President’s Message

Dear IFHIMA Colleagues and Friends,

The countdown to the Congress is on! In just 87 days from the time I write this message, the 19th IFHIMA Congress will be in full swing! I sincerely hope to be able to see many of you in the fabulous city of Dubai!

The Saudi Arabia Health Information Management Associates and the IFHIMA Board is hoping that you are planning to attend the IFHIMA Congress. You will recall, it is to be held November 17 – 21 – in the stunning and multicultural city of Dubai! The Congress will be held at the Intercontinental Hotel, located in downtown Festival City. The theme of this year’s Congress is “Empowering HIM Professionals Through a Global Voice”, a very apt and appropriate statement for our global family. Early bird registration is still available, and you can still register by accessing the Congress website https://ifhima2019.com/

The program has something for everyone, and the Scientific Committee has worked hard to ensure a diverse, interesting and educational experience for us all. Internationally renowned, knowledgeable and respected presenters, will be touching on a myriad of Health Information Management topics, including:

- Coding/Classifications and Terminologies
- Education for the Future of the HIM Profession
- Healthcare Finance/Value Based Healthcare
- Healthcare Privacy, Quality and Patient Safety
- Healthcare Transformation
- Health Informatics/Digitization of Health

This Congress will also be our celebration of IFHIMA’s 50th Anniversary, and you may have reviewed our “Golden Jubilee Series”, within previous Global News publications. If not, please take the time to access these articles on our website, and take a walk down memory lane while reading submissions from some of our members, who have shared their past Congress experiences.

Golden Jubilee celebrations will also be a highlight for those of you attending the Congress!

At the conclusion of the Congress, your new IFHIMA President will assume her role, as I transition into the Past-President position. So this is my last message to you as President! I will miss writing this wee forward for Global News, but assure you as Past-President, I shall continue to be very much involved with
your Board and the IFHIMA federation. I am passing the gavel on to President-Elect, Ms. Lorraine Fernandes of the United States of America, and assure you her commitment to IFHIMA is unparalleled, as is that of the entire Board. I cannot express enough my thanks to all of you and your Board, for making this a fabulous experience – but I look forward to assisting in the future growth and direction of the federation.

Please enjoy this issue of the Global News, and please, feel free to share it with whomever you feel would benefit by reading such an informative publication.

As always, a BIG thank you to our contributors, Editor and Editorial Volunteers. Without you, none of this would be possible. You owe you a debt of gratitude.

Thanks again to each and every IFHIMA Member, for your global contribution and personal commitment to advancing the global HIM profession! Please consider sharing your own professional story and experiences, by submitting an article to the Global News.

See you in Dubai!

Warmest personal regards,
Marci MacDonald, CHIM
IFHIMA President, 2016 – 2019

Join IFHIMA as we introduce our new whitepaper

“Privacy of Health Information, an IFHIMA Global Perspective”
General session of the 19th Congress at 3 pm Tuesday, November 19.

Workgroup members presenting their case studies include
Mujeeb Kandy, MS, RHIA, CPHQ (India, on assignment to Qatar), Dr Sabu K M, M App., Sc., PhD (India), Dorinda Sattler, MJ, CHPS, RHIA (US), Lorraine Fernandes, Board Liaison and moderator

The Congress will reflect the many facets of health information management within healthcare and attendees will have an opportunity to hear, share and learn about global and regional challenges in health information, and solutions for addressing them.

The Congress will have General Sessions and concurrent tracks to help prepare the health information and other healthcare professionals for the changing demands in healthcare delivery and leadership, as well as data and information capture, use, processing sharing and reporting. Additional opportunities to hear from internationally recognized keynote speakers and workshop presenters as they join us from different countries and with diverse backgrounds to share their expertise within the health information management disciplines.

Empowering HIM Roles through a Global Voice! Counting down to the Congress…

On behalf of the Saudi Health Information Management (SHIMA) and Emirates Health Informatics Society (EHIS), we invite you to participate in the 19th IFHIMA Congress 17-21 November 2019 in Dubai, UAE. The Congress will launch an era in which the importance of consistent, trustworthy data and information are globally recognized as inherent to safe, quality care for individuals, and crucial to improving the health of populations.

As we start the countdown to the IFHIMA 2019 in Dubai, registration has opened and attendees are encouraged to register early and benefit from the generous discounts offered by the Congress organizers,
Clinical Coding/Classifications and Terminologies
IFHIMA is honored to have Dr. Robert Jakob, Head of Classifications and Terminology, of the World Health Organization (WHO) who will be speaking about “the use of 21 century classifications in electronic health records and electronic death certificates”. We are also excited to offer a workshop on ‘Transitioning to ICD-11’ as well as ICD-11 Capacity Building Workgroup and open discussion.

