



University
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Health Information Science Seminar Series



A Conversation with Denis Protti: 50 Years in Health Informatics in Canada and Internationally

Wednesday, February 24th, 2021
12:00 pm – 1:00 pm Pacific
Online via [Zoom](#)

This event is a unique opportunity to chat and ask questions to one of the founders of the field of Health Informatics in Canada and internationally. To make the most of this event, attendees are encouraged to read Denis Protti's [professional memoirs](#) detailing his Health Informatics journey and his experiences in establishing our School of Health Information Science here at UVic.

Professor Protti was the founding Director of the University of Victoria's School of Health Information Science in 1981, a position he relinquished in 1994 (he retired from teaching in July 2010). He continued to do research, advise and publish in the following areas: National Health Information Management & Technology Strategies, Electronic Health Records, and Evaluating Information Systems until 2016.

Professor Protti was a founding member of Canada's Health Informatics organization – COACH (now known as Digital Health Canada). He served as its 2nd President and was granted lifetime member status in 1981. He was a founding member of the American Medical Informatics Association; in 1989 he was one of the first non-Americans elected a fellow of the American College of Medical Informatics. He became a lifetime member of the British Computer Society in 2003. He chaired and served on numerous international, federal and provincial committees and councils over his 44-year career. In 2017, he was elected a founding member of the International Academy of Health Science Informatics.

Professor Protti wrote hundreds of publications in books and journals and gave even more presentations to a wide range of audiences around the world. He advised and sat on expert panels for health care organizations and government agencies in both Canada and abroad. He was chair of the Informing Healthcare's International Advisory Group for NHS Wales, a member of the TicSalut Scientific Council in Catalonia Spain, and the World Economic Forum's Global Agenda Council on Digital Health; reviewed the National Health Service (NHS) Information for Health Strategy for England and he also served as a regular external reviewer for the European Commission.

In 2004, an Endowment Fund was created at the University of Victoria in the name of Denis and Pat Protti by the Partnership & Productivity Colloquium – a group Professor Protti founded in 1984 – for their contributions to Canada's healthcare system. Professor Protti has received numerous awards including the COACH leadership award. He was also the first recipient of the Canadian Health Leadership Network's MacNaught-Taillon Award for his contributions to Canadian health care. In 2012, he was the inaugural recipient of the Techna Health Innovator Award. In May 2009, he was granted an Honorary Doctor Science from City University London for his contributions.

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