



International Medical Informatics Association: Nursing Informatics Special Interest Group

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Executive Committee (2021-2024)

Chair Ann-Kristin Rotegaard

Vice-Chair (Membership) Joy Lee

Vice-Chair (Admin & Finance) Margie Kennedy

Vice-Chair (Communication) Michelle Honey

Vice-Chair (Working Groups) Nick Hardiker

Diane Skiba Profiling an Honorary Member: Elly Plyuter Wenting

Elly Plyuter Wenting, SRN served as the first Secretary (1986-1989), second Vice Chair (1989-1991) and ultimately the third chair (1991-1994) of the IMIA NI SIG. Elly's career included several years as a nurse instructor and 15 years as an Assistant Director of Nursing at the University Hospital in Leiden, Netherlands.



During her management position, Elly became involved in both the development and implementation of an integrated hospital system. The hospital information system was a product of a Dutch company called HISCOM. She eventually served as the Vice President of this company from 1988-1998.

She was instrumental in founding the Dutch Nursing Informatics Group that was associated with the Dutch Association of Medical Informatics. She was an accomplished author with numerous articles and she chaired numerous professional organization informatics committees throughout her career.

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 Membership – Tso Ying (Joy) Lee

Dear colleagues,

Following in the steps and efforts of the former Chair, Diane Skiba, and the Vice Chair for Membership, Barbara Sayonara, I am honored to be the thirteenth IMIA-NI Vice-Chair for Membership and will continuously develop our future tasks with the other Executive Committee members, under the leadership of the current Chair, Ann Kristin.

The IMIA-NI Executive Committee has one Chairperson and four Vice Chairpersons. There are currently 2 Society Representatives, 30 Honorary Members, 4 Working Groups, and 28 Society Members of IMIA. The Nursing Informatics Special Interest Group represents 47% of the current IMIA society members. We will continue to add new members by working with Elaine Huesing and contacting IMIA society member representatives.

The tasks of the membership committee are:

- To support the development of nursing informatics in member countries and promote nursing informatics worldwide.
- To promote linkages and collaborative activities with national and international nursing and health informatics groups, and with nursing and health care organizations globally.
- To provide, promote, and support informatics meetings, conferences, and electronic communication forums, to enable opportunities for the sharing of ideas, developments, and knowledge.

Now we are very pleased to know that we can have different members from different countries take turns in sharing information about the characteristics of their nursing informatics development via the platform of a newsletter, so that our members can exchange information and support each other internationally. Of course, if you want more information or to get involved, please send me an email to tsoyinglee@gmail.com and let us know.

Reading: How the nursing profession should adapt for a digital future

This article on how the nursing profession should adapt for a digital future has recently been published in the BMJ with lead author, Richard Booth from Canada. The authors suggest that the transformation of nursing into a digitally enabled profession will maximize the benefits to patient care.

The full citation for the article is:

Booth, R.G., Strudwick, G., McBride, S., O'Connor, S. & Solano López, A.L. (2021).
How the nursing profession should adapt for a digital future. *BMJ*, 373:n1190, doi:
<https://doi.org/10.1136/bmj.n1190>.

The doi will take you to the article or click [here](#).

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. There are discounts for IMIA members, students and groups of 3 or more from the same organisation.
- **IMIA-NI 2021 General Assembly** will be held during NI2021 23 August – 2 September 2021. Two dates are provided to cover the various time zones. Please note the date that suits you best:
August 31st at 4:00 AEST OR Sept 1st at 14:30 AETS
- **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](#)