International Medical Informatics Association:
Nursing Informatics Special Interest Group

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Executive Committee (2021-2024)

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Diane Skiba Profiling an Honorary Member: Kathryn Hannah

Kathryn J. Hannah, C.M., Ph.D., D.Sc. (h.c.), FACMI

Dr. Hannah is a pioneer whose involvement with computers in nursing started in 1974. As an academic, she spearheaded efforts to use computer-assisted instruction and evolved to provide consultation based on her numerous years of experience to academia, health care delivery systems, organizations, health and nursing systems. Dr. Hannah states that "as the nursing informatics field evolved, so too did her focus – from computers, to software, to data and data standards".

She is known for her extensive expertise in knowledge transfer and change management facilitation, for which she is respected internationally. She is a prolific author of articles on computers in health care and nursing, as well as health care informatics, and also textbooks.

She was the first nurse informaticist in Canada and was their representative to Working Group 8: Nursing informatics. As one of the founding representatives of this working group, she served as first Vice Chair, then as the Second Chair of Working 8 Group (1987-1989). She chaired the first nursing session held at Medinfo 1980 in Tokyo and was also involved in the 1982 Working Group Conference and Post Conference in London. She also chaired the Second International Conference of Nursing, 'Use of Computers and Information Science: Building bridges to the future' in Calgary, Canada (1985). She is also one of our earliest Honorary Members.

Dr Hannah's stellar career has been recognized by various honors and awards. Here are just a few examples: elected Fellow in the American College of Medical Informatics (1989); founding Fellow of the IMIA's International Academy of Health Sciences Informatics (2017); awarded Maestro Illustre (1993) by the Faculty of Medicine and Health Science at the University of Guadalajara, Mexico; member of the Order of Canada for her pioneering informatics work (2015); awarded a Doctor of Science honoris causa by Athabasca University; Centennial Award from The Canadian Nurses Association (2008) in recognition of her pioneering leadership in promoting the involvement of nurses in the development and use of information systems in health care and the Canadian Health Informatics Award for Leadership (2015) jointly presented by Canada's Health Informatics Association and the Information Technology Association of Canada. In her honor, friends and colleagues established the Dr. Kathryn J Hannah Scholarship that is administered by The Canadian Nurses

WHAT IS IMIA-NI?

IMIA-NI is the world body for health and biomedical informatics. The focus of IMIA-NI is to foster collaboration among nurses and others who are interested in Nursing Informatics to facilitate development in the field. We aim to share knowledge, experience and ideas with nurses and healthcare providers worldwide about the practice of Nursing Informatics and the benefits of enhanced information management.

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Message from the Vice-Chair Communication – Michelle Honey

Kia ora and greetings from New Zealand

I am honoured to be part of the IMIA-NI Executive Committee with the role of Vice-Chair Communication. When I look at the IMIA-NI Strategic Plan it is evident that communication is a key element to achieve a number of our goals. While it would be lovely to be able to meet up in person and communicate face-to-face, the world has been challenged by the pandemic and the distances now seem somehow greater. However, this situation gives us the opportunity to use other ways of interacting with each other. I imagine many of you, like me, are now well-versed using zoom or some other means for virtual meetings. What we learn, is connecting to each other is important.

Most obviously, this newsletter is part of our strategy to keep in contact with you. So far, you have been hearing from the Executive Committee. My thanks to Diane Skiba, as Immediate Past Chair, who is providing a regular item about the Honorary Members by profiling one each month. If you have suggestions or ideas of news items to include please share them with us.

Alongside this newsletter IMIA-NI are looking at how we can enhance our web presence and improve the information on our web site. Please check out the website as we continue to keep the information there current. The URL is a bit long https://imia-medinfo.org/wp/sig-ni-nursing-informatics/ but indicates our place within the International Medical Informatics Association (IMIA).

If you have any items to share – upcoming events you know of, news items or new reports, articles or books please send an email (Ann.Kristin.Rotegard@cappelendamm.no with the subject: attention Michelle Honey).

READING: WHO Strategic Direction for Nurses and Midwives 2021-2025

The draft **World Health Organization's Strategic Direction for Nurses and Midwives 2021-2025** has been released. This report presents evidence-based practices and an interrelated set of policy priorities that can help countries ensure that midwives and nurses optimally contribute to achieving universal health coverage and other population health goals. Technology and digital health feature in this report. WHO acknowledges their collaborators, including the Nursing Now Global Campaign, the International Council of Nurses and the International Confederation of Midwives among others. Click here to access a copy.

NI2021 and IMIA NI General Assembly: Message from our Chair Ann-Kristin

Dear colleagues
Our big event, the IMIA NI conference 2021, in collaboration with AIDH (Australasian Institute of Digital Health) is soon coming up. We have a very interesting program that is well worth joining, so please sign up for the conference. Early bird registration is before July 1 and you can save up to $100! As a society representative you can register as a member at special prices. The program runs over 9 days and as a participant you will both have access to live presentations, as well as recordings. Also, please set aside time to attend this year's General Assembly. A separate email with the dates and times and for registration to the General Assembly will be sent out. We have several interesting issues for discussion on the agenda and we need your voice in the discussions. Hoping you can join us, Ann-Kristin Rotegaard.

Upcoming Events

- **NI 2021**: Nursing Informatics International Congress (NI2021), 23 August – 2 September 2021. This event celebrates nurses and midwives as frontline users of digital solutions. **Early bird registration** closes 1 July. There are discounts for IMIA members, students and groups of 3 or more from the same organisation.
- **IMIA-NI 2021 General Assembly** meeting will be held during NI2021 23 August – 2 September 2021 – see Ann-Kristin's message above. Further details to follow.
- **MedInfo:** with the theme "One World, One Health: Global Partnership for Digital Innovation" will be held as a virtual conference, October 2-4, 2021. More information