Healthcare Quality & Healthcare Patient Safety
Dr. Abdulelah Alhawsawi, General Director of the Saudi Patient Safety Center, will open Healthcare Quality and Patient Safety as he discusses “VBHC without patient harm” and the vital role of accurate health information and data in patient safety and healthcare quality.

Education for the future/HIM Survival
The Congress is excited to have Professor Margaret A. Skurka, as a Keynote to open the presentations on Day 3 and to help reflect on the past in Health Information Management and look excitedly into the future to identify the challenging and diverse roles of Health Information Management/Informatics professionals across the globe.

Workforce Development
Workforce development is one of the pillars driving the transformation of healthcare, especially in the era of a changing HIM profession and we are excited to present Professor William Rudman as the Keynote, sharing his success stories in the field of HIM workforce development across the globe.

Healthcare Transformation
Asia Global Institute (AGI) at Hong Kong University is represented by Mr. Husein Reka a New World AsiaGlobal Fellow. Mr Reka is conducting research that will focus on reviewing a health system of choice and assessing progress in the efforts to achieve universal health coverage and challenges towards this goal in the Far East region. His Keynote speech will be titled “The importance of health information management for healthcare financing reforms: GCC experience and perspectives”

Privacy and Security
IFHIMA will lead privacy and security panel discussions immediately after the General Assembly. The new IFHIMA whitepaper “Privacy of Health Information, an IFHIMA Global Perspective” will be the focus of this panel. IFHIMA will also present a workshop overviewing privacy regulations around the globe, with lessons learned and key points for developing nations to consider as privacy regulations are adopted or updated in countries.

We encourage you to attend the Congress educational trainings and certification preparation workshops on Sunday, November 17th and we invite you on our Technical Tours on Thursday November 21st., visiting healthcare facilities in Dubai and Abu Dhabi. See firsthand the amazing work that the UAE has achieved in areas of unified health records and smart technology.

Workshops and Technical Tour enrollments will soon be available on the IFHIMA Congress website: www.ifhima2019.com

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With so many opportunities and options to choose for tours and activities in and around the UAE, why not take a few days extra and enjoy the sun, sand and amazing hospitality of the United Arab Emirates and its warm welcoming people as the country celebrates 2019 as the Year of Tolerance.

‘The UAE must lead the way for intellectual, cultural and media initiatives that further consolidate the values tolerance and coexistence, opening up to cultures of the region and the world as a whole.’

- Shaikh Mohammad Bin Rashid
Vice-President and Prime Minister of the UAE and Ruler of Dubai

We look forward to welcoming you in celebrating the 50th Golden Jubilee anniversary of IFHIMA in Festival City Event Center, Dubai, UAE. Dubai offers a unique opportunity to enjoy the wide range of experiences and opportunities that the region has to offer and visit a truly multicultural city, while enjoying the amazing weather of the UAE.

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2019 IFHIMA Congress Scholarship Recipients

IFHIMA is pleased to announce that Isaac Eyram Tegbey of Ghana and Geoffrey Semu of Tanzania are the recipients of the IFHIMA scholarships to attend the 2019 Congress in Dubai. These gentlemen hold leadership positions in their respective national associations and have made tremendous strides in advancing the HIM profession in Africa.

The scholarships are funded by the generous donations of private IFHIMA members in honor of previous IFHIMA President and Honorary Member, the late Ulli Hoffmann. Additionally, following the 2016 Congress in Tokyo, the Japan Society of Health Information Management and the Japan Hospital Association, made a generous donation for the purpose of funding attendance by members in developing countries, to attend the 2019 and future triennial IFHIMA Congresses. IFHIMA is forever grateful to the organizations and individuals who have made this scholarship program possible.

We look forward to hearing of their Congress experiences in an early 2020 Global News and congratulate them on being selected from a large applicant pool. Congratulations and see you in Dubai, Isaac and Geoffrey!!

