



Nomination – Council Representative for Scotland

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IMI plays a vital role in recognising, supporting and championing our profession. To serve as Scottish Representative would be a real honour, providing an opportunity to advocate for our members and represent a community I am proud to belong to.

I have been an active member of IMI for many years, serving as Scottish Secretary for several years and, more recently, as Liaison Communications Officer, contributing to the Institute's social media and marketing activities as well as the lead author of the recent IMI Social Media Guidelines update.

Professionally, I hold a Graduate Certificate in Clinical Photography from Staffordshire University and am a registered member of the Academy for Healthcare Science (AHCS). I was honoured to be able to attend the Annual Phoenix HESCA Conference in Arizona via their exchange programme in 2011.

Our work has evolved significantly over the years, reflecting the versatility, resilience, and adaptability that define our profession. I believe this evolution is something to celebrate and demonstrates the diverse value we bring to healthcare. As medical illustration continues to advance, I am passionate about ensuring our profession remains visible, valued, and adaptable. I believe IMI has an important role in championing best practice and supporting members as our profession continues to evolve.

My professional interests include clinical photography, dermoscopy, healthcare communication, and the use of photography and video to improve patient outcomes. I presented a New Voices session at the 2013 IMI Annual Conference in Leicester comparing photography and video for recording breast patient outcomes.

I have co-authored research exploring early dermoscopy imaging and have published work in the Journal of Visual Communication in Medicine, including a paper on melanosis of the tongue and a review of the book Beyond the Dark Veil. I have recently had the opportunity to expand my involvement in our specialised dental photography service, which has been an enjoyable and valuable aspect of my professional development.

This marks my twentieth year as a Medical Photographer and an IMI member—an achievement of which I am both proud and privileged. I remain committed to supporting IMI through professional engagement, education, research and the promotion of best practice. As Scottish Representative, I would champion our members, strengthen professional connections and help ensure our specialty continues to thrive.