



Dear members and friends of IFHIMA,

In this second edition of IFHIMA Global News in 2015 we are sharing some of the most current and exciting health information management activities around the world.

As you might have noticed in the previous issue, the national Saudi Arabia Health Information Management Association SHIMA was recently formalized. Please find more information about the foundational process and governmental support on the following pages.

IFHIMA has long held official relations with WHO. A particular focus of our commitment is the WHO-Family of International Classifications (WHO-FIC). We are proud that Yukiko Yokobori, IFHIMA board member, co-chairs the WHO-FIC Education and Implementation Committee. On June 2015 she attended the 7th meeting of the WHO-FIC Asia Pacific Network meeting held in Cambodia and a summary of this important meeting is included.

Tegbey Isaac Eyrarn, president of Ghana Health Information Management Association, together with the Ghana National Executive Council, has started a peer benchmark learning initiative to advance HIM in the health sector in Ghana.

In this issue you'll also find interesting reports of the HIMSS Annual Convention in the United States, as well as the Spanish National HIM conference.

We have truly "traveled the globe" in this issue and hope that you will enjoy reading our newsletter!

Angelika Haendel - on behalf of the editorial team

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Establishing the Saudi Health Information Management Association - A Successful Journey

In 2010, Saudi Arabia's Health Information Management (HIM) professionals representing different healthcare providers realized the need to establish a professional working group concerned with upgrading medical records traditional activities, methods of records keeping, and health information classifications in compliance with local standards set by the Saudi Central Board for Accrediting Healthcare Institutions (CBAHI) and international standards such as Joint Commission International (JCI). These professionals, collectively known as the Saudi Health Information Management Associates, served as the initial leadership for the new official Saudi Health Information Management Association (SHIMA).

To support this initiative a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the American Health Information Management (AHIMA) and CBAHI was signed in 2015.

About CBAHI



The Saudi Central Board for Accreditation of Healthcare Institutions (CBAHI) is the official agency authorized to grant accreditation certificates to all governmental and private healthcare facilities operating today in Saudi Arabia. CBAHI has emerged from the Health Services Council as a non-profit organization. The principal mission of CBAHI is to set the healthcare quality and patient safety standards against which all healthcare facilities are evaluated for evidence of compliance. The foundation of CBAHI dated back to October 2005 as the Central Board for Accreditation of Healthcare Institutions, formed then by the Ministerial Order Number (411441).

On September 30, 2013 the Cabinet of Ministers Decree Number (371) called for changing the name to become the Saudi Central Board for Accreditation of Healthcare Institutions, and also mandated the national accreditation by CBAHI on all healthcare facilities. The Ministry of Health is planning to mandate CBAHI accreditation as a future prerequisite for renewal of the operating license, a step towards encouraging more participation in this ambitious national initiative.

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Call for reviewers started:
April 1st, 2015

Call for abstracts starts:
October 1, 2015

Registration opens on:
October 1, 2015

Applications for developing countries program starts:
October 1, 2015

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Methods for Better Health: Big Data, Personal Health and more ...

Information is an important factor in all business areas and the health care industry is producing data from many different sources. Individual patient data are used in many ways and for different purposes including statistical analysis and presentation. In health care many disciplines work together and generate data and information about their interventions on individual patients and the amount of healthcare data is increasing. New methods are needed for interpretation and management of these large quantities of data and good practices in managing this information can promote and support the delivery of high-quality health care.

Professor Rolf Engelbrecht presented the paper at the EuroMISE conference in Prague on June 17th, 2015. The full paper was published in the on-line International Journal on Biomedicine and Healthcare Vol 3 (2015), Issue 1, IJBH 2015 ISSN 1805-8698 "Big Data Challenges for Personalised Medicine" and a version can be found also at <http://www.ijbh.org/ijbh2015-1.pdf>

About the Saudi Arabian Health Information Management Associates



Saudi Arabian Health Information Management Associates (SHIMA) is a not for profit entity established under the patronage of CBAHI to further the cause of health information management in Saudi Arabia and the region. The concept of establishing SHIMA has reference to the medical records development strategic plan, approved by the Minister of Health, detailed in proposal No. 26/22/69024 dated 15/7/1431H submitted to His Excellency by Deputy Health Minister of Health for Planning and Development.

