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Leading Nursing Informatics Organizations Merge.

Falls Church, VA. – The American Nursing Informatics Association (ANIA) and CARING, both nationally recognized non-profit Nursing Informatics organizations, announced their January 1, 2010 merger into a new entity, ANIA-CARING. The combined organization, with 3000+ membership in 50 states and 34 countries, is of the largest associations of its kind in the country.

ANIA was established in 1992 and provided the first opportunity for informatics nurses in Southern California to meet and network. ANIA grew to be a national organization providing networking, education and information resources to enrich and strengthen the roles of nurses in the field of informatics with members in all 50 states and five countries.

CARING, formerly known as Capital Area Roundtable on Informatics in Nursing, was developed and organized by nurses in the DC area in 1982 to provide a forum for the advancement of automated healthcare information systems. CARING grew over time to become a nursing informatics organization with members in 50 states and 34 countries advancing the delivery of quality healthcare through the integration of informatics in practice, education, administration and research.

According to Jerry Chamberlain, former CARING President, newly appointed ANIA-CARING Vice-President, the ANIA-CARING name was chosen to reflect the history of each organization. “I truly believe that by merging we will be able to take the best from each organization and create a new organization that is greater than the sum of its parts to support nurse informaticists in their challenging roles and to advance the specialty of nursing informatics,” said Chamberlain.

The organizational merger proposed by the respective board of directors for ANIA and CARING received great support and an overwhelmingly favorable vote by members of both organizations. The boards have been combined to form a new board.

“The beginning of 2010 we will be very busy with activities to form the foundation of the new association, such as combining the Web sites, job banks, membership databases, and finalizing our strategic plan and budget. Stay tuned for more information” said Dr. Victoria Bradley, former ANIA President and newly appointed ANIA-CARING President.

ANIA-CARING is a leading Nursing Informatics organization dedicated to advancing the field of nursing informatics through communications, education, research and professional activities. There will be a celebration of this merger at the upcoming annual conference to be held in Boston, MA on April 22-24, 2010 titled, “*Re-Evolution in Nursing Informatics.*” For further information, please see our website at www.ania-caring.org.

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