Greetings NI Community members,

Please see below for this week’s snapshot.

**Comings & Goings**

**New Staff Member**

Please meet the newest member of our Informatics Team at HIMSS – Trisha Pongco Coordinator, Clinical Informatics. Trisha comes to us a graduate of Loyola University Chicago with a BS in Health Systems Management, a former nurse’s aide at skilled nursing facilities and intern experience with two non-profits – *Oral Health America* and *Bear Necessities*. In her new role she will execute the various activities of the HIMSS Nursing Informatics Community, the Online Journal of Nursing Informatics (OJNI), the Alliance for Nursing Informatics and other HIMSS Clinical Informatics communities. Please be sure to welcome Trisha at tpongco@himss.org

**Why is Big Data Important to Nurses Part II**

September 10, 2015 by Sue Lundquist, BSN, RN-BC and Libby Rollinson, MSN, RN, members, HIMSS Big Data Principles Workgroup

The second installment in a two part series on Guiding Principles in Big Data in Nursing (high level review of recommendations 5-8) [See Part I](#)

“We recently read the notice of CMS’s final rule to update the 2016 Medicare payment policies and rates effective with hospital discharges after October 1, 2015, and continue to see the shift in focus from payment on volume to payment on quality. Clinical quality measures (CQMs) are intended to help organizations monitor treatment processes, the experience of care and clinical outcomes, with the goal of driving improvements in health care. Capturing, monitoring, and analyzing these measures is part of both the Eligible Hospital Meaningful Use requirements and the Inpatient Quality Reporting programs.” [Read the blog](#)

**ANI Emerging Leader Applications is Now Open**

ANI will select two individuals to participate in the program. Components of the program include attending the ANI Governing Director meetings, participating at the AMIA Annual Symposium and the HIMSS Annual Conference, and completing a leadership project. The selected individuals are paired with a mentor for dialogue and coaching during the two-year program. Mentors are selected by a sub-set of the ANI Governing Directors based on the proposed leadership project and will provide feedback and guidance throughout the program. Send completed applications to Karen Greenwood ([Karen@amia.org](mailto:Karen@amia.org)). Applications will be reviewed in November & December -- Applicants will be notified of program status in January 2016

[Download the program description, eligibility requirements, application information and selection criteria](#)

[Download the application](#)

Application Deadline – October 30, 2015

**The Honor Society of Nursing, Sigma Theta Tau International Announces 2015 International Award Recipients**

INDIANAPOLIS—The Honor Society of Nursing, Sigma Theta Tau International (STTI) honors nurses and health care professionals for their contributions to professional excellence with the 2015 International Awards for Nursing Excellence. These awards—recognizing achievements in the fields of technology, media, chapter excellence, research, education, practice, and leadership—will be presented during the 43rd Biennial Convention, 7-11 November 2015 in Las Vegas, Nevada. Congratulations to the 2015 Virginia K. Saba Nursing Informatics Leadership Award Recipient -- Roy L. Simpson, DNP, RN, DPNAP, FAAN, Vice President Nursing,
Cerner Corporation, Clinical Professor, Emory University, Nell Hodgson Woodruff School of Nursing Georgia, USA. Learn more about STTI's International Awards for Nursing Excellence

Call for HIMSS16 NI Symposium Poster Proposals
Share your case studies, your perspectives and your contributions to Nursing Informatics. Submit a HIMSS16 poster proposal by filling out a brief submission form. Submissions will close October 1, 2015. Following a peer review selection process, selections will be announced October 16, 2015. Posters will be displayed at the HIMSS16 Nursing Informatics Symposium on February 29th in Las Vegas, Nevada and the primary presenter will receive complimentary symposium registration. Submit YOUR Story Today Questions? Contact Caroline Connelly, Manager, Education

NI2016 Proposals Closes September 30, 2015
eHealth for all: collaboration at every level from project to realization
A message from Prof Hyeoun-AePark: On behalf of the Scientific Program Committee, I would like to welcome you to NI2016 to be held June 25-29 in Geneva, Switzerland. NI2016 is the 13th International Congress on Nursing and Allied Health Informatics organized by International Medical Informatics Association Nursing Informatics SIG (IMIA-NI). The theme of the conference is “eHealth for all”. eHealth is about to be mature and it is time to present success stories and areas still needing improvement. The Conference will cover use of information and communication technologies for nursing and all allied health care professionals. I am looking forward to your contribution to and participation in this exceptional conference. Click here for more information

