



# International Medical Informatics Association: Nursing Informatics

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## Executive Committee (2021-2024)

- Chair Ann-Kristin Rotegård
- Vice-Chair (Membership) Joy Lee
- Vice-Chair (Admin & Finance) Margie Kennedy
- Vice-Chair (Communication) Michelle Honey
- Vice-Chair (Advisory Panels) Nick Hardiker

## IMIA NI Society Members

There are **29 society members of IMIA NI**. A special welcome to the two first African countries/societies that have joined this year! IMIA NI now has representatives from all regions of the world. The countries that are represented are: Australia, Austria, Belgium, Brazil, Canada, Chile, Croatia, Denmark, Finland, Ghana, Germany, India, Ireland, Israel, Japan, New Zealand, Norway, Philippines, Republic of Korea (South Korea), Romania, Slovenia, South Africa, Sri Lanka, Sweden, Switzerland, Taiwan, United Arab Emirates, United Kingdom, and USA.

At the recent IMIA NI General Assembly held in conjunction with NI2024 the retirement of three Society representatives were noted with thanks expressed for their service: TingTing Lee (Taiwan), Erica Cabbalero (Chile) and Michelle Honey (New Zealand). The passing of USA representative, Marisa Wilson was also noted, with recognition of her many contributions to nursing informatics. Welcome to our new members: Antonia Belen Benavente Rubio (Chile), Philippa Pascalina (Ghana), Emma Collins (New Zealand), Jennifer Ann Chipps (South Africa), Shin-Shang Chou (Taiwan) and Gregory Alexander (USA).

**The role of IMIA NI society members** includes (IMIA NI Bylaws, 2023):

- Representing their member country's view.
- Assisting IMIA NI achieve its objectives by recognizing, supporting, initiating Nursing Informatics events in their own member society.
- Participating in at least one of the Advisory Panels and communicating to and from IMIA NI and relevant groups in their member society, thus contributing to the dissemination function of the group of sharing knowledge, expertise and developments plus difficulties and needs.
- Participating at the annual General Assembly and submitting an annual country report.
- Promoting a multi-disciplinary collaborative approach to informatics in health care and demonstrating sensitivity to the contributions that other disciplines make.
- Serving on other groups within IMIA.
- Consider hosting a symposium or workshop in their own member society and recognizing the unique opportunity this offers to nursing in the host member society.

## 40th anniversary celebrates IMIA NI Honorary Members

A project led by Diane Skiba, with the assistance of Heather Strachan, Paula Procter and Michelle Honey, titled 'Nursing Informatics development, implementation, and evaluation over five decades: Personal accounts and experiences from International Experts' has resulted in recorded and transcribed interviews with Honorary Members. As part of the IMIA NI 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary these are now available on the [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.

IMIA Nursing Informatics  
<https://www.linkedin.com/groups/6716836/>

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newsletter with your  
networks and national  
nursing informatics  
organizations.**

## Diane Skiba receives IMIA NI Leadership award

IMIA NI Honorary Member Dr Diane J Skiba, Ph.D., FAAN, FACMI, ANEF received the IMIA NI Leadership award, which was presented to her at the NI2024 Congress in Manchester. This is a well-deserved award and recognition of her sustained leadership within IMIA NI and in nursing informatics education.

Diane has been actively engaged with IMIA NI since 1988. She was invited to her first IMIA NI post conference in 1988 and in following years was also an invited participant to Post Conferences in 1991, 2000, 2009, and 2016. In the 2000s, Diane led as Chair, then mentored and supported others as co-chair on the IMIA NI Education Working Group. She served as Chair of the NI2003, NI2006 and NI2009 Student Award Committee and was the Chair of the Student Design Contest Awards Committee in 2016. Diane also served on the Scientific Program Committee (SPC) for NI2016 and was Co-Chair of the SPC for NI2018.



In addition, Diane was the USA representative to IMIA NI and then stepped into a Vice Chair role for IMIA NI, before 2016-2020 when she was Chair of IMIA NI. One of her IMIA NI Past Chair's projects has been to coordinate honorary member activities and plan for the 40th anniversary celebration. Diane is currently the Chair of the Nominations Committee for IMIA NI.

Thank you Diane for all you have done for IMIA NI and to further nursing informatics, and warmest congratulations from all the nursing informatics community!

## Studies – please assist

Prof. Dr. Ursula H. Hübner, from Germany who is the IMIA Board Secretary, is leading a project to update competencies previously published in 2018.

Hübner U, Shaw T, Thye J, Egbert N, Marin HF, Chang P, O'Connor S, Day K, Honey M, Blake R, Hovenga E, Skiba D, Ball MJ. Technology Informatics Guiding Education Reform - TIGER. *Methods Inf Med.* 2018 Jun; 57(S 01):e30-e42. doi: 10.3414/ME17-01-0155.

Please consider completing the [survey](#) and contributing to this work.

### Nurse informaticians Needed for e-Delphi Study on Health Emergency Preparedness!

This international study is being led by A/Prof Zerina Lokmic-Tomkins from Australia.

**Who:** Nurse informaticians

**Where:** Online (before 15<sup>th</sup> November 2024)

**Duration:** Each survey round will require 10-15 minutes (estimated 2 rounds total).



## Upcoming Events and News

- **EFMI MIE 2024** will be held in Athens, Greece on 25-29 August 2024.
- The Emirates Nursing Association 1<sup>st</sup> annual **nursing informatics conference**, “Advancing Nursing Informatics in the UAE” will be held in Abu Dhabi 10 November 2024.
- New Zealand’s eHealth Nursing and Midwifery Informatics Workshop, with the theme “*Amplifying the nursing and midwifery voice in digital health*” will be on December 3rd, 2024, in Hamilton, as part of Health Informatics New Zealand (HiNZ) **Digital Health Week**.
- **MedInfo’25** will be held in Taipei, Taiwan 9-13 August 2025. Submissions are due 4 December 2024. If you sign up for updates you can enter a draw to join MedInfo'25 for free.
- NI2028 – advance notice that NI2028, with the theme “Pushing boundaries: Digital in a nursing world” will be held in Las Vegas, USA 2 to 5 November 2028.

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