

CANDIDATE FOR IFHIMA PRESIDENT-ELECT · 2025-2028

Hussein Ali Albishi

BSc HIM · CHIM · CIA · CRCR — Founder & President, SHIMA · Former IFHIMA Regional Director, Eastern Mediterranean

1 · Professional profile

Hussein Ali Albishi is a Health Information Management leader with more than fifteen years of service within IFHIMA and the wider profession. He is the Co-Founder and President of the Saudi Health Information Management Association (SHIMA), the first HIM professional association in the region, and a former IFHIMA Regional Director for the Eastern Mediterranean.

He has served two consecutive terms on the IFHIMA Board, helped grow IFHIMA's visibility in the Eastern Mediterranean, supported national HIM association development, and led the successful bid to host the IFHIMA 19th Congress in Dubai in 2019.

2 · IFHIMA service record

- IFHRO / IFHIMA member since 2009.
- IFHIMA Board Member, 2016–2019 and 2019–2022.
- IFHIMA Regional Director, Eastern Mediterranean, 2019–2022.
- Led the successful bid for the IFHIMA 19th Congress, Dubai 2019, and hosted the Congress.
- Member of IFHIMA Strategic Partnership and Whitepapers working groups; contributor to IFHIMA strategy development.
- Advocated for corporate and individual membership and supported Federation revenue generation.
- Introduced IFHIMA across the Eastern Mediterranean and supported countries working toward national association formation and Federation membership.

3 · National and regional leadership

- Co-Founded SHIMA and has served as President since 2019.
- Established SHIMA's HIM webinar program with CPD/CME accreditation and led conferences, certification initiatives, and professional-development activity.
- Delivered ICD-11 awareness webinars and supported professionalization across the region, including founding EMACDIS, KSA Chapter.

4 • Qualifications and current roles

- BSc, Health Information Management — Curtin University of Technology, Perth, Australia.
- Diploma, Hospital Administration — Saudi Arabia.
- Certified Health Information Manager (CHIM), Certified Item Author (CIA), and Certified Revenue Cycle Representative (CRCR).
- Co-Founder & President, SHIMA; Healthcare Advisory & HIM Consultant in Casemix, AR-DRG, RCM, and CDI; former Lead, HIM & Coding, Ministry of Health, Saudi Arabia.

5 • Selected publications and speaking

- Co-author, “IFHIMA Prepares for 19th Congress as Health Information Goes Global and Digital” (AHIMA Body of Knowledge).
- Speaker at IFHIMA Congresses, AHIMA Middle East, HIMAA/IFHRO, GCC innovation conferences, and SHIMA events.
- Contributor to regional and international discussions on ICD-11, workforce readiness, and HIM professionalization.

6 • Priorities for 2025-2028

If elected President-Elect, Hussein Ali Albishi commits to a focused and measurable agenda in service of the Federation. His priorities are to grow IFHIMA’s membership base, convene an ICD-11 Global Summit in 2027, strengthen advocacy for the profession regionally and globally, expand the Federation’s webinar and continuing-education offering, and strengthen collaboration between IFHIMA and the WHO Global Initiative on Digital Health so that HIM is better positioned within global digital-health transformation.

7 • Why this matters now

- Health information is becoming more global, digital, and central to health-system transformation.
- The Eastern Mediterranean and Africa remain under-represented in IFHIMA, and growth there strengthens the whole Federation.
- ICD-11, value-based care, and digital health demand a stronger HIM voice and stronger international collaboration.

8 • Endorsement and contact

This nomination is submitted by the Saudi Health Information Management Association (SHIMA), a member in good standing of the Federation.

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