AHIMA Responsibilities

1. Provide information and help in the implementation of the recently developed modular global curricula focused on health information (HIM), health informatics (HI), and health information communication technologies (HICT) developed through a grant from the U.S. Department of Commerce.
2. Provide representation on the Global Health Workforce Council (GHWC) so that the interests and needs of the region are well represented.
3. Provide assistance related to best practices in the establishment and growth of the Saudi Arabian Health Information Management Associates (SHIMA).

CBAHI Responsibilities

1. Provide information and help in establishing thought partnership between SHIMA and AHIMA.
2. Provide financial and logistic support to SHIMA in its collaboration with AHIMA.
3. Support and represent AHIMA in Saudi Arabia to assist in developing health information management best practices.
4. Establish and promote a certification program for health information management in Saudi Arabia in collaboration with AHIMA.

Mutual Responsibilities

To achieve these target outcomes, each party will jointly participate in the following set of activities:

1. Convene stakeholders to identify approaches and solutions regarding the delivery of quality healthcare through the effective management of health data.
2. Support opportunities to speak at the AHIMA and SHIMA national conventions as well as the Faculty Development Institute, Assembly on Education (FDI/AOE) meetings focused on education and workforce development
3. Participate in the development of new National and Regional Conferences.
4. Publish white papers, research articles, and educational materials.
5. Share opportunities to collaborate on webinars, inform constituents on pertinent public policy issues, and, as appropriate, invite to provide input to/co-endorse position statements and public policy comments.
6. Work to identify research opportunities through a network of international scholars.
7. Work in a collaborative fashion to foster the development of workforce training events and opportunities.
8. Work together to develop and offer an International Innovation Conference.



Senior staff from CBAHI, AHIMA, and SHIMA after signing the MOU namely:

- Dr. Salim Alwahabi**, Consultant Surgeon, General Director, CBAHI. (Fifth from right)
- Dr. Bill Rudman**, AHIMA Foundation, Executive Director, and AHIMA, Vice President of Education Visioning, (Seventh from right)
- Mr. Hussein Albishi**, CHIM, HIM Consultant at MOH, SHIMA Current President (Fourth from left)
- Mr. Saud ALBoqmi**, RHIA, HIM Director NGH, SHIMA President Elect (First from left).

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Report on the 7th Meeting of the Asia Pacific Network (APN) of the WHO-FIC

Meeting Overview

On June 29-30, 2015, the 7th Meeting of the Asia Pacific Network (APN) of the WHO Family of International Classifications (FIC) was held in Siem Reap, Cambodia. APN was established in Tunisia in 2006 with the Japan Hospital Association's financial contribution to WHO.

The 7th Meeting was organized with the support of the Cambodian Ministry of Health and was attended by 28 people from nine countries (Australia, Cambodia, India, Japan, Laos, Malaysia, South Korea, Thailand, and Vietnam [via Skype]).

Meeting Summary

1. ICD-10 APN Simplified Version Field Trials

In this round of Meeting, we mainly discussed the field trials for the ICD-10 APN Simplified Version (beta 2) which APN has designed for developing nations in the Asia-Pacific region to support their implementation of ICD. As a result, it was decided that the field trials be conducted in Cambodia with financial support from Futures Group, the U.S. Enterprise which manages the health information system project with Ministry of Health in Cambodia under the auspices of the United States Agency for International Development (USAID). Thailand (Dr. Wansa Paoin) will be conducting the training on how to use the simplified version, South Korea (Professor Sukil Kim), as a developer of multi-language translation tool, will keep reinforcing the tool's localization function for Khmer (Cambodian), and educational materials will be developed by South Korea (Ms. Joon Hong). Cambodia requested training for students in addition to that for clinicians, and creation of an extended APN Simplified Version that accommodates hospital admission since the beta version is focused only on outpatient care (primary care). Laos also expressed its' intention of using the Simplified Version.

Dr. Bedirhan Ustun representing WHO commended APN for carrying out these excellent activities, but also expressed his desire for it to consider the creation of an even more simplified version and mapping to ICD-11.

