



Chair Elect Nomination – Unopposed

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My career in Medical Illustration began more than 20 years ago in St James's Hospital, Dublin. Despite being Ireland's largest acute teaching hospital, it had a very small medical illustration department which meant working single-handed as a clinical photographer, graphic designer and collaboratively on video projects for several years. This period allowed for me to gain a real insight into, and appreciation of, the differing roles many of us occupy within medical illustration.

Early on I became aware of the Institute of Medical Illustrators and soon became a member. I have eagerly attended every conference since joining, using the opportunity to network with others in the same field and gaining a yardstick by which to measure our activities back in Dublin. Being able to see the range and quality of work produced by IMI members has been particularly inspiring and for this reason the annual awards competition is always one of my personal highlights at each conference.

Over the years I have become more actively involved in the IMI, presenting at regional meetings, at conference and writing a national guideline. I became the regional representative for Ireland in 2014 before serving on Council from 2017-2020. Following on from that I joined the Education Committee where I am the current lead for the Certificate of Competence. I sit on the Membership Committee and was heavily involved in online training for members during the Covid-19 pandemic. In 2020 I was proud to be part of the team that delivered the first ever virtual IMI Conference.

Since the resumption of in-person conferences I have helped to organise the annual Awards Exhibition both as a judge and in arranging the display of all the winners. More recently I have taken the lead in organising the AV requirements for the conference.

In 2019 I was awarded a Fellowship of the institute and in 2022 I was awarded the Norman K Harrison Medal for services to the IMI. I am very pleased to have been nominated as Chair Elect of the institute and feel a great sense of excitement and responsibility in accepting this nomination. It would be a great honour to represent the profession at this level and if successful, it is a role I intend to be fully invested in.

There are always going to be challenges in our profession and the healthcare system in general but I believe we are an incredibly agile profession filled with talented and innovative people and I look forward to representing all members to the best of my ability.