How does the strategy plan of IMIA-NI help us?
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Nursing practices are currently undergoing technological transformation at a rapid pace. Many clinical care practices have undergone technological transformation in order to expedite decision-making among healthcare workers. These functions have greatly enhanced the work efficiency of nursing care as well as the quality of patient care. Therefore, for the development of nursing professionals, we should emphasize the means to enhance their capabilities in learning and applying new technologies.

The Nursing Informatics Special Interest Group of the International Medical Informatics Association (IMIA-NI) is currently the world’s leading organization for professional nursing informatics. Hence, the representatives of various countries would jointly participate in dynamic brainstorming sessions, discussions, and surveys in order to shape the organization’s developmental goals, strategies, and plans. In the end, the important information would be collated in order to formulate valuable guidelines for the development or compilation of nursing informatics outcomes in countries around the world. These guidelines would also be revised every year when necessary. Additionally, IMIA-NI hosts a number of Working Groups to foster advancements in nursing informatics that can be shared with member countries.

Taiwan is a member of IMIA-NI and is represented by Ms. Tso-Ying Lee, who is also the current chairperson of the Taiwan Nursing Informatics Association (TNIA). Over the past few years, the objectives, strategies, and plans of IMIA-NI are regularly posted on TNIA’s website to be downloaded for clinical use by hospitals and educational institutions. Such information serves as important references for the annual development plans of hospitals as well as for educational purposes. In addition, based on such information, IMIA-NI collects annual country reports on the advancements in nursing informatics, so as to enhance the abundance of worldwide data collected for each year. Therefore, the author suggests that this concept is a valuable solution. Recently, the author also shared this concept at the annual consensus meeting of the Taiwan Nurses Association (TWNA), with the goal of increasing the breadth and depth of the development of nursing professionals.
The author is grateful to be a part of IMIA-NI and hopes that the goals of IMIA-NI will be realized through future cross-border cooperation, thereby increasing the international visibility of IMIA-NI in the field of professional nursing.