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Message from IMIA NI Chair Ann-Kristin Rotegaard

Thank you to all of you who attended one of the two General Assembly virtual meetings! We appreciate your time and ideas. Minutes from both meetings have now been collated and have been sent out. They are also available on our [webpage](#). Instructions for voting have been emailed out, so if you haven't already, please respond! We will report the results soon.



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.

CONGRATULATIONS – let's celebrate!

- Presidential Distinguished Professor **Marion J. Ball** has been named The Raj and Indra Nooyi Endowed Distinguished Chair In Bioengineering
- American College of Medical Informatics (ACMI) Distinguished Fellowship awarded to **Marion Ball**
- **Kaija Saranto** is the President-Elect and **Graham Wright** will be the next Treasurer of the International Academy of Health Sciences Informatics
- The American Academy of Nursing honours **Roy L. Simpson** with the President's Award, which recognizes an individual who has made extraordinary, lifelong contributions to improving the health of individuals, families, or communities
- American Medical Informatics Association (AMIA) Signature New Investigator Award recipient is **Max Topaz**.



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Diane Skiba Profiling an Honorary Member: Virginia Saba

Virginia K. Saba, EdD, Honorary PhD, DS, RN, FAAN, FACMI, LL served as the sixth chair of the IMIA NI SIG from 2001-2004. Prior to serving as the Chair, Virginia was the Vice Chair and was the representative for the United States. Dr. Saba has a long and distinguished career that focused on the uses of the emerging technologies for the nursing profession. She is recognized as a pioneer in the integration of computers into nursing. For over 50 years she spearheaded the nursing informatics movement nationally and internationally and initiated its acceptance through unique and new innovative programs. Through her efforts, NI was professionally recognized as a new nursing specialty which required its own standards, academic programs, and educational materials which she helped initiate. She also promoted distant learning technologies and developed computer-based information systems for clinical nursing practice including the research and development of the Clinical Care Classification (CCC) System.

As early as 1981, she initiated the 1st National NI Conference at National Institutes of Health. During that year, she also organized its first NI sessions and NI working group at the then leading healthcare conference Annual Symposium on Computer Applications in Medical Care (SCAMC), now known as American Medical Informatics Association. She was instrumental in initiating the formation of the ANA Council for Computer Applications in Nursing (CCAN) where she not only served on the board, but also chaired for several years. This committee was the driving force that promoted NI as a new nursing specialty and fostered the creation of the Scope and Standards of Nursing Informatics Practice as well as Certification for the NI Specialty.



She served at Georgetown University School of Nursing as a Distinguished Scholar where she taught and integrated computer technology in the academic programs. During her tenure, she developed and educated faculty and student about Nursing Informatics (NI). In addition to her academic responsibilities, she conducted a federally funded research project to develop a clinical classification system for nursing called the Clinical Care Classification (CCC) system that is currently used throughout the United States and in numerous countries across the globe. She also served as a Full Professor at the Uniformed Services University (USU) where she taught and designed a Distance Learning Project (DL) between the Department of Defense (DoD) and Veterans Administration (VA). The DL Project was a prototype program using interactive video with ten participating VA Medical Centers culminating in its first virtual graduation.

As a national and international recognized NI expert, she has served on numerous committees, conducted workshops, lectured, presented scientific papers at national and international conference, and published numerous articles. Dr. Saba has authored several books, book chapters, and articles including two editions of the CCC Manual: A Users Guide to Nursing Documentation, seven editions of Essentials of Nursing (Computers) Informatics and served as one of the first editors for the Computers in Nursing (CIN) Journal (now called CIN: Computers, Informatics, Nursing). She is a Fellow of American Academy of Nursing (FAAN), American College of Medical Informatics (FACMI), member of Sigma Theta Tau International (STTI) Honor Society, and Academy of Medicine of Washington, DC. She is a recipient of numerous awards such as AMIA-Virginia Saba Award for Nursing Informatics, American Academy of Nursing Living Legend Award (2002), and AMIA Nursing Informatics Working Group Appreciation Award. She has also received several Honorary Degrees-University of Athens, Athens, Greece; University of Maryland, Baltimore, MD; and Excelsior University, Albany, NY.

Dr. Saba is the CEO and President of SabaCare Inc. that provides the nationally recognized nursing terminology: Clinical Care Classification (CCC) System to support the electronic capture of discrete patient care data for documenting the “essence of care” for nursing and measuring the relationship of nursing care to patient outcomes.