Report of the Nominating Committee
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1. Proposal: IMIA Honorary Fellows

Dr. Antoine Geissbuhler served IMIA for nearly a decade in several positions, including IMIA President, from 2010 to 2013. This is a request I make on behalf of the Nominating Committee that Prof Dr Geissbuhler be awarded an **IMIA Honorary Fellowship** at the IMIA AGM in China, during Medinfo.

His bio is appended to this report.

Dr. Salah Mandil has served IMIA over many decades as one of the organization’s founding members. This is a request I make on behalf of the Nominating Committee that Dr. Salah Mandil be awarded an **IMIA Honorary Fellowship** at the IMIA AGM in China, during Medinfo.

Dr Ramin Moghaddam, a medical doctor and health Informatician, founded the Middle East Health Informatics Association (MEAHI) in 2003. MEAHI became an IMIA Region representative in 2009. He served as an IMIA board member as VP for the Region from 2010 to 2017. He organized six conferences in the Region since 2002. This is a request I make on behalf of the IMIA Board that Dr Moghaddam be awarded an **IMIA Honorary Fellowship** at the IMIA AGM in China, during Medinfo.

2. Open Call for participation

In accordance with recommendations made by the IMIA General Assembly, the Nominating Committee made public a request to all its Members to appoint nominees for the vacant positions.

The IMIA Executive Office proposed that all nominations be made and voted one year before the corresponding formal term begins. The reason for this approach is to have better continuity and involvement, as the transition can be smoother and more effective. As a result of these, in March 1st 2017, IMIA launched an Open Call ([http://imia-medinfo.org/wp/2017-call-nominations-imia-board-positions/](http://imia-medinfo.org/wp/2017-call-nominations-imia-board-positions/)) with deadline for nominations on March 31st 2017.

To launch the Open Call, the chair of the Nominating Committee submitted to the board a set of job descriptions and profiles, approved of by the board, in February 2017, to became part of the Open Call.

Nominations for open positions were expected to have been be made on behalf of an IMIA member society, corporate or academic member, accompanied by a letter of recommendation that supports and clearly states the reasons for the nomination, considering the profile, expectations and skills related to each position as described in the Call. However, we received nominations in a variety of formats and levels of completeness.

3. The Role of the Nominating Committee

Although IMIA has decided to launch an Open Call to encourage members to submit their nominees, it is
still the Nominating Committee’s responsibility to make sure that there are suitable candidates for each open position.

In that regard, the Nominating Committee thoroughly analyzed the nominees profiles and their regions in order to strike a balance that would be the best fit for IMIA regarding experience, availability, skills, knowledge of the organization, and fitting to the job description.

Such analysis resulted in the list of names presented below. All nominees have been contacted and agreed with their nominations and the resulting commitment,

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ANNEX I – Bio: Antoine Geissbuhler, for an IMIA Honorary Fellowship

Antoine Geissbuhler is a Professor of Medicine, Chairman of the Department of Radiology and Medical Informatics at Geneva University, Director of the Division of eHealth and Telemedicine at Geneva University Hospitals. He is also President of the Board of the Health-On-the-Net Foundation, former President of the International Medical Informatics Association, and Fellow of the American College of Medical Informaticians.

He trained as a physician at Geneva University where he specialized in internal medicine, then, after a post-doctoral fellowship, became Associate Professor of biomedical informatics at Vanderbilt University.

In 1999, he returned to Geneva to take the responsibility for the design and implementation of the medical information systems at Geneva University Hospitals. In 2005, his efforts in developing telemedicine and tele-education are recognized by the creation of the UNESCO chair for telemedicine and multidisciplinary teaching, and, in 2010, of the World Health Organization collaborating center for eHealth and telemedicine.

Since 2015, he also leads the Innovation Center of Geneva University Hospitals.

