

Design for *Health*:

Are we Ready?

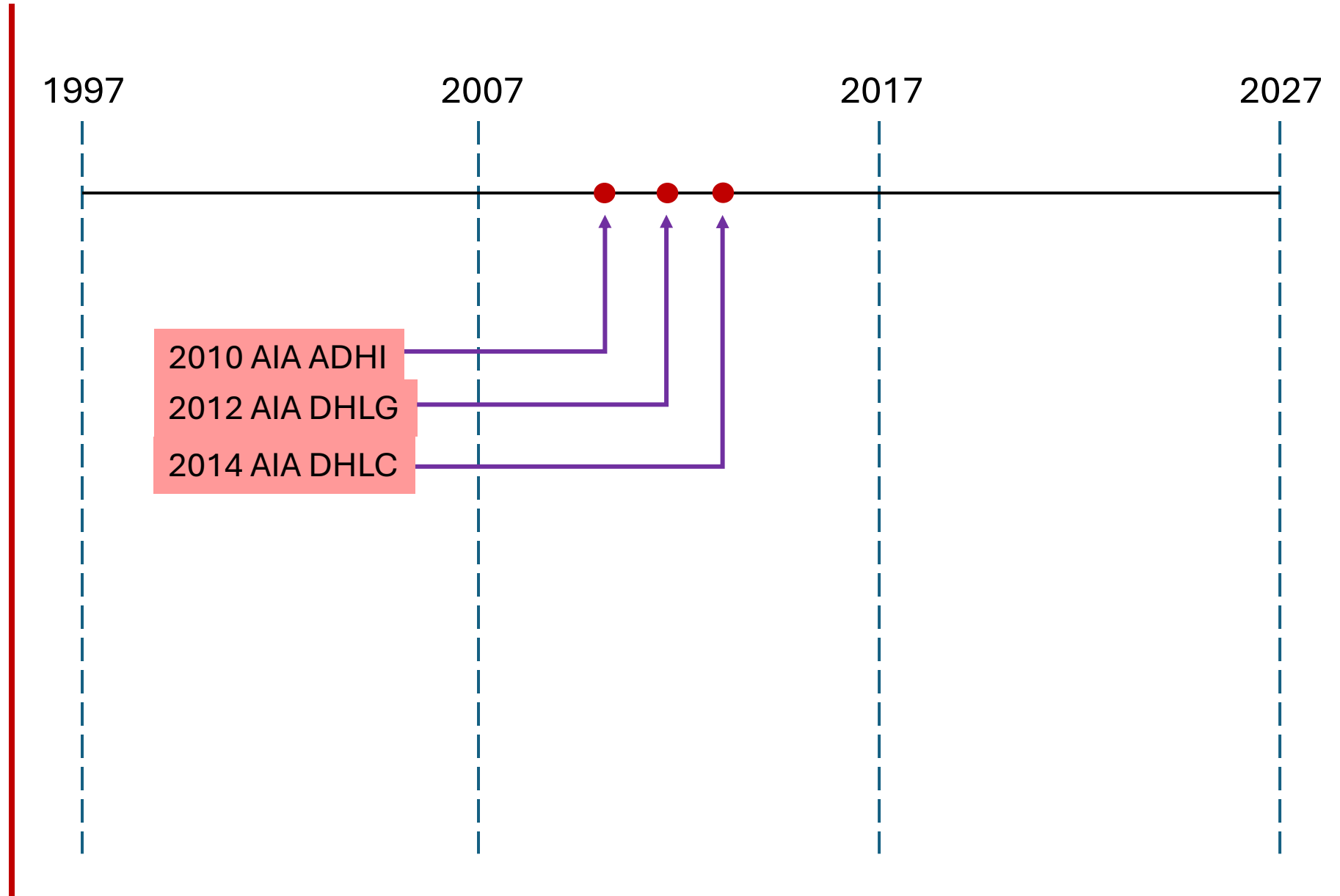
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