2. ICD-11 Field Trials

Dr. Ustun from WHO gave a presentation on the current status of ICD-11 and said that it is working towards the adoption by the World Health Assembly in May 2018. Joining the Meeting via the Internet, Mr. Nenad Kostanjsek of WHO explained the field trials of ICD-11 and shared that their preparation will be complete before October 2015 and the first field trial in the limited scope will be conducted, that the results will be presented at the 2016 WHO FIC Meeting in Tokyo.

The second round of field trials is scheduled for January-December, 2017. He also explained that a translation platform to be used for the field trials is being prepared and asked APN member countries to take part in the field trials.

3. Future Plans

A proposal was made that the next APN meeting be held around June 2016 in Laos. Before the next APN Meeting, a luncheon meeting is planned to be held in October 2015 during the WHO-FIC Network Annual Meeting in Manchester, UK. Also, another luncheon meeting will be held on Tuesday, October 11, 2016, during the WHO-FIC Network Annual Meeting in Tokyo.

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Dr. Lo Veasnakiry, Director, Department of Planning and Health Information, Cambodian Ministry of Health



Meeting participants



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Advancing HIM in Ghana: Peer Benchmark Learning Initiative

Data management in Ghana has grown over the years and new advanced software called the District Health Information Management System, Version 2 (DHIMS 2) was introduced to improve the completeness and timeliness of data submission. The system has brought about a paperless system of reporting and easy access to information across the country and beyond. It has also eliminated double work processes, thereby reducing errors in data capture at various submission levels. Despite these advances and the enormous resources channelled into the improvement of the Health Information Departments in Ghana, there are still challenges in Health Information Management in other sectors of data capture. There is an urgent need to accelerate the advancement of health information management (HIM) in the health sector in Ghana and identify solutions to current problems.

Mr Tegbey Isaac Eyam, President of the Ghana Health Information Management Association (GHIMA), the newest member of the IFHIMA, and members of the GHIMA's National Executive Council knew that this was a very big agenda for GHIMA to tackle alone. At an emergency meeting held in May 2015 the National Executive Council therefore proposed a resolution to seek help and support from other national HIM associations via IFHIMA. During September and October 2015 GHIMA will sponsor five of its officers to study advanced working practices in HIM as part of a peer benchmark learning initiative. They will work with national HIM associations in Canada, Nigeria, the United Kingdom and the United States of America to help GHIMA address the challenges it faces. All project activities in these four countries will be undertaken in coordination with the national HIM associations; the Canadian Health Information Management Association (CHIMA) coordinated by Gail Crook, Chief Executive Officer of CHIMA, the Health Information Managers Association of Nigeria (HIMAN) coordinated by Mr

Wole Ajayi, President of HIMAN, the Institute of Health Records and Information Management (IHRIM-UK) coordinated by Cynthia Henderson, Head of Health Records at Aneurin Bevan University Health Board in Wales, and the American Health Information Management Association (AHIMA) coordinated by Desla Mancilla, AHIMA's Senior Director of Academic Affairs. Mr Tegbey Isaac Eyam is GHIMA's coordinating officer.

The sponsored GHIMA officers will share the experiences and knowledge of the new working methods they observed at the GHIMA Annual Convention in late 2015. It is anticipated that they will be able to report up-to-date information about new working practices for HIM and identify positive strategies for improvement. The GHIMA Annual Convention will be a particularly important event for HIM in Ghana as attendees will include the Minister of Health, the Director-General of the Ghana Health Service, the Director of the Center for Health Information, all Heads of the Health Information Departments, key stakeholders, donor partners and Health Information Officers from all Hospitals, Colleges and Universities in Ghana. Clearly, the Annual Convention will provide a superb opportunity to engage key stakeholders in the work needed to improve HIM in Ghana.

These four study visits, as part of a programme of interactive learning to guide the development of HIM systems and the HIM profession in Ghana, are a wonderful example of multi-national cooperation supporting newer and less-developed IFHIMA member nations. It is hoped that, over time, the outputs of the project will also help other nations in Africa accelerate and develop their own strategies to improve HIM practice.

