



REGIONAL DIRECTOR REPORT

November 2019

Name of the Region: EUROPE

Name of the Regional Director: co-Directors Carolina Conejo and Ramón Romero

IFHIMA member countries in this region:

Germany
United Kingdom
Spain
Netherlands
Italy
Israel

Number of Associate Members in this region: 8

Number of Corporate Members in this region: 0

Number of Educational Institution Members in this region: 0

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GERMANY

ACCOMPLISHMENTS & ACHIEVEMENTS IN THE REGION 2016-2019:

1. Summary of activities e.g. National/Regional Conferences

DVMD organizes national conference every 2 years

In-between co-called "spring-symposia" to special topics take place, such as
"Classifications and Health Statistics in Clinical Documentation"
"Clinical Research and Risk-based Monitoring"

2. Achievements

The DVMD website has been completely redesigned www.dvmd.de

Publishing of following position papers:

Strengthening training in the medical information management
tumor documentation

Digitalization in Medical Information Management (in process)

3. Input to IFHIMA's Strategic Initiatives (Advocacy, Knowledge Domain & Membership)

Monthly newsletters on Health Information Management including a section "International"

Quarterly publishing Journal "mdi - Health Information Management and Health Informatics" (printed journal), including section "International"

Development of an own DVMD certificate for quality assurance of training in the field of clinical documentation and health information management

In their function as lecturers, members of DVMD board share information at different universities about Health Information Management on international level

Sept 2019: Expert forum with the health and Life Sciences University (UMIT) IN Hall in Tirol, Austria on the topic "Study in Medical Information Management: The Challenge of Digitalisation"

UNITED KINGDOM

ACCOMPLISHMENTS & ACHIEVEMENTS IN THE REGION 2016-2019:

1. Summary of activities e.g. National/Regional Conferences

Last year the UK celebrated the NHS's (National Health Service) 70 year anniversary. Coincidentally, **IHRIM** also reached that milestone. Understandable really when you think that any national health service would need to have a competent, accurate and efficient method of record keeping. IHRIM is the Institute of Health Records & Information Management and has evolved from the initial AMRO (Association of Medical Records Officers) celebrated its 70th anniversary in style at Manchester Art Gallery in October 2018.

2. Achievements

IHRIM is a member of the Professional Records Standards Board (PRSB) Advisory Group and through that was instrumental in identifying a requirement for a national document naming standard which has since been developed and is available at theprsb.org

IHRIM works collaboratively with other professional organisations such as CILIP, APHA, SOCITM and BCS as part of FEDIP (Federation of Informatics Professionals in Health & Social Care), an umbrella organisation to develop a register of professionals and also work with the NHS on Building a Digitally Ready Workforce (BDRW).

IHRIM continues to review changes within the Health Informatics Professions both nationally and internationally and strives to keep its members informed and offer guidance in this rapidly changing landscape.

3. Input to IFHIMA's Strategic Initiatives (Advocacy, Knowledge Domain & Membership)

IHRIM has continued, in the UK, to develop and deliver National Clinical Coding Qualifications (NCCQ) twice yearly. We have also delivered several very successful Coding workshops in different venues throughout the United Kingdom. IHRIM has also worked closely with colleagues in Scotland to develop an entry level Coding qualification – Coding Certificates of Technical Competence (Coding CTC).

IHRIM has also written and delivered their suite of Informatics qualifications ranging from Certificates of Technical Competence (CTC) through to a range of Informatics examinations: Foundation, Certificate and Diploma levels for both UK and overseas students annually.

Additionally IHRIM has developed a Records Standards Document that we are working with various national organisations to embed into a record-keeping audit tool to ensure that clinical records are delivered safely and efficiently within our Hospitals and health units.

We also produce Guidance documents for our members on:

- o Scanning Options
- o Managing Incorrect Records and Data Errors
- o Subject Access Requests
- o Managing Access to Clinical Records and Documents

SPAIN

ACCOMPLISHMENTS & ACHIEVEMENTS IN THE REGION 2016-2019:

1. Summary of activities e.g. National/Regional Conferences

SEDOM (Sociedad Española de Documentación Médica) celebrates yearly national conferences since 1985 as an opportunity for HIM professionals to exchange experiences and consider the oncoming challenges. The most recent conferences have been:

2017: XV Congreso Nacional de Documentación Médica (Valencia)

2018: XVIII Jornadas Nacionales de Documentación Médica (Santander)

2019: XVI Congreso Nacional de Documentación Médica (Toledo)

The 2017 Congress hosted the IFHIMA Executive Board face to face meeting.

2. Achievements

SEDOM has a permanent member in Spain's Ministry of Health and Social Politics Technical Unit for CIE10ES which develops coding rules guides and materials at a national level.

SEDOM has a member in the steering committee of the (in process of designation) WHO-FIC Collaborating Centre for Spain in Barcelona. Members of SEDOM have collaborated with the Centre in the translation to Spanish of the ICD11.

3. **Input to IFHIMA's Strategic Initiatives (Advocacy, Knowledge Domain & Membership)**

Two postgraduate Masters in HIM have begun new editions in Spain (Universidad Autónoma de Barcelona and Universidad de Valencia) contributing to enhance the educational field in HIM.

LOOKING FORWARD FOR 2019-2022

1. **Key Priorities**

- Advocate for awareness of the importance of the quality of health record documentation as key basis for information quality.
- Explore the role of HIM regarding introduction of ICD-11, Digitalisation, Data science etc.
- Support basic and continuous education initiatives for HIM professionals, sharpening the profile of HIM profession regarding other professionals e.g. Medical Informatics
- Continue liaison with other related associations such as in the field of Health Informatics.

2. **Challenges**

- Communication of the activities and initiatives among HIM associations in the Region.
- Include IFHIMA information in national conferences.
- Identification and engagement of HIM associations in Europe not currently members of IFHIMA with campaign to detect potential new national, corporate members and associate members.
- Follow and address the application of the General Data Protection Regulation in the European Region.