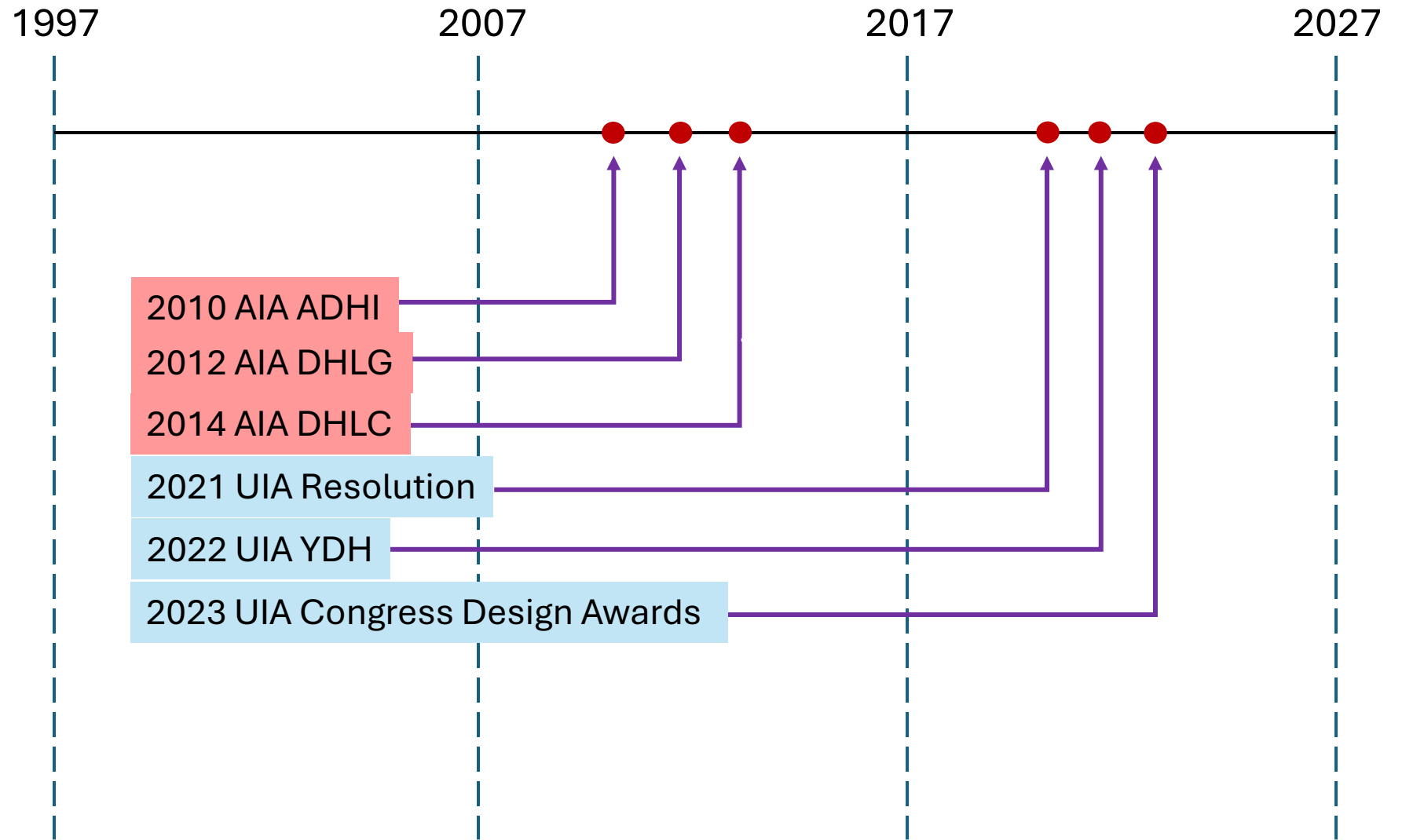
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**UIA
Resolution**