*Lorraine Nicholson / Membership Chair
Past President of IFHIMA 2007-2010*

*Tegbey Isaac Eyam / President, Ghana Health
Information Management Association care system.*

HIMSS 2015: A First-time Attendee Experience Chicago, USA, April 12 – 16, 2015:

The opportunity to attend HIMSS 2015 (Health Information Management Systems and Society) was a fantastic opportunity for any Health Information Manager (HIM) to be present at one of the biggest Health related conferences in the world. For me, it linked perfectly with my new role in Information Governance. A Cabrini Health team of my Executive Director and a doctor who oversees our clinical costing system were sent to attend. As a HIM I think that Information Governance is going to be the new ground that we need to start owning and being seen as experts, so this was a great opportunity to be at the forefront of that movement.

The first day of the Conference for me was a pre-conference symposium on Quality. The Conference Centre “McCormick Place” was huge. Think of a big conference centre you have been to, now double it, double it again, now add some cream and toppings, and you are still only just getting there.

The Symposium was understandably USA-centric but there were some decent nuggets of information and it was a good introduction to the rest of the week, including the ability to register before the throngs arrived. That night we planned our next few days with the invaluable Conference App. To give you an idea of scale, most sessions had half an hour between them...not for coffee, but simply to get from one Conference Centre wing to another!

The first morning was mayhem. We were so glad we had already registered as the queues were hundreds of metres long. The queue for Starbucks was longer. There were approximately 43,000 registrants and they wanted their satchel and coffee, now!

The Conference sessions began and I was right into the swing of everything Information Governance. It seems that internationally Information Governance is a relatively brave new world in the health sector. It is particularly pertinent to most US hospitals in regard to the Electronic Health Record (EHR), but the foundations and frameworks are consistent across all aspects of data.

There were also some sessions that were coding-related I attended and all were valuable. Yes, they have the same issues we all do...but largely in the domain of ICD-9 currently used in the USA.

A couple of sessions really struck a chord with me. One was Randy Thomas and Stephen Morgan presenting “Data Governance: Measure

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Twice, Cut Once” which gave the all-important practical advice on how data governance was able to create value in Carilion Clinic in the first year. This is the key for a hospital such as Cabrini that is just embarking on the journey.

The other was Rita Bowen (HIM by training) who presented “Seven Opportunities for Stronger Information Governance” which once again gave practical, real world advice and strategies on opportunities for information governance improvement. It was one of those sessions where you took photos of every slide and caught up with the presenter afterwards.

Next up, the Exhibition “Halls”. Note the plural. They aren’t halls, they are aeroplane hangars. Laid end to end. From seemingly one end of Chicago to another. Three (or maybe four) of them. If you don’t have a compass, a GPS and a bag full of bread crumbs, you will get lost trying to navigate your way from the CSC stand to the Cerner stand. They are not really stands! One company had a full-sized bus as its booth and Epic had a little village built with brick walls and chimneys.

My tips if you are planning to go to HIMSS in February 2016 in Las Vegas, Nevada-- attend sessions before the “big stuff” starts; be very well prepared and get ready to dive in, as you will be absorbed regardless, like or not!



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HIMSS 2015: Governance and Data Exchange Support Innovative Research

When I first started attending the annual HIMSS (Health Information Management Systems and Society) conference sometime in the 1980’s I think they had about 10,000 attendees. As Cameron Barnes relates in his article in this issue, the conference is now one of the biggest global healthcare conferences in the world. Official 2015 attendance was 43,129.

This year I presented at HIMSS 2015, along with Tom Check, CEO of Healthix, a regional data exchange for the greater New York City area. We discussed the value of regional data exchange from both a population health and data exchange

perspective, but particularly from a research perspective. Our presentation, “Trust in Regional Health Exchange Supports Patient-Centered Research” reviewed how data is integrated, a single view of the patient data from the 20+ data sources is created, privacy is established and protected, and how governance from many aspects was addressed.

