IMIA NI NEWSLETTER February 2026

As we move through February, 2026 is already finding its stride. This is a good moment to pause and recognise the people behind the progress — the teamwork, care, and commitment we bring to our work every day. This newsletter provides opportunity to demonstrate on the strong start we've made together in 2025, acknowledge the challenges we're navigating, and look ahead to how our NI technology continues to evolve in ways that support our people and the work we do. Your expertise, flexibility, and shared sense of purpose are what make this possible, and it's a privilege to work alongside such a dedicated team

Executive Committee 2025-2029

Chair: To be confimed

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Message from the Leadership Team: As we move through this transition and prepare to welcome our new Chair, our direction remains clear and our work continues with purpose. Guided by our values of inclusivity, ethics, and compassion, we remain focused on empowering nurses in digital health and strengthening our global collaboration.

Since the end of last year the Advisory Panel chairs have met with Dawn (Vice Chair) regularly, focusing on developing an implementation plan to take forward the IMIA NI strategy that was agreed at the General Assembly in 2025. All of the panels have been meeting with their members to identify strategic priorities, that will inform IMIA NI's work going forward.

We are looking forward to the new chair and vice-chair of membership for our board. Also, with retirements, we expect some countries to update their society members. Please, get in touch with Ulla-Mari (Vice Chair) if there are any changes in society members or your contact information.

Thank you for your continued commitment and trust — together, we're building momentum and shaping what comes next.

Spotlight

Vision: Globally nurses are empowered and included to develop and use innovative and effective digital tools and technologies.

Global Nursing Informatics: Evidence and Insights

· **Digital technology research in nursing is expanding sharply**

Recent bibliometric analysis shows nursing informatics research is growing, especially around artificial intelligence, virtual reality, and big data, with calls for enhanced digital competencies and standards in practice.

https://www.frontiersin.org/journals/digital-health/articles/10.3389/fdgth.2026.1670402/abstract?utm

· **Artificial intelligence integration continues to reshape nursing practice**

Reviews in nursing literature indicate AI is increasingly used for clinical decision support, patient monitoring, workflow optimization, and personalising care — while also highlighting the need for ethical frameworks and workforce readiness.

https://nursing.jmir.org/2025/1/e74345?utm

· **Nursing informatics journals highlight ongoing research interest**

Analyses published in JMIR Nursing report sustained growth in nursing informatics publications, particularly in AI and data science applied to nursing education and practice contexts.

https://nursing.jmir.org/2025/1/e74345?utm

· **Telehealth and digital care models remain important trends**

Nursing literature underscores the expanding role of telehealth and remote patient monitoring in care delivery, especially as nurses adapt to new workflows and technologies.

https://www.sciencedirect.com/science/article/pii/S0020748924002633?utm

· **AI and digital tools pose both promise and challenges**

Integrative reviews emphasise the potential of AI to enhance diagnostic precision and operational efficiency, while also highlighting ethical, privacy, and implementation challenges that nursing professionals must address.

Wellbeing Without Borders

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A monthly reflection for our global community

- **Notice where you are** Take a moment to check in with yourself — your energy, your environment, and the season you're moving through. Wellbeing looks different across places and times, and that's okay.

- **Choose connection, gently** Connection doesn't have to be big or formal. A short message, a shared thought, or a quiet check-in can help us feel grounded and supported.

- **Act with kindness — toward yourself** Small, intentional choices can support balance and sustainability in your work and life. Be kind with your expectations, and allow space for rest and renewal.

IMIA NI values in action:

This monthly reflection honours our commitment to inclusivity across cultures and contexts, ethical and sustainable ways of working, and compassion for ourselves and one another.
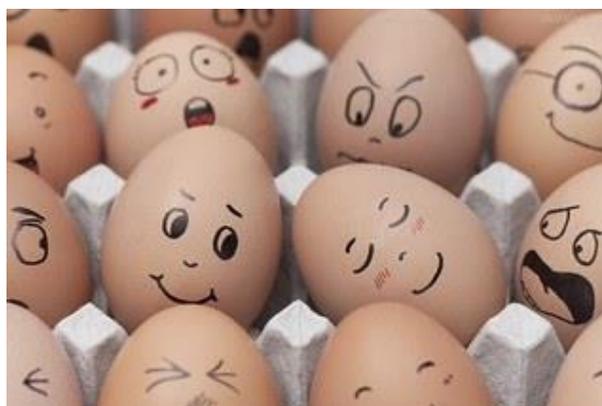
Society Membership

A society member of IMIA NI is an active participant in the International Medical Informatics Association – Nursing Informatics community. Members meet eligibility criteria, engage in the society's activities, and contribute to advancing nursing and health informatics. They benefit from networking, professional development, and opportunities to shape the field, reflecting a commitment to innovation, collaboration, and the mission of IMIA NI.

IMIA NI - the global representative body for nursing informatics

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This is your space to connect with colleagues - In 2026 take the time to introduce yourself and grow your digital health, nursing informatics networks!

IMIA NI Advisory Panels

The IMIA Nursing Informatics (NI) Advisory Panels are part of the International Medical Informatics Association's global initiative to advance nursing and digital health. There are four panels — **Education**, **Governance**, **Practice**, and **Research** — each bringing together international experts to share knowledge, set priorities, and guide innovation in their respective areas. Together, these panels help shape the global direction of nursing informatics and strengthen collaboration across education, practice, policy, and research.

