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## Working Group on Medical Image Processing

### Intermediate Report to EFMI Council

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#### Recent activities (June to August 2004)

- ❑ **NIH Symposium.** On behalf of the working group, co-chair Thomas Wittenberg has participated as panellist in the Breakout Session 2: *Databases as Required for Assessment and Application of Software Tools* (moderated by Maryellen Giger) at the National Institutes of Health (NIH) symposium on *Biomedical Informatics for Clinical Decision Support: A Vision for the 21st Century* coordinated by the Bioengineering Consortium (BECON) and Technology Initiative Consortium (BISTIC), June 21-22, 2004 on the NIH main campus in Bethesda, Maryland. The meeting was very fruitful, ending up with short term (< 5 years) and long term (> 5 years) recommendations for how to build up reference databases. The recommendations are available on the WG Website [www.efmi-wg-mip.net](http://www.efmi-wg-mip.net).
- ❑ **Insight Online Journal.** The WG is in close collaboration with the *Insight Software Consortium* ([www.itk.org](http://www.itk.org)) and *Kitware Inc.* ([www.kitware.com](http://www.kitware.com)) currently working on the extension of the *Reference Image Database Work Prototype RID-WP 1.0* in order to make it capable of handling image datasets submitted together with articles to a new online journal planned to be launched by the consortium.
- ❑ **Workshop at EFMI STC Munich.** The 3<sup>rd</sup> WG Workshop with the topic *Medical Image Processing for Health – State of the Art, Challenges and Obstacles* has taken place on 16 June 2004, Munich, Germany, at the EFMI Special Topic Conference 2004. The participation was good. Lively discussions and new contacts made it a success for the working group. All presentations are available on the WG Website.
- ❑ **WG Meeting:** A WG meeting has taken place at EFMI Special Topic Conference in Munich on 16 June 2004. Strategy and harmonization of efforts for reference image databases stood in the focus of this very productive meeting (protocol see WG Website).

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