This presentation is based upon the work Healthix and the Bronx regional health information exchange (RHIO) are doing with the New York City Clinical Delivery Research Network (CDRN), which is funded by an award from the Patient Centered

Outcomes Research Institute (PCORI). PCORI issued ten CDRN grants in 2013, with the initial funding being available through 2015. The NYC CDRN has successfully received second round funding, thanks in part to their initial successes.

The task of aggregating the demographic information from the health systems, creating the consolidated view of the patient data, de-identifying this data for submission to the New York Genome Center, and releasing the proxy identifier keys to the health systems proved very complex, yet feasible. With this approach, only the health systems have the ability to link the proxy identifiers to the actual clinical data, and then release the clinical data (with the proxy identifier) to the New York Genome Center, thus privacy and security are establishing and maintained through the data lifecycle, thus engendering trust.

The NYC CDRN is comprised of seven health systems (who compete for business), three

research organizations (they also compete for grants), two regional data exchange organizations, and seven community and public health organizations. As you can appreciate, establishing initial and ongoing trust through governance is vital to the success of this first-of-a-kind collaborative research effort. Additional information about the presentation can be found in [my blog](#).

I have presented many times at the HIMSS Annual Convention, with audiences ranging from 50 to 500. If you are among the 20% of abstracts accepted, you must think big and be prepared for a most rigorous review process. Nevertheless, it's worth the effort given the large audiences, global exposure, and chance to evangelize for information governance and the health information profession.

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Congress report

14th Spanish National Conference of Health Information Management

The 14th National Conference of Health Information Management (Spanish: XIV congreso nacional de documentación médica) was held in the beautiful city of Granada, Andalusia, Spain from June 10-12, 2015. This Spanish national HIM congress occurs biennially, this year attracting 350 attendees.

In addition to the classical topics in the field of health information management, the Congress of the Spanish national HIM-association SEDOM addressed future challenges in health

information management, such as citizen participation, citizen rights, modifications in HIM performance, portfolio quality of healthcare and safety of patients, digitalization in the Spanish health care sector, financing and sustainability as well as the use of ICD-10 beginning January 2016. The objective of this Congress was double: A reflection and update of the daily work of HIM professionals with maximum rigor and scientific content, and simultaneously to meet current and emerging challenges in the constantly changing health care and health technology environment.



Besides the more than 50 presentations, attendees could enhance their knowledge by visiting more than 135 scientific posters during the lunch and coffee breaks and by discussing these posters with authors and presenters.

The international perspective of the Congress was covered by Cláudia Borges Medeiros from the Health Services Management Department, Central Administration of Health Services (ACSS), Lisbon, Portugal. Amongst other activities, she participates in the National Work Group for Primary Care Morbidity Registry. She is also member of the national team for the implementation of the ICD-10-CM/PCS and reported about the implementation of the Portuguese coding system in 2016. Moreover, Angelika Haendel, from the University Hospital in Erlangen, Germany and current IFHIMA President

gave an overview about current challenges in the area of Health Information Management from an international perspective.

In addition to the excellent Congress program, the poster presentation and the industrial exhibition, there was a social program that also included a nocturnal visit to the historic Alhambra palace, an exciting and unforgettable event for all attendees.

It is interesting to note that the training of health information specialists in Spain is not identical to the usually known Health Information Management education: HIM professionals in Spain have completed studies in medicine with subsequent specialization in medical documentation. The professional designation in Spain is “Medical Doctor of Admission and Documentation”.

from left to right:

Angelika Haendel, IFHIMA president

Dr. Francisco Morente Romero, president of the scientific Andalusian association of professionals of medical documentation and information

Dr. Carolina Conejo Gómez, president of SEDOM

Dr. Arturo Romero Gutiérrez, Spanish Ministry of Health



Book Donation Project Update

Previous IFHIMA Global Newsletters have chronicled the delivery of books by the many recipients of the book donation project supported by AHIMA and IFHIMA. We continue to receive pictures of the recipients expressing their gratitude to the sponsoring organizations, and the local association leadership. We're proud to share the latest evidence of the success of this initiative.

Pictured is Veronica Miller Richards, President of the Jamaica Medical Record Association, and Mr. Jermaine Martin, Acting Director of Health Records Services at the Jamaican Ministry of Health.



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