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Executive Committee (2021-2024)

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IMIA NI Message from the Chair

Thank you to all who attended our 2022 General Assembly. Particular thanks to Diane Skiba for her leadership of the Honorary Members group - it was good to see so many attend the General Assembly. Thank you everyone, including those who could not attend either General Assembly, for all your encouragement and contributions to nursing informatics across the globe.

We currently have 27 country representatives, 25 Honorary Members and 3 institutional members. We have received country reports from 61%. If your report is still outstanding please email it as we need these to indicate how we are fulfilling our strategic goals and objectives. We welcome ICN as our newest institutional member. We voted to accept two new Honorary Members and congratulate Kaija Saranto (Finland) and Patrick Weber (Switzerland). My thanks also to all who made contact about joining the Nominating Committee – a small group have now been selected, but I appreciate the wonderful response.

I close with thanks to my Executive Committee and we look forward to keeping you updated of developments in future newsletters, and of meeting together in person at NI2024 – our international congress planned for 2024 in Manchester!

Register: Free Global IMIA NI webinar 29 or 30 September

You still have time to register for the first of a series of global webinars. This event on *“Workforce empowerment for future challenges”* is being hosted by the Slovenian Nursing Informatics Interest Group in collaboration with IMIA NI.



This free two-hour webinar will be offered at two different times:

- 29 September 2022, 20:00, Central European Time (CET), OR
- 30 September 2022, 06:30, Central European Time (CET)

IMIA NI Global Webinar

Hosted by:

SLOVENIAN NURSING INFORMATICS INTEREST GROUP

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NB: To attend this free two-hour webinar please register your interest by Wednesday, 21 September 2022 by completing the form using this link: <https://forms.gle/dSFbZkR8cXGDN1Qb7>

You will be asked which of the two date and time options you will be attending (see above). The link to the webinar will be sent to you a day before the first event, i.e. by Thursday, 28 September. For more detail about the content of the webinar please read the July newsletter on our website.

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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national nursing informatics
organizations.**

Honorary Member: William L. Holzemer by Diane Skiba

William L. Holzemer, RN, Ph.D., FAAN, is Distinguished Professor and Dean Emeritus, School of Nursing (SON) Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey; Professor Emeritus, SON, University of California San Francisco, and Distinguished Honorary Professor, St. Luke's University, Tokyo. He currently serves as the Editor-in-Chief of the *Japan Journal of Nursing Science*. He is a member of the National Academy of Medicine, a Fellow of the American Academy of Nursing, and a member of the Japan Academy of Nursing. He is a former Fulbright Scholar (Egypt), a Project HOPE Fellow (USA-Mexico Border). In 2012 he received *The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold Rays* from the Japanese Government for contributions to the development of academic nursing in Japan.

In 1979, Bill attended a workshop and realized the need for microcomputers and the importance for a research-intensive school of nursing to maximize the potential of microcomputers. Under his direction, at the University of California San Francisco SON, he first started with terminals that connected to the university's mainframe. In 1982-1983 Dr. Holzemer was given money to purchase IBM-PCs and printers, and to get expanded space in the computer lab. In 1984 the school participated in the IBM loan program and received 10 additional IBM PCs – now they had 20 IBM-PCs. The lab had a dual purpose: to facilitate instructional support through clinical simulation software and support research. An advanced training grant from the Division of Nursing facilitated the development of many clinical simulation programs. In addition, the Center developed a course on Computers in Nursing for their nursing administration program and then added six other courses, including Database Management and Modeling and Communications. Through this pioneering work, he became involved in the IMIA NI group and participated in the 1987 Nursing Informatics Education Task Force conference in Stockholm. He is a prolific author who has mentored many students who have conducted informatics studies.



Bill is on the right

In addition to his involvement in informatics, he is an established researcher whose work has focused upon clinical care and research to improve the quality of life for people and families living with HIV/AIDS, diminishing health disparities for patients that are challenged by stigma, symptom management, and medication adherence. His work in this field spans the globe with extensive work throughout Africa. Bill created the International Nursing Network for HIV/AIDS Research to conduct and disseminate nursing research to help people live well with HIV. As a result of his extraordinary work The American Academy of Nursing will honour Bill as a Living Legend in October 2022.

His impact on the nursing profession has made an incredible impact on policy and public health at a global level.

Honoring the Legacy of Virginia Saba Through Charting a Path Forward for Standardized Nursing Terminologies in Practice and Research

You can join this Virtual Workshop being held October 20 – 21, 2022, which is organized by the Friends of the National Library of Medicine. The keynote will be delivered by Dr. Patricia Brennan. Due to the generosity of the sponsors, registration is complimentary using this [link](https://bit.ly/3B2LoHx), (<https://bit.ly/3B2LoHx>) and you are welcome to share this link with others.

In Memory of Maureen Scholes (1929-2022) by Ulla Gerdin & Elly S. P. Verloop (Pluyter)-Wenting.

Maureen invited nurses from around the world to a conference on Nursing and Computing in London in 1982 followed by a working conference in Harrogate. This was the start at what later became IMIA NI. Maureen Scholes, SRN, MBCS. from England, was formerly Director of Nursing Services at the London Hospital. She was the nurse member of the executive team of the hospital and responsible for directing the development of the major computer system there from 1967-1988. Based on her experiences in the London Hospital she defined clearly the enormous power of computers in nursing and she was a real pioneer in the field. She would have hesitated to describe herself as a nurse with a mission but she had a talent for getting people together to openly discuss and share experiences and knowledge.

She has published numerous articles and papers. Internationally, as well as in England, she was respected and well known for her initiatives and management. Maureen was the Founder- and highly respected first Chair of IMIA NI. Besides that she was a lovely person with a strong character, and a clear but soft voice. Her view on Nursing informatics was far beyond thinking in general in that time. Although her eyesight was getting worse she did not stop writing. In April 2000 her last publication as 1st author was: 'International Nursing Informatics: History of the First Forty Years 1960-2000.' Maureen reached the age of 93 years! She

Upcoming Events and News

- [MedInfo 2023](#) is being held in Sydney, Australia 7-12 July.

Please let us know if you have any news or events to share