



William Hersh, MD, FACMI- North American Region

I seek election as the second President of IAHSI. I was an inaugural member of the Academy and have participated in all of its meetings. I am Professor and Chair of the Department of Medical Informatics & Clinical Epidemiology at Oregon Health & Science University (OHSU) in Portland, Oregon, USA. I have been an international leader in informatics for over three decades. I have served in many leadership roles, including on the Board of Directors of AMIA and as Chair of IMIA Working Group on Education.

In addition to leading one of the largest and longest-standing academic programs in the world, I am an accomplished researcher and educator. My research contributions in information retrieval, workforce analysis, and systematic reviews of informatics interventions have influenced the work of others and are highly cited. They have resulted in over 200 peer-reviewed scientific papers and authorship or editorship of several books. I have also been an international thought leader and implementer of informatics educational programs at many levels. I currently serve as Director of the Biomedical Informatics Graduate Program at OHSU. I conceptualized and implemented the first and still-largest offering of the AMIA 10x10 (“ten by ten”) program.

My leadership style involves listening to others and aiming to build consensus across diverse viewpoints, something that is critical for IAHSI in its formative years. My goal as President will be to build on the Academy’s early success so it can become a prominent expert voice for informatics in all relevant global venues.