



# International Medical Informatics Association: Nursing Informatics

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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

## Message from IMIA NI Chair Ann-Kristin Rotegaard



Thank you to all who contributed to our annual General Assembly virtual meeting. Some attended, or submitted reports, or shared their progress and insights – all contributions to the international nursing informatics community are valued and appreciated! If you have not already done so please send your society report.

I am delighted to share we are now IMIA NI – and well done if you noted the change in the heading banner of this newsletter. While we have talked about this before such a change had to be voted and passed at the IMIA Board level – this has now occurred and we now IMIA NI! Information about the General Assembly can be found at the [website](#). More news about different upcoming events will be shared in subsequent newsletters. I am looking forward to having our next IMIA NI General Assembly together in person at NI2024 in Manchester.

## 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 ★



Warmest congratulations to Patrick Weber, from Switzerland, who was recognized for his many contributions to the informatics community when he became an honorary member of EFMI, the European Federation for Medical Informatics.

### IAHSI - 2023 New Fellows announced

The International Academy of Health Sciences Informatics (IAHSI) announced the 2023 class of Academy Fellows and there were four nurses included. Please congratulate: **Dawn Dowding, Sarah Rossetti, Ann Kristin Rotegård** and **Maxim Topaz**.

## IMIA NI Governance Advisory Panel (NI-GAP)

The IMIA NI Governance Advisory Panel (NI-GAP) seeks to understand environmental needs and pressures to the governance of nursing informatics resources by continuously scanning the environment regarding the governance aspect of nursing informatics. The panel focuses on the governance aspect of nursing informatics (e.g. standards, interoperability, governance, change, adoption, investment, equity, security, privacy, consent).

**Call for specialists for the governance advisory panel.** Please contact Laura-Maria Peltonen ([laura-maria.peltonen@utu.fi](mailto:laura-maria.peltonen@utu.fi)) to join this panel.

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

## Honorary Member: Michelle Honey

Michelle has been active in nursing informatics in New Zealand since 1991, with the original Nursing Informatics New Zealand (NINZ) organization, taking various leadership roles across the years. This was recognized by her being awarded Honorary Member status of the new merged organization, Health Informatics New Zealand (HiNZ), in 2001. In 2002 she also received Fellowship status with the College of Nursing Aotearoa New Zealand for her nursing informatics activities.

In addition, Michelle chaired NI2000 when New Zealand hosted the International Nursing Informatics Congress, and in 2004 she received Honorary Member status of the International Medical Informatics Association Nursing Informatics group (IMIA NI). Internationally, for IMIA-NI, Michelle has attended many of the congresses and supported IMIA-NI through being an active member, reviewing, being a session chair and judge for student submissions. Michelle has served on the IMIA-NI Education Working Group since 2003, first as New Zealand country representative (2003-2006), then as Chair and Co-chair until 2017 when Michelle took up the position of New Zealand representative to IMIA-NI. Michelle was Chair of the Editorial Committee for NI2021 and also on the Scientific Programme Committee, and currently Michelle is Vice Chair for communication on the IMIA-NI Executive Board.



Nationally, Michelle has been recognised and in 2010 was the inaugural recipient of the Robyn Carr Spirit Cup for steadfast commitment to furthering the goals and achievements of nursing informatics in New Zealand, and in 2021 became a Founding Fellow of Health Informatics New Zealand (FHiNZ) awarded in recognition of Health Informatics leaders who demonstrate significant digital and data achievement and contributions, leadership and service for their health and disability sector. Internationally, in 2022 Michelle was elected as a Fellow of the International Academy of Health Sciences Informatics (FIAHSI).

Michelle supports the continued development of nursing and midwifery health informatics in New Zealand. She currently works at the University of Auckland in the School of Nursing where she continues her research, publications and support of nursing students. She is a prolific author and a mentor for many students in the field of informatics.

## Memorial for Dr. Virginia K. Saba - August 8<sup>th</sup> at Arlington National Cemetery

Dr. Virginia K. Saba's funeral service will be held on Tuesday, August 8th at 12:45pm at Arlington National Cemetery. Her niece shares the following information: People must arrive at the Old Post Chapel at Fort Myer 45 minutes early, at noon. Everyone is welcome. You must arrive in a car. There will be a Catholic service followed by a procession, using our cars, to the Columbarium at Arlington Cemetery where she will receive full military honors by the U.S. Coast Guard.

Unless you already have clearance to enter Fort Myer, you will need to apply for a [security clearance](#) beforehand. The reception afterwards, to which everyone is invited, will be at the Army Navy Country Club nearby. Her family have issued this open invitation but say it would be helpful to know if you think you can join this event. Please contact her niece, Caroline Scully, 413-652-1549.

### 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](#). Register your interest [HERE](#).



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