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Report on MedInfo23 in Sydney by Michelle Honey

MedInfo23, the 19th world congress on medical and health informatics, was presented by the Australasian Institute of Digital Health (AIDH) on behalf of International Medical Informatics Association (IMIA). The conference was held in July in Sydney, Australia – and despite winter we experienced sunshine every day!



Some of the IMIA NI supporters at MedInfo23 (from left) Marion Ball (US), Peter Murray (UK), Kaija Saranto (Finland), Robyn Carr (NZ), Evelyn Hovenga (Australia), Michelle Honey (NZ), and Emma Collins (NZ).

There was a wonderful buzz amongst the more than 2300 delegates from over 57 countries. There were 662 submissions from 53 countries – forming a full program of 281 papers and more. It was wonderful to be able to meet in person again and to catch up with IMIA NI friends!

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 ★



The prestigious award from International Medical Informatics Association (IMIA), the François Grémy Award of Excellence for 2023 was presented to Dr Hyeoun-Ae Park from South Korea. Hyeoun-Ae is an Honorary Member of IMIA NI, and served as IMIA NI chair 2012-2016. Warmest congratulations Hyeoun-Ae!

Dr Marion Ball on Wikipedia!

In recognition of all her efforts and outstanding contributions to health informatics Marion Ball was surprised at MedInfo23, with the news she has been added to Wikipedia – [check it out!](#)

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July 28-31 2024

University of Manchester

Honorary Member: Judith (Judy) Ronald

Judith Ronald, RN, EdD, FAAN was one of the first nursing faculty to offer a course, Computers in Nursing, to undergraduate nursing students in 1976. Her first degree was a baccalaureate degree in mathematics and she worked for IBM. She then obtained her nursing degree. When Judy entered into academia, she taught not only nursing courses and her computers in nursing course. She blended her experience as a mathematician with her love of nursing. Her publication, Computers & undergraduate nursing education: A report on an experimental introductory course, in the 1979 Journal of Nursing Education is a classic and served as a foundation for many introductory courses across the world. Her work led to a monograph, "Guidelines for Basic Computer Education in Nursing," that was a primary resource on the topic for schools of nursing in the United States, Canada, Europe and Australia.



Ronald's research has focused on computer competencies and the learning needs of nursing faculty, for which she developed an innovative assessment instrument that has been adapted for use by other researchers. Her research findings were used as a basis to create the award winning HBOC Nurse Scholars program. This program was a partnership between a publicly held corporation who had partnered with two academics, Drs. Judy Ronald and Diane Skiba. The program was designed to provide nursing faculty with an opportunity to learn about and use automated health-care information systems and informatics knowledge and skills to implement their nursing curriculum. Judy Ronald has been instrumental in forming informatics organizations on a national and international level. At the national level, she was one of the initial members of the newly formed National League for Nursing Committee on Computer Technology and Nursing education. She was an invited participant to the first international nursing informatics conference, *The Impact of Computer in Nursing conference*, held in London. She became the first United States representative to the newly formed IMIA Working Group 8 from 1983-1992. In subsequent years, she was IMIA Working Group 8 Nursing Informatics Secretary (1987-1991) and Vice Chair, IMIA Working Group 8 Nursing Informatics. Unfortunately, she did not assume the Chair position due to a family illness. She served on the Scientific Program Committee for the 3rd IMIA NI International conference (Dublin, 1988) and for the 4th IMIA NI Conference in Melbourne, Australia (1991). She also served as one of the editors for the 1991 proceedings. She was a member of Organizing Committee for the 5th International Conference held in San Antonio, Texas (1994). Her pioneering work has been recognized by her induction as a Fellow into the American Academy of Nursing.

Report on Dr. Virginia K. Saba's Memorial by Professor Sue Bakken

Captain Virginia K. Saba was interred with full military honors at Arlington National Cemetery on August 8, 2023. The service began with a Catholic Mass at the Old Post Chapel with about 100 people in attendance. Three of her great nephews participated in the Mass through readings and prayers. A Coast Guard honor guard accompanied Virginia's ashes. The attendees processed in their cars to Arlington National Ceremony where the Coast Guard fired a gun salute. The military and retired military attendees also saluted while the remainder of the guests held their hands over their hearts. The honor guard folded the flag and handed it to Virginia's niece Teisha in thanksgiving for Virginia's service to her country. This was followed by a reception at the Army-Navy Country Club where Virginia's life was celebrated with thoughts being shared by her niece Caroline, nephew Richard, and long-time colleagues and friends Kathleen McCormick and Suzanne Bakken. More than 40 individuals from Virginia's professional network were in attendance including honorary member Kaija Saranto (Finland).

Upcoming Events and News

- **NI 2024 Manchester, UK, 28-31 July, 2024.** The theme is 'Applied nursing informatics: Innovations in the practice of nursing informatics'. @ni2024. More information [HERE](#).

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