

## Inaugural Class of IAHSI – 2017



### **Kathryn J. Hannah**

Dr. Kathryn J. Hannah is a nurse and a senior, health informatics consultant specializing in information management in health environments. Currently, Dr. Hannah is Health Informatics Advisor to the Canadian Nurses Association (CNA) and Executive Project Leader of Canadian Health Outcomes for Better Information and Care (C-HOBIC) project ([www.cna-aiic.ca/c-hobic/](http://www.cna-aiic.ca/c-hobic/)). She also serves as a member of the Senior Advisors Panel, Office of the Auditor General, Province of Alberta and as Adjunct Professor, School of Nursing, University of Victoria, Victoria, British Columbia, Canada.

Dr. Hannah was awarded the Order of Canada (the country's highest civilian honour)(May 2016) in recognition of "pioneering efforts to promote the use of information technology to enhance nursing and health care in Canada and abroad." Dr. Hannah also is a Fellow of the American College of Medical Informatics (November 1989) and recipient of the *Maestro Illustre* (March 1993) from Faculty of Medicine and Health Science, University of Guadalajara, Guadalajara, Mexico. The Canadian Nurses Association awarded Dr. Hannah its prestigious Centennial Award (November 2008). In June 2015, Dr. Hannah received the Canadian Health Informatics Award (CHIA) for Leadership in recognition of outstanding and sustained contributions to health informatics and nursing through leadership, publications, education and mentoring. In 2018, Dr. Hannah was elected one of 118 Founding Members of the International Academy of Health Information Sciences.

Dr. Hannah has actively promoted the use of information systems in health care, both nationally and internationally. She has taught and conducted research in the rapidly evolving field of health informatics through her several professorial appointments. Dr. Hannah is the author of several textbooks and numerous articles on health informatics. She is coeditor, with Dr. Marion Ball, of the highly respected Health Care Informatics Series (formerly Computers in Healthcare) published by Springer-Verlag (<http://www.springer.com/series/1114>).

Internationally, Dr. Hannah has served repeatedly as an advisor and consultant to both the World Health Organization (WHO) and the Pan American Health Organization (PAHO). In 1995, Dr. Hannah served as consultant, advisor, and principle facilitator for a joint project between the Council for the Accreditation of Health Care Facilities of South Africa and the Medical Research Council of South Africa. This project developed an evaluation strategy, criteria and methodology for determining the effectiveness of District Health Information Systems in the reorganized health care system in South Africa. In addition, Dr. Hannah has participated actively in the Canadian Delegation to the International Standards Organization Technical Committee 215 (TC 215) on Health Informatics. She was also an elected member of the Standing Committee on Quality at the International Health Terminology Standards Development Organization (IHTSDO) and served as Canadian Head of Delegation at IHTSDO.

Nationally, Dr. Hannah was a member of the Canada Health Infoway Standards Collaborative Strategy Committee and the Standards Collaborative Coordinating Committee that were responsible for coordinating health information standards in Canada.