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NSPE Chapter Graduating Student of the Year

Please join us in congratulating Rajdeep Binder, this year’s recipient of the CHIMA Pinnacle Awards Program—Graduating Student of the Year Award. Rajdeep is an international medical graduate with more than 10 years of global experience in public and private healthcare systems. She has a Doctor of Medicine degree from RSMU Moscow, Russia and a Post-Graduate Diploma in Healthcare Management from Bioinformatics Institute of India.

Rajdeep moved to Halifax in 2015 and wanted to continue to follow her passion in healthcare. After considering her academic background, past professional experience and closely comparing against other healthcare programs, she made a decision to join the 2-year Health Information Management (HIM) program at NSCC.

Rajdeep recently graduated from NSCC’s HIM program with Honours. According to her, she “plans to continue to embrace and evangelize CHIMA’s vision, mission and values under all four Domains of Practice – Data Quality, Privacy, Health Information Management standards and Electronic Health Information Management.”

Congratulations, Rajdeep and welcome to the profession!

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Join us in the spectacular and fun city of Niagara Falls, ON, September 17-18, 2018 for **CHIMA's Two Day National Conference**. Also, take advantage and participate in the **Pre-Conference Half-Day Workshop** on September 16, 2018.

This year our Conference, **DATA - A VITAL RESOURCE**, will focus on the continuous increase of awareness for better health care demanding quality!

Top Reasons to Attend the 2018 CHIMA Conference:

- ◆ **To be inspired!** The 2018 CHIMA Conference will provide a unique opportunity for Health Information Management professionals and stakeholders, from across the country, to strengthen their commitment to the profession; broaden their knowledge and understanding of the industry and profession; and share information and best practice
- ◆ **Invest In Yourself!** Leave the office and "sharpen the saw" is investing in yourself. Admit you still have things to learn. That you can get better. Take this opportunity to strengthen knowledge, skills and learn about the future of the HIM profession. YOU CAN LEARN FROM INDUSTRY EXPERTS THROUGH OUR GUEST PRESENTERS
- ◆ **Meet HIM experts and industry leaders** face to face. Take advantage of this IRL (in real life) networking opportunity and meet colleagues and other HIM professionals from across the country
- ◆ Opportunity to **visit the conference exhibit floor** to encounter and hear what leading industry related organizations have to offer
- ◆ Opportunity to **visit the breathtaking Niagara Falls**, one of Earth's natural wonders! This is one of many great attractions to visit in Niagara Falls, Canada. For more details visit: <https://www.niagarafallstourism.com/>

This two-day action packed conference, promises a dynamic program and informative sessions that will engage all HIM professionals.

Continue to visit: <http://chima-conference.com/> for more conference related updates and information.

We hope you can join us!

FEELING OUT OF THE LOOP?

Do you receive emails from CHIMA? Have you ever wondered why a co-worker knows about an upcoming CPE session and you don't?

The emails you receive are based on your chosen "communication preferences" selected in the members only section of the CHIMA webpage.

When you log in, under "Menu", choose the "Update Profile" option. Scroll down until you see "communication preferences".

This is where you can decide what type of emails you wish to receive from CHIMA and your Chapter.

Be sure you select what best suits your need to keep you up-to-date on what is happening in your Chapter and in your Association across the country.

Don't miss out on exciting CPE sessions and professional updates! Check your settings today and get "in the loop".

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Please include me in the following communication lists:

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 - Canada Post Mail Distributions (e.g: Paper Invoices, Sponsored Mailings)
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- do **not** want to be included in any e-mail communication.

NSPE Chapter Members....tell us your story

- ◆ Want to help us network with each other—tell us what is happening in your area.
- ◆ Send us an article to include in an upcoming newsletter about what HIMs are doing throughout Nova Scotia and PEI.
- ◆ We would love to hear your stories about students, retirements, non-traditional HIM roles, etc.
- ◆ Send us a brief bio we can use in our "Member Spotlight" section
- ◆ Email us at NSPEchapter@echima.ca

Angie McCashion, CHIM— RIM Coordinator

Angie McCashion, NSPE Chapter Director, has recently been hired in a non-traditional role with Health PEI as the Recorded Information Management (RIM) Coordinator.



This position provides expert advice, leadership, guidance, and assistance to Health PEI Programs and Services staff to manage their recorded information in all physical formats in accordance with relevant legislation (Archives & Records Act, FOIPOP Act and Health Information Act), policies, procedures, standards and guidelines.

The Archives and Records Act requires the Province of PEI to ensure records created and kept by government departments are managed effectively and disposed of responsibly.

The RIM Coordinator develops and implements retention schedules to ensure all Health PEI programs comply with this government mandate to manage all types of records.

Health PEI is a multi-site organization responsible for administrative, operational and client records that employs approximately 6000 staff that includes acute care, community hospitals, long term care, home care, public health, primary care, mental health, addictions, financial services, information management and corporate services.

Angie completed her HIM training at the Northern Alberta Institute of Technology. She has been a Director with the NSPE Chapter Committee since 2016 and is currently the Chair of the Membership Engagement Committee.

Student Corner

DO NOT PUT OFF UNTIL TOMORROW WHAT YOU CAN DO TODAY

I was quite content in my career as an RMS (Resource Management Support) Clerk with the military for 14 years when that door suddenly closed. Due to a medical issue, I was no longer able to perform the physically demanding tasks of military training, so I was released in 2016. I was forced to quickly face one of the most difficult decisions of my life. I loved my career in administration and I was devastated that I was going to have to start over and try to find a new career.

In an effort to make the transition to civilian employment easier, the military offered me the opportunity to take a course up to 2 years in duration to supplement my existing skills. However, I had no idea what course I would take, and to be honest I wasn't too sure I would be able to handle returning to school. Sure I did well in grade school, but I was 41 years old; I hadn't been in school for 23 years! The choice was either take advantage of the opportunity or settle for a job that I might not be happy with.

So I began my research. I always had an interest in the medical field. In fact, I worked in a nursing home for 10 years prior to joining the military. During my research I stumbled across the HIM profession. The opportunity to combine my healthcare experience with my administration experience, brilliant!! There was still one hurdle; physically attending school was not an option due to the distance that I would have to travel daily, and the fact that I have a family that relies on me. So I continued my research, and low and behold, I came across the Centre for Distance Education (CD-ED) offering the very course that was going to save my future! I am almost finished year 2 of this course, and I have absolutely no regrets about my decision. In fact, my only regret about the entire situation is that I did not discover this career sooner! I'm not going to say that it was the easy; it certainly proved to be a great challenge. But it was all that I expected and more. The dedicated staff at CD-ED was always there for me, ensuring I was successful in reaching my full potential. My biggest advice when taking on such a commitment is to exercise self-discipline. Set a schedule and stick to it; **do not put off until tomorrow what you can do today!**

Submitted by Sherri Boudreau, HIM Student

For more information on the HIM Program available at the Centre for Distance Education, visit their webpage, <https://cd-ed.com/programs/health-information-management/>



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