Consider contributing to the future of nursing informatics through our specialised panels

Education Advisory Panel (Chair: Max Topaz)

Governance Advisory Panel (Chairs: Laura-Maria Peltonen, Zerina Lokmic-Tomkins)

Practice Advisory Panel (Chairs: Janette Gogler, Clair Lunt)

Research Advisory Panel (Chairs: Charlene Ronquillo, Aaron Conway)

How to JoinVisit: IMIA NI Advisory Panels and complete the form.[1]

Global Nursing Informatics & Digital Health Conferences in 2026

4 - Save the Date

Please note that some events may have multiple sessions or tracks focusing on different aspects of nursing and healthcare. For detailed information on each conference, including registration, abstract submissions, and specific themes, it's advisable to visit the respective websites.

· **HIMSS26 — HIMSS Global Health Conference & Exhibition**

When / Where: 9–12 March 2026 — Las Vegas (HIMSS26).

Why relevant: World's largest health IT conference; strong clinician and nursing informatics content, major industry, policy and implementation streams (useful for leadership, system-level digital health).

Source: HIMSS official conference site / HIMSS news. HIMSS Conference[2]

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[1]https://imia-medinfo.org/wp/imia-ni-advisory-panel-form/

· **EFMI — Medical Informatics Europe (MIE 2026)**

When / Where: 25–28 May 2026 — Genova (Genoa), Italy.

Why relevant: EFMI's flagship European medical informatics meeting; includes tracks on education, digital health, AI, interoperability and opportunities relevant to nursing informatics.

Source: EFMI / MIE2026 pages. EFMI MIE2026[3]

· **AIDH / HIC2026 (Health Informatics Conference)**

When / Where: HIC2026 — organised by the Australasian Institute of Digital Health (AIDH). (AIDH events page / HIC page listing and registration information).

Why relevant: Australasia's peak digital health conference — strong local relevance for Australian nursing informatics, education, workforce and implementation topics.

Source: AIDH (digitalhealth.org.au) event/HIC pages. AIDH[4]

· **ICN NP/APN Network Conference 2026 (hosted by a university)**

When / Where: 14–17 September 2026 — Nashville, Tennessee, USA (hosted by Vanderbilt University School of Nursing; endorsed by ICN NP/APN Network).

Why relevant: Although this is the ICN NP/APN network conference (advanced practice nursing focus), it is ICN-affiliated and university-hosted — good for practising nurses and nurse leaders working with informatics in advanced practice settings.

Source: ICN event page and the conference site (Vanderbilt host). ICN - International Council of Nurses[5]

· **IMIA (noting 2026 IMIA activity — General Assembly / IAHSI / regional meetings)**

When / Where: IMIA lists **General Assembly and IAHSI plenary meetings in October 2026 (Buenos Aires)** and other IMIA regional events in 2026; **MedInfo** (IMIA's large congress) is scheduled for **2027**

Why relevant: IMIA is the global body for biomedical & health informatics and IMIA-NI is the recognised nursing informatics — IMIA events and working group meetings are the most authoritative places for nursing informatics activity.

Source: IMIA NI official site[6] (calendar, MedInfo, IMIA NI pages).

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[2] https://www.himssconference.com/
[3] https://mie2026.efmi.org/
[4] https://digitalhealth.org.au/
[5] https://www.icn.ch/events/icn-npapn-network-conference-2026
[6] https://imia-medinfo.org/wp/sig-ni-nursing-informatics/

Your experiences, ideas, and successes help shape our global community

Emory's Simpson named to the 2026 Georgia Nursing Hall of Fame

The Georgia Nurses Foundation has announced that Roy L. Simpson, DNP, RN, FAAN, professor and assistant dean for data science education at Emory University Nell Hodgson Woodruff School of Nursing, will be inducted into the 2026 Georgia Nursing Hall of Fame. This prestigious honor recognizes nurses who have made enduring contributions to practice, education, research, and community well-being across the state. Internationally recognized for his leadership in nursing informatics, data standards, and artificial intelligence, Simpson helped establish clinical informatics as a specialty recognized by the American Nurses Association and co-authored the scope and standards for nursing informatics certification.

Across more than four decades, Simpson has authored over 600 publications and three books, received numerous national awards, and served in leadership roles within organizations including the American Medical Informatics Association and the American College of Medical Informatics. At Emory, he co-directs the Center for Data Science, advancing nurse-led AI innovation and big-data research to improve patient safety and health outcomes. He is one of 10 nurses selected for the 2026 cohort and will be honored at an induction ceremony in Atlanta on February 26.

https://news.emory.edu/stories/2026/02/son_simpson-ga-nursing-hof/story.html

Our community is at its strongest when we learn from one another. We'd love to hear your stories, successes, and experiences — big or small — from wherever you are in the world. Have something you're proud of, a project you're working on, or a lesson you've learned along the way?

We also welcome your feedback on previous newsletters, events, or ideas you'd like to see featured. Please take a moment to share your news with us — your story may be included in an upcoming edition and help inspire others across our global NI community.

Web https://imia-medinfo.org/wp/sig-ni-nursing-informatics/ [7]

LinkedIn IMIA NI - the global representative body for nursing informatics[8]

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[7] https://imia-medinfo.org/wp/sig-ni-nursing-informatics/
[8] https://www.linkedin.com/groups/6716836/