Informatics Nursing Specialist role in Taiwan by Joy Lee

Taiwan has developed the Informatics Nursing Specialist role and shares their experience. This work began with a 2010 survey with Taiwanese nurses which led in 2014 to the Taiwan Nursing Informatics Association (TNIA) developing the Informatics Nursing Specialist (INS) role. The INS role is for RNs with a bachelor's degree or higher, at least 2 years of clinical work experience, and completion of a 30-hour basic training course provided by TNIA, along with passing an exam. To obtain Advanced Informatics Nursing Specialist (AINS) certification, which is valid for 5 years, individuals must have at least one year of relevant work experience after obtaining the INS certification, plus complete a minimum of 10 hours of information-related courses per year over the past two years.

Since the inception of the INS program in 2015, a total of 393 nurses have obtained INS certificates, and 24 have achieved AINS certification. To understand the status and roles of INS in healthcare TNIA conducted a survey in 2023, with 60 responses from 42 different healthcare institutions. Among them, 43% had dedicated INS (ranging from 1 to 4 INS in any organisation) who were assisting in system development. In addition, 59.5% of healthcare institutions also had nurses in part-time INS roles. The INS role is considered very important (rated 9.27/10) by respondents. Furthermore, 100% expressed a desire to include this professional role as an accreditation requirement. The job descriptions of INS were described as including participating in and assisting with information system planning and development, interdisciplinary communication and consultation, and research and development of technology related fields.

The survey results indicate an emergent need for systematic training on nursing informatics to enhance nurses’ competency in nursing informatics. In Taiwan there is a growing emphasis on recognizing, applying, and realizing the value of nursing informatics certification programs for professional development.
Global Webinar – Save the date!

A global webinar is being planned for 13/14 December – please check which of these two options is best for you: either 13 Dec 2023 at 2000 CET OR 14 Dec 2023 at 0630 CET. This special 1.5 hour event will focus on Global Nursing Informatics Perspectives:

1. **Nurses use of electronic patient records** - The Finish Experience - Hear about the recent survey undertaken in Finland on the use of EPR’s by nurses and the implications for nursing informatics practice
2. **Discussion on the use of standardised nursing terminologies** - Using standardised nursing terminologies is important to demonstrate the value of nursing practice, its outcomes and for research and global comparisons. Let’s discuss if you use standardised nursing terminologies in your electronic patient records, if so which ones and if not why not and what would you recommend for the future.

With thanks to Ulla-Mari Kinnunen and Robyn Cook who are co-ordinating this webinar. Please watch for the email to follow with details about how to join this event.

Get ready - submissions are being accepted NOW. The deadline to submit is 15th December 2023.

**Invitation to Review** If you haven’t had experience before there will be support and guidance to assist you. Allocation of submissions for review will take place between 18th-21st December 2023, with all reviews must be completed by Friday 16th February 2024. Please note that all submissions and reviews will be in English. If you are interested, please sign up on the website.

**Sue Bakken – to receive the Morris F. Collen Award of Excellence**

Nurse informaticist Suzanne R. Bakken, PhD, RN, FAAN, FACMI, FIAHSI, is to receive the Morris F. Collen Award. The American College of Medical Informatics (ACMI) will present the 2023 Morris F. Collen Award of Excellence to Sue during the opening session of the AMIA Annual Symposium that is being held November 11-15 2023 in New Orleans. ACMI President Kevin B. Johnson states that "ACMI is pleased to recognize and congratulate Dr. Bakken on a career of singular achievements, consistent thought leadership and educational innovation. She has made superior contributions to the informatics field". Many congratulations Sue from your IMIA NI friends!

**Remembering Marianne Tallberg**

Sad news among our IMIA NI community as we note the passing of Finnish informatics nurse, Marianne Tallberg in October this year. Marianne will be featured as our Honorary Member in the next newsletter.

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<td>Exciting news is IMIA NI member and European Federation for Medical Informatics Association (EFMI) Honorary Fellow, Patrick Weber of Switzerland, has been officially assigned as <a href="#">EFMI Managing Director</a>. EFMI is the leading organisation in medical informatics in Europe, representing 32 countries. Go well Patrick!</td>
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**Upcoming Events and News**

- Global Webinar 13 or 14 December – watch for the email with more information
- **NI 2024** 15 December – submissions close
- **EFMI MIE 2024** will be held in Athens, Greece on 25-29 August 2024
- **NI 2024** Manchester, UK, 28-31 July, 2024. @ni2024. More information [HERE](#).

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