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Honorary Member: Paula Procter by Diane Skiba
Paula Procter, MSc, RN, FBCS, CITP, FIAHSI is Emeritus Professor- Nursing Informatics at Sheffield Hallam University, UK. Paula began her nursing career in London, then in 1979 took up her first ‘informatics’ role implementing one of the early nursing computerized systems across all patient areas of a main hospital. Taking her knowledge of technology to support nursing care she moved into education in the 1980s. Her distinguished academic career began in 1988 with her responsibilities as an Education & Training Resources Development Adviser and Director of Computer Assisted Learning Project for the English National Board for Nursing, Midwifery and Health Visiting, Sheffield. In 1995 she was a Senior Nursing Lecturer, School of Nursing & Midwifery, University of Sheffield and the first National Director, Computers in Teaching Initiative Centre for Nursing and Midwifery. In her last academic position, she was Professor of Nursing Informatics at Sheffield Hallam University. Throughout her career, she also held numerous visiting university professorships in the Philippines, Slovenia, Singapore and Canada.

She is a well sought after speaker at many national and international conferences. Her most recent invited presentations include: Derek Hoy Memorial Lecture (Scotland), European Academy of Nursing Science – Winter e-Summit (Finland), 6th International Conference on Translational Medicine and Health Science (Indonesia), and the 1st Digital Nursing Conference in Nigeria. Paula is a prolific author with numerous peer reviewed articles, book chapters and conference proceedings. Interestingly her first peer reviewed publication was in the 1982 proceedings of the first international nursing informatics congress. She has written two books and been an editor for three, including the 2016 NI Congress Proceedings, Nursing Informatics 2016: eHealth for All: Entry Level Collaboration - From Project to Realization.

Paula has an extensive portfolio of funded research projects amounting to £2 million. Her later research focus was on the assessment, design, implementation and use of technology to facilitate teaching and learning. In 2009 she created Systems of eCare, a learning unit that provided undergraduate nurses with informatics competency for clinical practice which still runs today.

Paula has a long history of leadership in the field of nursing informatics. For example, she was the UK representative for IMIA NI, Co-Chair of the Education Working Group of IMIA-NI, a representative to the Technology Informatics Guiding Educational Reform (TIGER) international working group member, EU*US eHealth Work Foundational Curricula, and an International advisor for the Australian National Nursing and Midwifery Digital Health Capability Framework. She is renowned for her leadership, knowledge, innovation and expertise in informatics in nursing.

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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.

Please share this newsletter with your networks and national nursing informatics organizations.
New Article: Evolution of content in nursing informatics

For those interested in the history of nursing informatics this article provides a reflection on 35 years since the 1988 publication of Computers in Healthcare. The International Journal of Medical Informatics February issue features a review article by Marion Ball, Kathryn Hannah, Nhora Cortes-Comerer and Judith Douglas titled “The health informatics series: Evolving with a new discipline”.

The article presents the following as Highlights:

- Publications aid in the diffusion and integration of informatics in medicine.
- Springer’s Health Informatics series is an established home for informatics titles.
- Launched in 1988, the series now includes over 120 titles over a range of topics.
- Titles appearing in the series mirror the evolution of the field over the decades.

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Upcoming Events and News

- **MIE 2023** Medical Informatics Europe 22-25 May 2023, with NI day 24 May in Göteborg, Sweden.
- Slovenia is hosting the 21st International Conference on Artificial Intelligence in Medicine (**AIME 23**), which includes AI in Nursing, 12-15 June 2023.
- **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.
- **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.