving all night in the dark with no headlights, risking your life to be with your colleagues and to share professional experiences of your colleagues. This was indeed an heroic effort.

Dear Izet, I can attest to your boundless energy. You have shown this again by preparing this Lexicon. You certainly are a prolific author of the several books. You have had my admiration as I referred to you as, "our IMIA Hero" for your bravery! Thank you for all you have done and for your devotion to our field.

I am sure that the Biographical Lexicon of Medical Informatics, third edition (published in 2015 as the first with 500 biographies, and in 2016 with 800

biographies, as the second edition), with 1100 biographies, of influential medical informatics experts, scientists, and academics will pay homage to our field and to all you have honored in your book.

I will cite our colleague and friend, former president of IMIA, professor Jan van Bemmelen, who is one of reviewers of this book who wrote: "You are an extremely hard worker. Nobody has dared to undertake the writing of a Lexicon. You did. I admire you..."

Former IMIA treasurer, Osman De Jesus Arguello Sequera added a comment: "It is the best book to look for the researchers by countries in the world that work with Biomedical Informatics".

Baltimore, August 5th, 2017

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