Annual report to IMIA AGM in Vancouver 1995
from
IMIA special interest group on Nursing Informatics (NI)

1. Goals and intents

The main goal is to foster collaboration among nurses and others who are interested in Nursing Informatics and to support the development of Nursing Informatics in the member countries.

Further to provide appropriate informatics meetings and conferences, to provide opportunities to share knowledge and research and to facilitate communication of development in the field.

2. Ongoing activities

Newsletter
The first NI newsletter was sent out on diskette to members and observers after the NI'94 congress in San Antonio Texas 1994. The intention is that there will be at least one newsletter every year.

Workshop
A workshop with the theme Nursing Vocabulary and Terminology will be held during Med Info'95. The workshop is a joint venture with EFMI WG 5.

International contact
NI has established contact with ICN (International Council of Nursing) and its WG International Classification on Nursing Practice (ICNP) in order to join forces regarding dissemination of the results, offer forum for professional discussions and to provide support in the development of knowledge about Nursing Informatics and the promotion of ICNP.

Networking
On the agenda for the NI General Assembly meeting in Vancouver is a proposal for a WG on Education in Nursing Informatics with the use of internet. There is a great interest from Australia, Canada, Argentina United States and Great Britain to get started.

NI Congress
The next international congress NI'97 will be held in Stockholm, Sweden in September 1997. The call for papers is available. The Program Committee has decided that they need to have the full papers on a diskette not later than September 1 1996.

3. Proceedings and publications

Several publications are now available from the previous congresses. They are:


Peterson H.E., Gerdin-Jelger U. 1986
Preparing Nurses for Using Information Systems.

Stockholm Sweden 1987
(Working conference)

Proceedings of the Third International Symposium on Nursing Use of
Computers and Information Science.

Dublin, Ireland, 1988
(Conference)

Decision Support Systems in Nursing
(ISBN-0-8016-3236-6) Mosby St.Louis

Dublin, Ireland, 1988
(Working conference)

Nursing Informatics '91. Springer-Verlag Berlin

Melbourne, Australia, 1991
(Conference)

Health Care Information Technology; Implications for Change.
Springer-Verlag Berlin

Melbourne, Australia 1991,
(Working conference)

Turley J. P and Newbold S. K 1991
Nursing Informatics '91: Preconference Proceedings.
Springer-Verlag, Berlin

Melbourne, Australia 1991,
(Pre-conference)

Grobe S.J. and Pluyter-Wenting E.S.P. 1994
An International Overview for Nursing in a Technological Era,

San Antonio, Texas, USA, 1994
(Conference)

The working conference in Austin Texas 1994 is reported with a number of articles in AMIA Journal,
spring 1995.

4. The executives of NI

The chair person of NI for the period of three years, 1994 - 1997 is Ulla Gerdin, Sweden, Vice chair is
Evelyn Hovenga, Australia and Secretary is Virginia Saba, USA.

5. Relationships - Links

With institutional members of IMIA and IFIP Tcs - none

6. Future activities

EFMI WG 5 and NI have many members in common. In order to utilise the different competences there will
be discussions about a closer co-operation between the two groups.

All of the above respectfully submitted

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