Report from Prof. Ying Wu on CNNIC and CINC Conference, and APAMI Celebration

The first China National Nursing Informatics Conference (CNNIC) was jointly held with the 2nd Capital International Nursing Conference (CINC) from October 25th and 27th, 2013, in Beijing China. The theme of this convention was titled as “Translational Research, Evidence-based Practice, and Securing Health”. A plenary session and six sub-sessions were conducted during this event, which include a session on nursing informatics to emphasize the utilization of information technology and its effectiveness in disseminating nursing knowledge and wisdom through nursing practice.

On October 25th, along with the opening ceremony for the 1st CNNIC and the 2nd CINC, the celebration of 20th anniversary for APAMI was initiated to recall the establishments and achievements that have been made within APAMI over the past 20 years. In delivering the opening remarks, the current President of APAMI, Ying Wu stressed that it has been over 20 years since the resolution made for establishing APAMI at the IMIA's Board Meeting in October, 1993. Since then, with the devotion of founders and leaders, APAMI has grown to be the most authoritative, pragmatic, and forward-looking regional association in health informatics in the Asia Pacific region. She also addressed that, in recent years, China has accelerated its pace in the development of nursing informatics in the areas of mobile health, clinical decision support systems, home health Tele-monitoring, and chronic illness management systems, etc. During the ceremony, Minister Assistant of Ministry of Education Huiqing Lin, Deputy Director of Medical Affairs, Hospital Authority (HA) National Health and Family Planning Commission (NHFPC) of the People’s Republic of China, Dr. Jun Zhou, IMIA Vice-President and President-elect Dr. Hyeoun-Ae Park, CMIA President Dr. Shuqian Luo, President of Chinese Nursing Association Dr. Xiuhua Li, and other delegates also delivered remarks about the future development of nursing profession in China, and expressed their support and envision in the area of health informatics.

There were nearly five hundred people attended the conference, and 43 oral and 110 poster presentations were shared between attendees worldwide, including submissions of abstracts in the field of health and nursing informatics. Distinguished guests and scholars from the US, Korea, Taiwan, Japan, Indonesia, and China participated in this global convention.

In the plenary session after the opening ceremony, Qun Meng, the Director of Health Statistics and Information of NHFPC of the People’s Republic of China, shared with attendees about the current implementation status and strategic plans of medical informatics in China based on the national health statistics collected by NHFPC. He emphasized that, the utilization of informatics technology should focus on fostering effective networking, resource sharing, benefiting citizens, and securing health in the light of health reform in China. Implementation of mobile health, intelligent
technology, and electronic health record and necessary health reform surveillance nationwide are essential components to boost the pace of health reform in China.

In responding to the initiation of nursing informatics development in China, a two-day workshop on skills in designing clinical nursing information systems was conducted as a preconference before the event. The purpose of this workshop is to promote involvement of nurses in developing pertinent computerized clinical information systems. There were a total of 42 bed-side nurses and nurse educators nationwide attended this workshop. High evaluation of the workshop has been received from the participants, and more advanced workshops will be offered in the future to satisfy their needs.

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