



AMIA 2007 Reflections by Judith Effken, PhD, RN, FACMI, FAAN NI-WG Chair

AMIA 2007 is history (although recent history), and as I reflect on the meeting, I am struck by the wonderful papers, posters, workshops, tutorials and, of course, the NI Symposium. This was a very special meeting in terms of quality--and also in attendance, with over 2000 attendees!

NI-WG was highly visible in papers, panels, posters nominated for awards, etc. Five papers were nominated for the Harriet H. Werley Award:

"Predicting the Impact of an Electronic Health Record on Practice Patterns Using Computational Modeling and Simulation" by Thomas R. Clancy, Connie White Delaney, Alberto Segre, Kathleen Carley, Andrew Kuziak, and Hwanjo Yu.

"A Randomized Trial of Standardized Nursing Patient Assessment Using Wireless Devices " by Patricia Dykes, Diane L. Carroll, Angela Benoit, Amanda Coakley, Frank Changa, Joanne Empoliti, Joan Gallagher, Cynthia Lasala, Rosemary O'Malley, Greg Rath, Judy Silva, and Qi Li.

"Clinician Adoption Patterns and Patient Outcome Results in Use of Evidence-Based Nursing Plans of Care" by Tae Youn Kim, Norma M. Lang, Karen Berg, Charlotte Weaver, Judy Murphy, and Sue Ela.

"An Analysis of Narrative Nursing Documentation in an Otherwise Structured Intensive Care Clinical Information System" by Jacqueline Moss, Margot Andison, and Heather Sobko.

"Designing Tailored Internet Support to Assist Cancer Patients in Illness Management" by Cornelia M. Moore, Annette Jeneson, Trine Andersen, Roar Andersen, Laura Slaughter, Bente Schjoedt-Osmo, and Shirley M. Moore

The winner of the 2007 Werley award was Jacqueline Moss.

Four papers were nominated for the NIWG student award:

"What Nurses Do: Use of the ISO Reference Terminology Model for Nursing Action as a Framework for Analyzing MICU Nursing Practice Patterns" by Margot Andison, & Jacqueline Moss

"Overdependence on Technology: An Unintended Adverse Consequence of Computerized Provider Order Entry" by Emily M. Campbell, Dean F. Sittig, Kenneth P. Guappone, Richard H. Dykstra, & Joan S. Ash.



"A Methodology for Meeting Context-Specific Information Needs Related to Nursing Orders" by Sarah A. Collins, Suzanne Bakken, James J. Cimino, and Leanne M. Currie.

"Towards Consumer-Friendly PHRs: Patients Experience with Reviewing Their Health Records" by Hyeoneui Kim, Guy Divita, Allen Browne, Christopher Tsai, & Qing Zeng-Treitler

The winner of the student award was Hyeoneui Kim.

The NI Symposium on Personal Health Records attracted nearly 100 attendees who had a great time learning and networking with old and new colleagues. Thanks to Michele Norton and her wonderful committee for organizing this great event.

The NI business meeting highlighted NI-WG activities, such as the ongoing History Project, efforts to enlist more member participation, and our participation in ANI and TIGER initiatives. Roger Reeves and Anna McDaniel reported the results of a member survey about what members want in terms of education content and the formats you prefer for that education. The top two topics were "optimizing documentation--best practices" and "using IT to support patient safety initiatives". Having heard that, next year's NI-WG focus during AMIA will be on Optimizing Documentation for Patient Safety--you won't want to miss that! We also learned that members prefer electronic formats and the shorter, "during AMIA" panels, workshops and tutorials. So the Leadership Team has challenged the Education Subcommittee to develop webinars during 2008. Because the pre-conference NI Symposium is both expensive to develop--and expensive to attend, we plan to integrate our NI-WG sponsored activities into AMIA, focusing on the topic mentioned earlier. We hope that this will better meet your educational needs. Other ideas being considered by the Leadership Team include:

- a hospitality room in which nurses can meet and chat with experts in the field--and each other!
- a NI-WG welcome table in the registration area to help new nursing attendees particularly navigate the symposium and feel welcome.
- a pre-conference webinar that highlights the nursing events, as well as sessions that might be particularly relevant to nurses with particular interests.

Members who attended the business meeting had an opportunity to volunteer for NI-WG activities. For those of you who couldn't make the meeting, I'm attaching the volunteer form, which you can complete and return to me. We really want to help our Nursing Informatics leaders grow--and participating in NI-WG activities is one way to do that. We also want to encourage those of you who submitted posters this year to plan to submit papers next year. The Leadership Team is willing to give those of you who



want to submit posters and papers for the 2008 Symposium to send them to us for feedback prior to submission (submissions are due in mid March!).

Elected to the NI-WG Leadership Team for 2008 were: Charlotte Weaver, Chair-Elect; Laura Heerman Langford, Secretary; Patti Dykes, Member-at-Large, and Heather Sobko, Student Representative. Bonnie Westra was elected to the AMIA Board of Directors. Congratulations to all! For those of you who volunteered to run for an office this year, but were not selected, expect a call from the Leadership Team asking you to get involved in other ways. That involvement will increase your visibility and put you on track for an elected position in the organization. We have so many wonderful, talented members--and we want to capitalize on all our members' strengths and energy!

Thanks to CISCO for sponsoring the reception following the NI Symposium and to CERNER for sponsoring the reception following the business meeting. Thanks to these sponsors, we ate very well--and had a great time!

Finally, be sure to communicate with your Leadership Team whenever you have ideas or feedback for us. We'd love to hear from you!

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