



# International Medical Informatics Association: Nursing Informatics Special Interest Group

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## Executive Committee (2021-2024)

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## Honorary Member: Hans Peterson by Diane Skiba



Dr. Hans Peterson who passed away in 2021 was an important IMIA member who fostered the continued development of medical informatics and he was instrumental in supporting Working Group Eight, now known as IMIA NI. In 1987, his wife Ulla Gerdin sponsored a Nursing Informatics Education Task Force conference in Stockholm. Dr. Peterson served as a member of the organizing committee and as one of the editors for this event.

Dr. Peterson's background was as a physician. In his home country of Sweden, he served on numerous government committees, helping to create legislation for patient records and the information structures for health care. He also held faculty positions in Ophthalmology and Medical Informatics at the Karolinska Institute and Stockholm University. He was an internationally prominent and prolific author and he was also the editor for textbooks on Communication Networks in Health Care and Human-Computer Communications in Health Care. He served on the editorial boards of a number of journals, including Methods in Information in Medicine, Medical Informatics, Lecture notes in Medical Informatics, and the Journal of Clinical Computing.


Dr. Peterson was a Fellow of the American College of Medical Informatics, an honorary fellow of the European Federation for Medical Informatics, a fellow of the International Medical Informatics Association and an inaugural IMIA Academy Fellow. He was instrumental as a founding person for IMIA's Swedish Society and EFMI and he served as President of IMIA from 1983 through 1986. He is remembered as a true founding pioneer in health informatics and as an unassuming man with an abundance of integrity, who touched and inspired many.

## Announcing 2022 IAHSI Fellows and 3 more nurses

The International Academy of Health Sciences Informatics (IAHSI) have announced the 2022 class of Academy Fellows. The Academy, which is part of the International Medical Informatics Association (IMIA), is an honour society that recognizes expertise in biomedical and health informatics internationally and is one of the highest honours in the field. This year 15 new Fellows were elected by the Academy and join the prestigious fellowship of their international peers, recognized for their international and substantial achievements in the field. There are now 219 Fellows of the Academy, and over 30 are connected to nursing informatics. For the full list of 2022 recipients see the IMIA website and their biographies are also available. This year three more nurses have joined the list of IAHSI Fellows: Laura-Maria Peltonen, Rebecca Schnall and Michelle Honey.

## 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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organizations.**

## Free Global IMIA NI webinar in September

IMIA NI is launching a series of global webinars. Each webinar will be hosted by an IMIA NI member country. In September 2022, the Slovenian Nursing Informatics Interest Group in collaboration with IMIA NI is organizing the webinar “*Workforce empowerment for future challenges*”.



### IMIA NI Global Webinar

Hosted by:

SLOVENIAN NURSING INFORMATICS INTEREST GROUP

This free two-hour webinar will be offered at two different times:

- 29 September 2022, 20:00, Central European Time (CET), OR
- 30 September 2022, 06:30, Central European Time (CET)

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Registration details will be in the next newsletter.

The webinar will be led by Boštjan Žvanut, the president of the Slovenian Nursing Informatics Interest Group. The event will be opened by the representatives of the Nurses and Midwives Association of Slovenia, Monika Ažman and Anita Prelec, and by three keynote speakers, experts in the field of nursing informatics: Diane Skiba, Patrick Weber, and Uroš Rajkovič. The webinar will continue with a panel discussion, where Ann Kristin Rotegård, Margie Kennedy, Michelle Honey, Nick Hardiker, Joy Lee, Boštjan Žvanut and all workshop participants will discuss the challenges of empowering nurses in the field of nursing informatics. In the last part of the webinar, discussion about the topic in smaller groups will take place. The findings will be shared at the end, along with suggestions for future development.



Boštjan Žvanut

## Capturing our history project to begin

Are you an Honorary Member? If so you'll be contacted within the next few months and invited to participate in a project titled 'Nursing Informatics development, implementation, and evaluation over five decades: Personal accounts and experiences from international experts'. IMIA NI aims to support the development of nursing informatics in member countries and promote nursing informatics worldwide and one way is to learn from the past so that we can better understand and shape present and future events. To do this IMIA NI Honorary Members are being asked to share their experiences of working in the field of nursing informatics. This project is being led by Diane Skiba, with help from Heather Strachan, Paula Procter and Michelle Honey, and it is these four who will be conducting and recording the brief, 15 minute, interviews. The recordings, once checked by the Honorary Member, will be made available as a resource on the IMIA NI website.

## Upcoming Events and News

- **[2022 IMIA NI General Assembly](#)** Either Monday September 12 at 2000 OR Tuesday September 13 at 0630 CEST — [Central European Summer Time](#) (try this meeting planner site to convert to your local time).
- **[Global IMIA NI webinar](#)** 29 September 20:00 hours OR 30 September 06:30 CET (see above)
- **[MedInfo 2023](#)** is being held in Sydney, Australia 7-12 July.

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