Author of more than 140 original scientific publications, his current research focuses on the development of innovative, knowledge-enabled information systems and computer-based tools for improving the quality, safety and efficiency of care processes, at the local level of the hospital, the regional level of a community healthcare informatics network, the implementation of the national eHealth strategy for Switzerland, at the global level with the Health-On-the-Net Foundation (http://www.hon.ch) and with the development of a large telemedicine network in developing countries (http://raft.network). He is also leading an effort by Geneva University Hospitals to develop a world-class medical tele-expertise network.

As IMIA VP Services Antoine led many changes in the Yearbook of Health Informatics, so that towards the end of his Presidency the Yearbook became open source. As President and Liaison Officer to WHO, Antoine led all the effort that enable IMIA to be a formal contributor to WHO, one of the most valuable partnerships IMIA has ever established.

Antoine’s contribution to IMIA and to the field of Health Informatics deserves to be recognized by our organization bestowing upon him the title of IMIA Honorary Fellow.
ANNEX II - Bios

Sabine Koch

Dr Koch is Professor of Health Informatics at Karolinska Institutet in Stockholm.
She is a well-known and respected figure of medical informatics internationally,
has served on the board of the Swedish Society for Medical Informatics for
many years (2011-2013 as President), is a fellow of the American College of
Medical Informatics, and the Editor-in-Chief of Methods of Information in
Medicine since 2016.
Since 2012 she is Treasurer of IMIA, has demonstrated excellent collaborative
skills, and a true understanding of international and global issues related to science and education in
medical informatics.

Petter Hurlen

Petter Hurlen is the head of the Clinical Informatics Unit at Akershus University
Hospital and co-chair of the IT advisory board of the Norwegian Medical
Association.
He trained as a physician at Oslo University, where he also studied Computer
Science in the Simula group, and majored on a thesis on Data Modelling in
Health Care. He has been active in EPR-related EU research projects, initiated
the DocuLive EPR system now marketed by Cerner, and was both project team leader and convenor on
EPR standardisation in CEN TC251 Health Informatics.
He specialised in radiology and has written a PhD thesis on the impact of ICT in radiology.
Hurlen has been the Chairman of the Department of Radiology at Akershus University Hospital and Head of
the Clinical Informatics and Statistics department at the Norwegian National Institute of Public Health. Dr.
Hurlen have co-authored several text-books, including "The Amazing Body" that received the Illustrated
Medical Book Award, and plays keyboard in Café Panique Quintet. Hurlen has been the President of the
Norwegian Medical Informatics Association, Member of the EFMI board and council, Chair of Medical
Informatics Europe 2011 and Norwegian representative to IMIA from 2010.
He became IMIA Secretary in 2015.

Patrick Weber

Patrick Weber RN, MA is CEO and shareholder of Nice Computing specialized
in quality control for medical coding and DRG in Switzerland. Vice President for
administration and finance at IMIA-NI International Medical Informatics
Association Nursing Informatics. He was President of the Organizing
Committee for the international conference NI2016 June 25 to 29 2016 in
Geneva, Switzerland. Since 2001 he is at the board of EFMI European
Federation for Medical Informatics in the position of treasurer, Vice president,
President, past President and now attached for administration and
representation at Swiss court. He is also president in Oliver Moeschler
Foundation acting for Medical Emergencies at the level of the individual.
He is treasurer at Swiss Nursing Informatics group and member of the Swiss Medical Informatics association. Secretary at Swiss Association of Medical Coding. Member of the Lions club Gros-deVaud.

**Johanna Westbrook**

Professor Johanna Westbrook, is Director of the Centre for Health Systems and Safety Research, Australian Institute of Health Innovation, Macquarie University. She is internationally recognised for her research evaluating the effects of information and communication technology (ICT) in health care. She has over 390 publications and been awarded > $40M in research grants. Johanna has led important research in the development and application of approaches to evaluate ICT, including new tools and methods which have been adopted internationally. She has contributed to theoretical models regarding the design of complex multi-method ICT evaluations. Her research has led to significant advances in our understanding of how clinical information systems deliver (or fail to deliver) expected benefits and supported translation of this evidence into policy, practice, and IT system changes. Johanna is currently leading research investigating the role and impact of ICT in the community and aged care sector. Johanna is an elected International Fellow of the American College of Medical Informatics, and an Associate Editor of JAMIA. In 2014 she was named Australian ICT professional of the year by the Australian Information Industry Association for her research contributions.

