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Message from Mervat Abdelhak PhD, RHIA, FAHIMA, CAHIIM Chair 2014

As a new year begins, it is time to reflect on all that was accomplished during the year 2014 and to give thanks to those who were instrumental in making 2014 a year of achievements for CAHIIM. In 2014:

- CAHIIM gained a new Member Organization (AMIA) and solidified our agreement with both our founding member (AHIMA) and our new member (AMIA) with the execution of a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU).
- A new governance structure was introduced and implemented with Board approval and Bylaw changes to begin January 1, 2015. This new governance structure will allow us to address both areas within our scope (Health Informatics and Health Information Management) with agility and credibility.
- A new APAR system has been developed which collects additional data elements as requested by our educational programs to represent the full scope of our program offerings.
- Policies and procedures continue to be refined in order to facilitate transitioning to new competencies, enhance innovation in our educational programs, encourage the development of graduate education programs, and other academic offerings that advance the professions represented by our Member Organizations.



Thank you to our retiring Board Members, returning Board Members, our site visitors, AHIMA, AMIA, our academic programs, and to our staff. It is truly a team effort that allows us to reach our goals.

I also take this opportunity to send my best wishes to you and your loved ones in the New Year.

Mervat Abdelhak, PhD, RHIA, FAHIMA
CAHIIM Chair 2014

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Annual Program Assessment Report (APAR)

The CAHIIM Annual Program Assessment Report or APAR is now open to CAHIIM accredited programs at the associate, baccalaureate and master's degree levels. The 2014 APAR for reporting purposes covers the academic year August 1, 2012 through July 31, 2013. The open cycle for APAR completion has been extended to March 2, 2015 at 5:00 PM CST. A detailed APAR System Instructions manual for undergraduate and graduate programs and APAR Information Categories chart can be found on the [CAHIIM website](#).

Questions should be directed to apar@cahiim.org

CAHIIM announces a temporary postponement for review of new Candidacy Status applications for Initial Accreditation

The moratorium for new program applications will remain in effect through March 15, 2015. Applicant programs that have registered in the CAHIIM Accreditation System (CAS) before December 23, 2014, and have a pending application submitted will be reviewed and processed for Candidacy Status eligibility. During this time CAHIIM will be completing changes to its web portals and program review systems.

Once the moratorium period is lifted new programs should:

- Review current policy and procedures.
- Review current fees.
- Download required forms to upload into the CAHIIM Accreditation System (CAS).



For Health Information Management programs only

Adhere and have implemented a program using the new 2014 AHIMA Academic Competencies established by the AHIMA Foundation Council for Excellence in Education (CEE).

Programs considering the CAHIIM accreditation process may contact CAHIIM staff at info@cahiim.org with questions and to seek guidance.

2014 Year-end Statistics—CAHIIM Accredited Programs

Total Accredited Programs	335
Masters in Health Informatics	4
Masters in Health Information Management (HIM)	5
HIM Baccalaureate	59
HIM Associate	267
Total Programs in Application and Candidacy	74
Masters in Health Informatics	14
HIM Baccalaureate	13
HIM Associate	47

CAHIIM 2015 Exhibits and Meetings

April 13-15	HIMSS Chicago, IL
April 21-22	AMIA Academic Forum, Albuquerque, NM
July 18-23	AHIMA Assembly on Education Symposium, Austin, TX
September 26-30	AHIMA National Convention, New Orleans, LA
November 14-18	AMIA Annual Symposium, San Francisco, CA