

How can AMIA advance the Informationist concept?

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Key Questions we can help answer

- Why create a new profession?
- What is an Informationist and what does one do?
- How will this person be different from the medical librarian?

AMIA offers ...

- Romance
 - We embrace the concept
 - We offer match-making
 - Physicians
 - Nurses
 - Informaticians
 - Researchers
 - Bioinformatics
 - Vendor community
 - Other multidisciplinary professionals

AMIA offers ...

- Education
- Challenge
- Acceptance
- Credibility
- Partnership
- Recruitment
- Publicity

AMIA can ...

- Promote the new profession by ...
 - Introducing the concept at the Spring and Fall Meetings
 - An ACMI debate on the role and value of such a person
 - Panels to educate and explore relationships
 - Workshops
 - Tutorials

AMIA can ...

- Demonstrations
- Encourage Co-training programs
- Influence curriculum
- Encourage inclusion in research grants as primary players – not just service functions

New opportunities

- Explore within AMIA what education and skill sets are required or desirable
- Quick ways to educate and create a level of understanding of the kind of information needed in the clinical and research environment
 - Determine what tool sets would be useful for the Informationist and help create those sets

AMIA can ...

- Acceptance through recognition
 - Working Group for informationists
 - Joint projects with other working groups
 - Special tracks, posters, demonstrations at AMIA meetings
 - Promote academic acceptance
 - Encourage “information” research by informationists

AMIA offers ...

- Challenge
 - Debates on definition, value, functioning builds strength and character of profession

AMIA offers ...

- **Publicity**
 - Web linkage
 - Information Central
 - Success stories

Bold thinking ...

- New language skills
- Natural language processing
- Explore new ways of creating, storing, searching, and presenting information
- Research in structured documents
- New ways to provide service beyond the large academic medical centers