ANNOUNCING:

The 14th Congress of the International Federation of Health Records Organizations, in conjunction with the American Health Information Management Association 76th National Convention and Exhibit – Washington, DC, USA, 9-14 October, 2004

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According to the American Health Information Management Association’s (AHIMA’s) Executive Vice President/CEO Linda Kloss, “It is an honor that the International Federation of Health Records Organizations General Assembly accepted AHIMA’s bid to host the world at IFHRO’s 14th Congress. We aim to pull out all the stops to make this a truly significant international gathering of health information management specialists.”

Promoting communication between persons working in the field of health records in all countries

In October 2004, two of the world’s most influential health information groups will join forces to bring you the premier international meeting for the health records and health information management community. This is the first time the Congress has been held in the United States since 1988.

What is the International Federation of Health Records Organizations (IFHRO)?

This international organization supports national associations and health records professionals in implementing and improving health records and the systems that support them. IFHRO is a non-profit organization affiliated with the World Health Organization as a non-governmental organization (NGO).

When was IFHRO established?

The organization was founded in 1968 to bring together national organizations committed to improvement in the use of health records in their countries. The founding organizations recognized the need for an international organization to serve as a forum for the exchange of information relating to health records and information technology.

What kind of work does IFHRO do?

The Federation sends representatives to WHO meetings to work with them on health records and information systems projects. IFHRO also partners with the International Medical Informatics Association (IMIA) to provide opportunities for interested professionals to share information through newsletters and to participate in meetings dedicated to health care informatics.

The partnership also facilitates an opportunity for IFHRO and IMIA to work together to promote health informatics and health records throughout the world.

What is the IFHRO Mission?

The chief objectives of IFHRO are to:
- Promote the development and use of health records in all countries
- Advance the development and use of international health records standards
- Provide for the exchange of information on health records education requirements and training programs
- Encourage opportunities for communication between persons working in the field of health records in all countries.

What is AHIMA?

AHIMA is a dynamic professional association that represents more than 41,000 specially educated health information management professionals who work throughout the health care industry. Health information management professionals serve the health care industry and the public by managing, analysing, and utilizing data vital for patient care – and making it accessible to health care providers when it is needed most.

What is the AHIMA Mission?

As the membership organization of health information management professionals, AHIMA fosters the professional development of its members through education, certification, and lifelong learning, thereby promoting quality information to benefit the public, the health care consumer, providers, and other users of clinical data.
- AHIMA respects all members whom we serve, and all individuals with whom we work and collaborate
- AHIMA advances the importance of health information to improve health care
- AHIMA promotes the public’s right to private and high quality health information
- AHIMA embraces a code of ethical health information management practice
- AHIMA delivers high quality services and products
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Don’t miss this rare opportunity to connect with health records professionals from all over the world! The convention offers:

- An in-depth program of educational sessions, providing information on the latest health information management topics of global interest
- Expert-led tutorials, seminars, and workshops
- Educational poster showcase displays that provide graphic examples of case studies and research
- Exhibit hall featuring more than 200 companies, offering cutting-edge health record products and services
- Field trips to area hospitals
- plus much more, including IFHRO and AHIMA General Assemblies, tours of Washington, DC, and the fabulous AHIMA President’s Premiere Celebration at Union Station.

To receive information about the 2004 Congress and Convention, send your contact information to ifhrocongress@ahima.org. You can also find out more information online at www.ahima.org/convention.

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