**Daniel Luna**

He graduated in 1993 from School of Medicine of University of Buenos Aires. He obtained the specialty of Internal Medicine at the Hospital Italiano of Buenos Aires in 1997. He reach his PhD in Informatics Engineering at the Institute Technological of Buenos Aires (ITBA) in the 2016, the same year he obtained a Master of Science Engineering of Information Systems in the Universidad Tecnologica Nacional (UTN). He was one of the creators, and coordinator, of the Medical Informatics Residency at the Hospital Italiano of Buenos Aires. He was responsible for leading the development and implementation of the Clinical Information System of that institution and served as Chief Medical Information Officer for ten years. After that, he took in charge the Health Informatics Department to present days. He also participated in the development of several training programs in the region, including a Spanish version of the OHSU version of the 10x10 program. Throughout these years he published more than 50 articles in peer review journals and over 10 chapters/ books and more than 150 international conferences. He is part of the editorial board of Applied Clinical Informatics, the Journal of Health Informatics in Developing Countries, and the Healthcare Informatics Research Journal. Member of AMIA, AHIMA, HIMSS, AAIM. Participated as Chair and Co-Chair of the Working Group on Health Informatics for Development (WG 09), International Medical Informatics Association (IMIA). He is too Professor of Medical Informatics at the Institute University CEMIC and Director of Department of Medical Informatics at the Institute University of the Hospital Italiano in Buenos Aires, Argentina.
Louise Schaper

An executive leader and CEO; a passionate advocate for digital health, qualified at the PhD level, with a strong reputation for innovative, successful stakeholder engagement.

In order to effect meaningful change, advocates must be informed and educated, respected, passionate, tenacious, tireless and resilient. I am all of these things. I have a wide breadth of knowledge, understanding and expertise on the vital socio-technical issues required for successful delivery of change programs. I love building high performing teams and working with diverse stakeholders to transform compelling visions into reality.

An accomplished public speaker, I have delivered many keynote presentations in Australia and overseas on digital health innovation and always aim to represent the industry with impact and influence. My career objective is to transform the health sector, to leave a legacy of improved health outcomes, high quality, sustainable healthcare enabled through digital health technologies.

Academic Qualifications

2003 – 2009 Doctor of Philosophy, Information Systems (Health Informatics), Curtin University of Technology, School of Information Systems
2004 – 2006 Masters of Business Administration (1/3 completed), Curtin University of Technology, Graduate School of Business
1997 – 2000 Bachelor of Science (Occupational Therapy) Honours
1994 – 1995 Bachelor of Science (Psychology) Incomplete, University of Western Australia

Rada Hussein

Rada founded and directed the Biomedical Informatics Center of Excellence (BMICoE) at the Information Technology Institute (ITI)- the Ministry of Communications and Information Technology (MCIT) in Egypt (2006-2014). She received her Ph.D. in Medical Informatics from Heidelberg University.

Rada utilized the knowledge triangle model (research, education and innovation) to launch the Biomedical Informatics discipline in Egypt and leverage the MCIT national eHealth initiative. She built many partnerships with recognized international universities and organizations in addition to national ones.

She led her institute in conducting several regional strategic projects funded by the European Commission (EC) for the future of health informatics in the region. The roadmap for telemedicine in Egypt 2020 was recognized by the WHO-Global Observatory for eHealth.

Rada is the academic representative of the ITI at the IMIA since 2006. She participated in many IMIA strategic and educational activities as well as the MEDINFO 2015 scientific committee. She is also a reviewer for the AMIA annual symposium and an associate Editor at the Journal of Medical Systems (JoMS).

Her current research interests focus on the global health informatics domain. She published technical and strategic reviews on the role of eHealth in achieving the Universal Health Coverage (UHC) by 2030. In
2015, she proposed how the IMIA can incorporate the global health informatics dimension into its future strategic plan (2016-2030).