Make your voice heard with the HIMSS Connected Health Survey
Share your valuable professional opinion to ensure that our survey results accurately reflect the current state of connected health technology. Help us understand how you’re leveraging technology, so we can keep you better informed and equipped with the knowledge you need to work smarter. Your input will help HIMSS focus on the optimal ways to apply technology to connected health and will enable HIMSS to better serve its members and the healthcare community at large — all contributing to the continued transformation of health and lives through IT. Your time is appreciated, so complete the survey to be entered in a drawing for a $100 gift card. Five winners will be chosen. Click here to participate

American Academy of Nursing 2015 Class of New Fellows
The American Academy of Nursing selected 163 nurse leaders to be inducted as Academy fellows. The Academy fellows, with the addition of this newest class, represent all 50 states, the District of Columbia, and 24 countries. The HIMSS Nursing Informatics Community is pleased to recognize the following HIMSS members to be inducted as Academy fellows:

- Linda Laskowski Jones, MS, RN, APN, ACNS-BC, CEN - Christiana Care Health System
- Erin Maughan, PhD, MS, RN, APHN-BC - National Association of School Nurses
- Julie McAfooes, MS, RN, CNE, ANEF - Chamberlain College of Nursing
- Susan Gail McBride, PhD, RN-BC, CPHIMS - Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center
- Lynn M. Nagle, PhD, RN - University of Toronto
- Cecilia Kennedy Page, DNP, RN-BC, CPHIMS, CHCIO, PMP, FACHE - University of Kentucky HealthCare
- Kathleen D. Sanford, DBA, RN, FACHE - Catholic Health Initiatives
- Debora Simmons, PhD, RN, CCNS - Independent Consultant
- Jacqueline Somerville, DBA, RN - Brigham and Women's Hospital
- Dr. Luann Whittenburg, PhD, RN BC, FNP BC, CPHQ, CPHIMS, PMP, FHIMSS - Medicomp Systems

Congratulations to the entire 2015 American Academy of Nursing Class of Fellows!

Chapter Connection
Have HIMSS chapter events, news or other important resources to share? Be sure to submit them to tpongco@himss.org. Also explore new HIMSS Clinical Informatics resources for Chapters by visiting our Chapters & Informatics webpage today.

Stay Up to Date

ONC names Rebecca Freeman as New Chief Nursing Officer
The Office of the National Coordinator for Health IT (ONC) announced the appointment of Rebecca Freeman, RN, as its new Chief Nursing Officer. Freeman will spearhead nursing outreach in ONC's Office of Clinical Quality and Safety to include development of initiatives focused on health IT enabled nursing practice and research. Read More

International Council of Nursing (ICN) and International Health Terminology Standards Development Organisation (IHTSDO) deliver collaborative product

GENEVA – The International Council of Nurses (ICN) and the International Health Terminology Standards Development Organisation (IHTSDO) are pleased to announce the delivery of an equivalency table between the International Classification for Nursing Practice (ICNP) and SNOMED CT. The aim of the collaboration is to produce and distribute two equivalency tables, one between ICNP and SNOMED CT for nursing diagnoses and a second between ICNP and SNOMED CT for nursing interventions. ICN and IHTSDO signed an agreement to collaborate first in 2010, which was updated in 2014. The goal was to advance terminology harmonisation and foster interoperability between health information systems. The equivalency table is available for download from the ICN website: www.icn.ch/download-of-the-icnp_form.html

Open Notes reaches more than 5M patients
The number of patients who can gain access to progress notes from their doctors through the OpenNotes program has surpassed 5 million, according to an infographic and new data unveiled. The program, which now includes all VA hospitals as well as private facilities in 20 states, was piloted in 2010 at three hospitals and had a 99% approval rate from patients. Read the article & view the infographic

About the HIMSS NI Community Snapshot: HIMSS strives to make sure our members have access to the knowledge, tools and best practices around healthcare technology that will transform health. To help ensure our Community has the most up-to-date knowledge, we will circulate a Weekly HIMSS NI Snapshot news email. These emails will highlight key clinical informatics items from HIMSS as well as our collaborating partners that are pertinent and timely, based on conversations that the Community is engaging in.

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