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Keynote Speakers

AbdulElah M. Alhasawi
General Director
Saudi Patient Safety Center

Mervat Abdelhak
PhD, RHIA, Associate Professor
University of Pittsburgh

Robert Jakob
World Health Organization WHO
Team Leader: Classifications and Terminologies (ICD, ICF, ICH)
Department of Health Statistics and Information Systems (HIS)

William J. Rudman
PhD, RHIA, IHWM/GAC
Professor & Executive Director
Medical Education, Innovation, Rosalind Franklin University, Chicago

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International Federation of Health Information Management Associations
Spanish HIM association SEDOM celebrates the annual meeting (13th-15th June 2019)

SEDOM (Sociedad Española de Documentación Médica), the Spanish Health Information Management (HIM) Association member of IFHIMA, has celebrated its annual meeting in the beautiful city of Toledo during the past 13th to 15th of June. Over 200 delegates from all over Spain took part in the Congress.

The sessions included invited speakers and around 100 communications with vibrant debates covering topics such as: Expectations of HIM internal clients: physicians, investigators and hospital directors; Patient safety perspective in HIM and Technology to improve quality in HIM department results. The final session analyzed the impact of the European General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) which is applicable since May 25th, 2018 in all European Union member states.

Other Congress activities were a SNOMET-CT workshop, the clinical coding contest and SEDOM’s General Assembly in which Alfonso Martínez Reina, president for the past four years welcomed the election of David del Monte to succeed him.

A walking tour through the historical centre of Toledo and the Congress dinner with magnificent view of the city were much enjoyed social activities.

We look forward to the 2020 meeting.

Carolina Conejo Gómez
Past President of SEDOM (2011-2015)
IFHIMA National Director for Spain
IFHIMA Co-Director European Region

Calendar of events

AHIMA Annual Convention
Chicago, Illinois, USA
September 14-18, 2019
Language: English

Japan HIM Association
Osaka, Japan
September 19-20, 2019
Language: Japanese

HIMAA and NCCH Annual Conference
Sydney, Australia
October 23-25, 2019
Language: English

IFHIMA 19th Congress and Golden Jubilee Celebration
Intercontinental Hotel Plaza Festival City, Dubai, UAE
November 17-21, 2019

Please visit IFHIMA.org for most recent events.
A Preliminary Study on The Current Status of Clinical Coding Education/Training in IFHIMA Countries

ICD-10 is outdated both clinically and from a classification perspective. Many countries/regions are currently using separate systems for mortality and morbidity. The need for morbidity coding has been increasing. Critical and substantial structural and content changes have been identified as needed in ICD-10 and therefore WHO has released a version of ICD-11 to address these challenges. Accompanying transition and implementation guide and other resources have also been released by WHO.

The deliverable from this initial study is to provide current, up to date baseline data on the state of global clinical coding education and training in IFHIMA countries. The overreaching goals of this and the next phases of this research is to assess if one, clinical coding education and training in IFHIMA countries can support and facilitate the transition, implementation and use of ICD-11. And second, if ICD-11 has implications on how clinical coders are being educated.

**Methods:**

A Qualtrics survey was administered to collect baseline data on the status of clinical coding education and training in IFHIMA countries. An anonymous link to the survey was distributed to Regional Directors and educators in the IFHIMA member countries. To get a global representation, and to get representation from developing countries, we excluded the U.S.A from this study. Large response from academic programs in the U.S.A. would skew the study results.

**Preliminary survey results:**

**IFHIMA Regions and countries responding:**

We received 25 complete responses as of 7/18/2019. Nine out 22 IFHIMA countries (excluding the U.S.A) responded to the survey. One out of the 25 responses are from Czech Republic.

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Mortality, Diagnosis and Procedures:
ICD-10 with various versions is the mostly used system for mortality and diagnosis. Coding system for procedures varies, and four countries have their own list for coding procedures.

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Level of Education/Training Programs:
Two-year diploma and professional certificates are the most reported programs. Nigeria is planning clinical coding education by 2021. U.K. clinical coding professionals get their education/training from NHS Digital approved providers.

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Additional results will be analyzed and shared with IFHIMA constituents in subsequent issues.

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Editorial Guidelines for IFHIMA Global News

IFHIMA publishes Global News two or three times per year with the intent to highlight national association news, share Board activities in support of the IFHIMA mission and strategic plan, and keep members abreast of other IFHIMA activities. IFHIMA recently updated Editorial Guidelines to assist authors in developing content for Global News.

Our intent is to encourage contributions by making the guidelines readily available, thus saving time and providing clarity to authors, while encouraging content from all our member nations. We anticipate this will also ease the editing process for both the authors and the editorial staff.

Please feel free to contact Lorraine Fernandes the current Editor for Global News at the address below, if you have questions or ideas. We welcome feedback and look forward to even more articles sharing health information successes and activities!!

A copy of the guidelines can be found at: https://ifhima.org/editorial-guidelines/

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