International Medical Informatics Association:
Nursing Informatics Special Interest Group

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Honorary Member: Graham Wright by Diane Skiba

It is with great sadness that we share that one of our honorary members and a nurse involved in the early days of informatics passed away suddenly in South Africa. Both Graham and his wife Helen, have been part of our informatics community and will be known to many. Graham and Helen moved from the UK many years ago and settled in South Africa on a little working farm.

Professor Graham Wright was a chartered information systems practitioner with clinical and managerial experience. He held several educational positions in the UK. He was a Tutor for Swindon, Kennett and NW Wiltshire. IN addition, he was the MSc Health Informatics Programme Director at the University of Winchester and the Director of Education for the European Institute of Health and Medical Sciences (EIHMS) at the University of Surrey.

With his move to South Africa, he also established and ran an MSc in Health Informatics course there.

Graham was an innovator, who in the 1980s. established An Open Source Library to distribute learning programmes. He also created the virtual Centre for Health Informatics Research and Development (CHIRAD)that allowed members to exchange information in a research and development platform.

Graham was also a major force in professional organizations. He had been an active Fellow of the British Computer Society (BCS) and was past Treasurer (2001-2007) and Chair (2007-2009). He served as UK country representative for IMIA NI from 2001-2007. Graham was also UK Representative to EFMI Nursing Informatics SIG. He was also very active in IMIA. He was the Founder, Co-Chair and Chair of the IMIA Open Source Software working group and a member of the IMIA Education Working Group.

As noted by Peter Murray, his nominator for honorary membership, "Graham exemplifies the best traditions of IMIA NI through long-standing involvement, continuing support for the organisation, and the development of new ideas and the 'next generation' of members, and of the domain within under-represented parts of the world."

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 Special Interest Group, https://www.linkedin.com/groups/6716836/

Please share this newsletter with your networks and national nursing informatics organizations.

Nursing and Midwifery Digital Health Conference 8 July in Australia	Nursing Informatics Day as part of MIE on 24 May in Sweden
The inaugural Nursing and Midwifery Digital Health Conference (#NMDHC23) is taking place on 8 July 2023 in Sydney during #Medinfo23 which is run by The Australasian Institute of Digital Health (AIDH). The Nursing and Midwifery Digital Health Conference is Australia's only nursing informatics conference. This conference has evolved from the Nursing Informatics Australia conference, and this year's theme is 'Creating a digitally savvy workforce'. In line with the theme of MedInfo 2023 (The Future is Accessible), the theme aims to inspire nurses and midwives to become digitally empowered in the future delivery of care to achieve quality outcomes across all healthcare settings. More information **HERE**.	The nursing informatics working group under European Federation for Medical Informatics (EFMI NI) are proud to invite you for the first time to day devoted to nursing informatics as part of the annual European Medical Informatics Europe (MIE) conference. www.mie2023.org. This conference will be held in Gothenburg, Sweden, May 23-25 with Tuesday 24 May the Nursing informatics day. There is a special registration fees for clinical nurses and you can ask for the promotion code from LoC@mie2023.org or Inge Cort Madsen (cort@via.dk). The program will soon be published at www.mie2023.org and www.efmi.org

NI update from Finland – by Ulla-Mari Kinnunen, Kaija Saranto, Pia Liljamo

Nursing informatics is well established in Finland. There is collaboration with other interdisciplinary digital health and informatics communities with Dr. Ulla-Mari Kinnunen and Dr. Pia Liljamo being members and Dr. Laura-Maria Peltonen a board member of the Finnish Social and Health Informatics Association under IMIA. Dr. Kaija Saranto is an honorary member of the association and the current president of the International Academy of Health Sciences Informatics. Dr. Ulla-Mari Kinnunen is co-chairing the IMIA Practice Advisory Group. Dr. Laura-Maria Peltonen is a member of IMIA Governance Advisory Group. There is also nursing digital health and informatics representation on national groups. For example, since June 2021 Dr Outi Ahonen (Laurea University of Applied Sciences) is the president of the Finnish Society of Telemedicine and eHealth; Dr Virpi Jylhä, is chair of the Board on the Finnish Social and Health Informatics Association (FinnSHIA) and since January 2023 Pia Liljamo an editor of the national journal - the Finnish Journal of eHealth and eWelfare https://journal.fi/finjehew.

Nursing digital health and informatics is well integrated into educational programs in Finland. All Universities of Applied Sciences which include nursing schools, have included digital health and informatics in their curricula. We have a Masters and doctoral degree programme in Health and Human Services Informatics (HHSI) at the University of Eastern Finland (UEF). Many of the students have a nursing background. A highlight for nursing informatics in Finland is the revision of the 2016 eHealth strategy for nurses, and the publication of the 2021 Digital Social and Health Services Strategy by the Finnish Nurses Association.

For over 20 years we have developed standardized nursing documentation in Finland. Standardized Finnish Care Classification, FinCC is widely used in Finland. Dr. Ulla-Mari Kinnunen chairs the expert group. In honour of Dr. Virginia Saba, we were lucky to publish our latest analysis of the FinCC use, please see Mykkänen et al. 2022. The HHSI research group have participated the national project Monitoring of the digitalization of social welfare and health care. Please, see Nurse survey database reports.

Upcoming Events and News

- **MIE 2023** Medical Informatics Europe 22-25 May 2023, with NI day 24 May in Göteborg, Sweden.
- **MedInfo 2023** is being held in Sydney, Australia, 7-12 July 2023.
- **AIDH Nursing and Midwifery Digital Health Conference 2023** during Medinfo23 on 8 July.
- Slovenia is hosting the 21st International Conference on Artificial Intelligence in Medicine (**AIME 23**), which includes AI in Nursing, 12-15 June 2023.
- **NI 2024** will be in Manchester, UK, 28-31 July, 2024. The theme is 'Applied nursing informatics: Innovations in the practice of nursing informatics'. **@ni2024**

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