



# International Medical Informatics Association: Nursing Informatics

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## Executive Committee (2021-2024)

Chair Ann-Kristin Rotegård  
Vice-Chair (Membership) Joy Lee  
Vice-Chair (Admin & Finance) Margie Kennedy  
Vice-Chair (Communication) Michelle Honey  
Vice-Chair (Advisory Panels) Nick Hardiker

## Results of IMIA NI Chair Election

**January 22, 2024 (Geneva, Switzerland)** – The International Medical Informatics Association Nursing Informatics group (IMIA NI), is pleased to announce the recent election of Dr. Nick Hardiker as the IMIA NI Executive Committee Chair elect. Dr. Hardiker's election to Chair will be ratified at the IMIA NI General Assembly meeting, which will take place as part of the group's upcoming international nursing informatics conference, NI2024, to be held in Manchester, England (July 28-31, 2024). His term will commence in January 2025.



Dr. Hardiker has 30 years' experience in theoretical and applied research in health informatics, with a particular focus on health records and ontologies, and has been involved in IMIA NI for over 15 of those years. He has most recently served as IMIA NI Executive Committee Vice Chair for Advisory Panels and has held various other leadership roles in IMIA NI, including as Chair of the former IMIA NI Healthcare Standards Working Group and as the United Kingdom Representative for both IMIA NI

and the European Federation of Medical Informatics (EFMI) Nursing Informatics Working Group. These IMIA NI volunteer roles have been held alongside his most recent substantive role as Dean and Professor of Nursing and Health Informatics at the University of Huddersfield in the United Kingdom.

“There is increasing interest in the role that digital technologies might play in tackling some of the problems faced by contemporary nursing, and with much greater engagement than ever before from nurses around the world, this is a really exciting time, both for nursing informatics and for IMIA NI as a global leader in the field.”, said Dr. Hardiker, “I am absolutely determined to play my part in mobilising an international coalition that will drive the discipline forward, exploring possibilities and exploiting opportunities for digital nursing globally.

## 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.

IMIA Nursing Informatics  
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nursing informatics  
organizations.**

## Evelyn Hovenga recognized with special award



Congratulations to Dr Evelyn Hovenga who was awarded the Member of the Order of Australia (AM) in the 2024 Australia Day Honours for her significant service to medicine through health informatics, and digital transformation.

The Order of Australia is an honour that recognises Australian citizens for outstanding achievement and service.

Further details can be found [here](#).

## Thanks from Dawn Dowding and Leanne Currie



Dawn Dowding and Leanne Currie, as Co-Chairs of the Scientific Programme Committee of NI2024, are delighted with the number of submissions received in December. Now comes the big task of reviewing these and then creating the final programme. They are grateful for the excellent response to the call for reviewers which means there are people



from across the globe contributing to this important task. If you haven't completed your reviews yet please try and get them finished by the deadline of the 16th February. We are aiming to provide notification of acceptance of submissions by Friday 15 March.

[www.ni2024.org](http://www.ni2024.org)

**Registration is  
open**



## READING: Precision health and genomics

The September 2023 issue of the American Nurse Journal featured a short item by Evangeline Fangonil-Gagalang and Mary Anne Schultz on precision health and genomics. This article shares about a new United States Precision Health and Genomics Workgroup and a survey that was undertaken in 2023. From this survey it is planned to develop a set of precision health competencies that are anticipated to “communicate expectations for nurses in using information about an individual and their environment made possible by data-rich connected care encounters”. These are hoped to be released in 2024.

Fangonil-Gagalang, E. & Schultz, M. A. (2023). Advancing nursing knowledge in precision health and genomics. *American Nurse Journal*, 18(9), 82. [Link to this article](#)

### Upcoming Events and News

- [ACENDIO Workshop](#), hybrid event, 25 April, Oslo, Norway “hot eHealth topics to make nursing visible”.
- [NI 2024 Manchester](#), UK, 28-31 July, 2024. [@ni2024](#). More information [HERE](#).
- [EFMI MIE 2024](#) will be held in Athens, Greece on 25-29 August 2024