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Executive Committee (2021-2024)

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Diane Skiba Profiling an Honorary Member: Heather Strachan

Dr Heather Strachan trained as a nurse in Glasgow in 1981 and went on to study for her master's in information science at City University, London and achieved her Doctorate from Glasgow Caledonian University. Heather served as the 7th Chair of IMIA NI SIG from 2003-2006 when she introduced the then new IMIA NI SIG committee structure (Chair and four Vice Chair positions) that mirrored the structure of IMIA Board. This gave country representatives an opportunity, as member of the IMIA NI Board members, to use their expertise to influence the group across a range of topics and roles. Previously IMIA NI officers served for at least 10 years going from national member, secretary, Vice Chair and Chair. Heather also initiated the IMIA NI Honorary Members lunch, which was held at each IMIA NI SIG International Congress, where honorary members could meet to share their vast expertise and contribute to topics of the day.

Since the 1980s, Heather has been an active member of the nursing informatics community both in the UK and internationally. Heather was an executive committee member of the British Computer Society (BCS) Nursing Specialist Group (1988-96), Chair of BCS Health Informatics - Scotland (2003-06) and was awarded Fellow of the BCS in 2010. Heather served as a member of the scientific programme committees for the 6th IMIA-SIG International Congress and the 13th, 15th and 16th World Congress' on Medical Informatics.



Her career roles have included project managing the development and implementation of nursing information systems in acute and community settings. She was the Nursing, Midwifery and Allied Health Professions (NMAHP) Clinical Lead in the Scottish Government and provided expert advice and an NMAHP perspective to the national eHealth Strategy and engaged with the NMAHP community across Scotland. She directed the development of an International Classification of Nursing Practice (ICNP™) Catalogue for Community Nursing. Her work also included developing a national care governance framework to evidence and measure NMAHP contribution to care quality. This led to her to undertake her PhD in the conceptualisation and measurement of person-centred care. Heather now works as a Research Fellow at the University of Stirling, Glasgow Caledonian University and she has developed a Master's module at Edinburgh University in managing and leading data-driven innovation in health and social care.

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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Nursing informatics news from Canada

from Margie Kennedy



As Autumn arrives in Canada, many are heading back to school or university, and this is true for Canadian nurses as well. Canada has a number of educational options for nurses interested in learning more about informatics. In addition to formal nursing programs (which may have an informatics course as part of their curriculum) or IT programs across the country, students can take a unique double Master's program at the University of Victoria where upon completion, graduates emerge with a Master of Nursing and a Master of Health Informatics (<https://www.uvic.ca/hsd/nursing/graduate/double-degree/index.php>).

Those looking for educational opportunities related to clinical terminologies can take the postgraduate certificate program at the University of Victoria which leads to a Certified Terminology Standards Specialist designation (https://www.uvic.ca/hsd/hinf/graduate/certificate/cchim_terminology-standards-info_faq.pdf).

The Canadian Nursing Informatics Association (<https://cni.ca>) is commencing their regular schedule of webinars, starting on November 10th with a presentation on an evaluation of the MyChart patient portal at the Hospital for Sick Kids.

Lastly, Digital Health Canada (<https://digitalhealthcanada.com>) offers short courses, certifications, or preparation for the Certified Professional in Healthcare Information and Management Systems – Canada (CPHIMS-CA). They have launched a new digital learning platform where participants can purchase single courses or a bundle of courses to optimize learning. Digital Health Canada also has two new certifications that focus on 1) virtual care and 2) enterprise innovation.

More broadly, much work continues in Canada on nursing informatics leadership competencies and characteristics. This work has continued to evolve and is expanding with more researchers attending the topic and focusing their research on identifying, extending, and sharing their results.

It truly is a busy season in Canada!

Upcoming Events

- European Federation for Medical Informatics (EFMI) - **Special Topic Conference 2021** online 22-24 November
- New Zealand's 2022 informatics conference "**Digital Health Connect**" event from 22 to 24 March includes eHealth Nursing & Midwifery Workshop on 22 March.
- **American Nursing Informatics Association (ANIA) 2022 Conference**: 27 -29 April.
- Medical Informatics Europe/European Federation for Medical Informatics (EFMI) is holding the **32nd Medical Informatics Europe Conference (MIE2022)** in Nice, France, May 27th-30th, 2022.
- **MedInfo 2023** is being held in Sydney, Australia 7-12 July.

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