

# Celebrating a History Together

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Imagine you were born in 1928. Over the course of 70 years, you've had three names and grown 655 percent. And you've provided career guidance, expert credentials, and leadership to many thousands of professionals. Of course, we're talking about our own Association—AHIMA. With pride, AHIMA celebrates its 70th anniversary this year. To mark this auspicious occasion, the following pages offer an overview of our history—where we have been, how we have progressed, and what our next steps are for the future of the Association.

Whether you are a long-time member or a new recruit, you will likely find inspiration for your own professional growth within these pages. Take a look at the timeline on the following pages for a glimpse of the rich history that chronicles these 70 years in "A World of Change."

On the remaining pages, you will find a comparison of work cultures from 1928 to 1998—an eye-opening view of the changes within the health information management profession. Plus, quotes from past leaders describe their favorite highlights. Finally, a pictorial gallery throughout these pages illustrates some of the many events that have created memories for AHIMA members over the years.

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