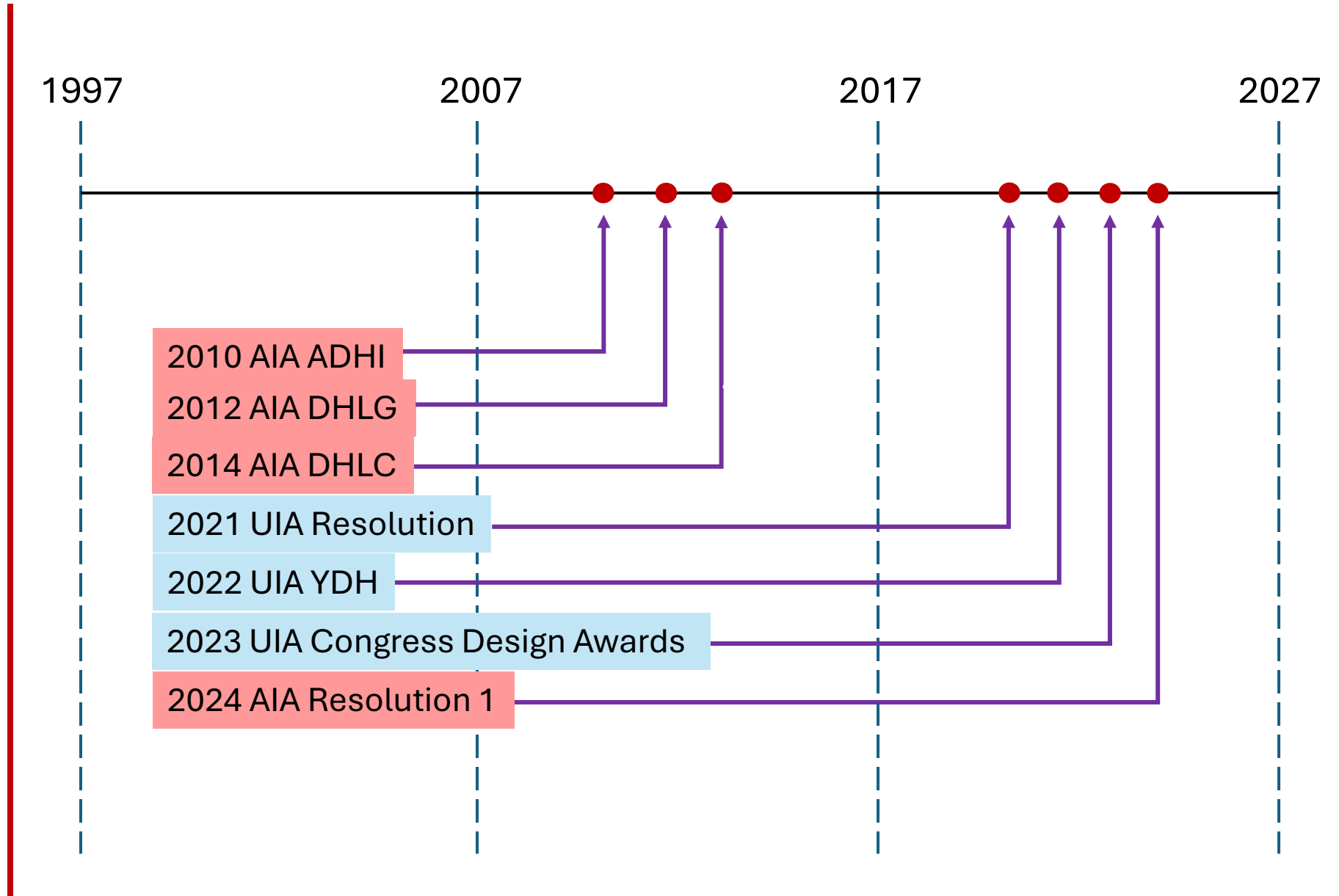
July 2021

Every

2022:

The UIA Year of Design for Health

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AIA Resolution 1

June 2024

Ethics

“...will add elements...requiring a focus on wellbeing...”⁽¹⁾

“...utilizing health and wellbeing-related research...”⁽¹⁾

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**AIA
Resolution 1**

June 2024

Excellence

“...will modify the Framework for Design Excellence...”⁽¹⁾

“...include research for health and wellbeing...”⁽¹⁾

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Extension

“...promote architects’ roles supporting health
professionals...”⁽¹⁾

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Resolution 1**

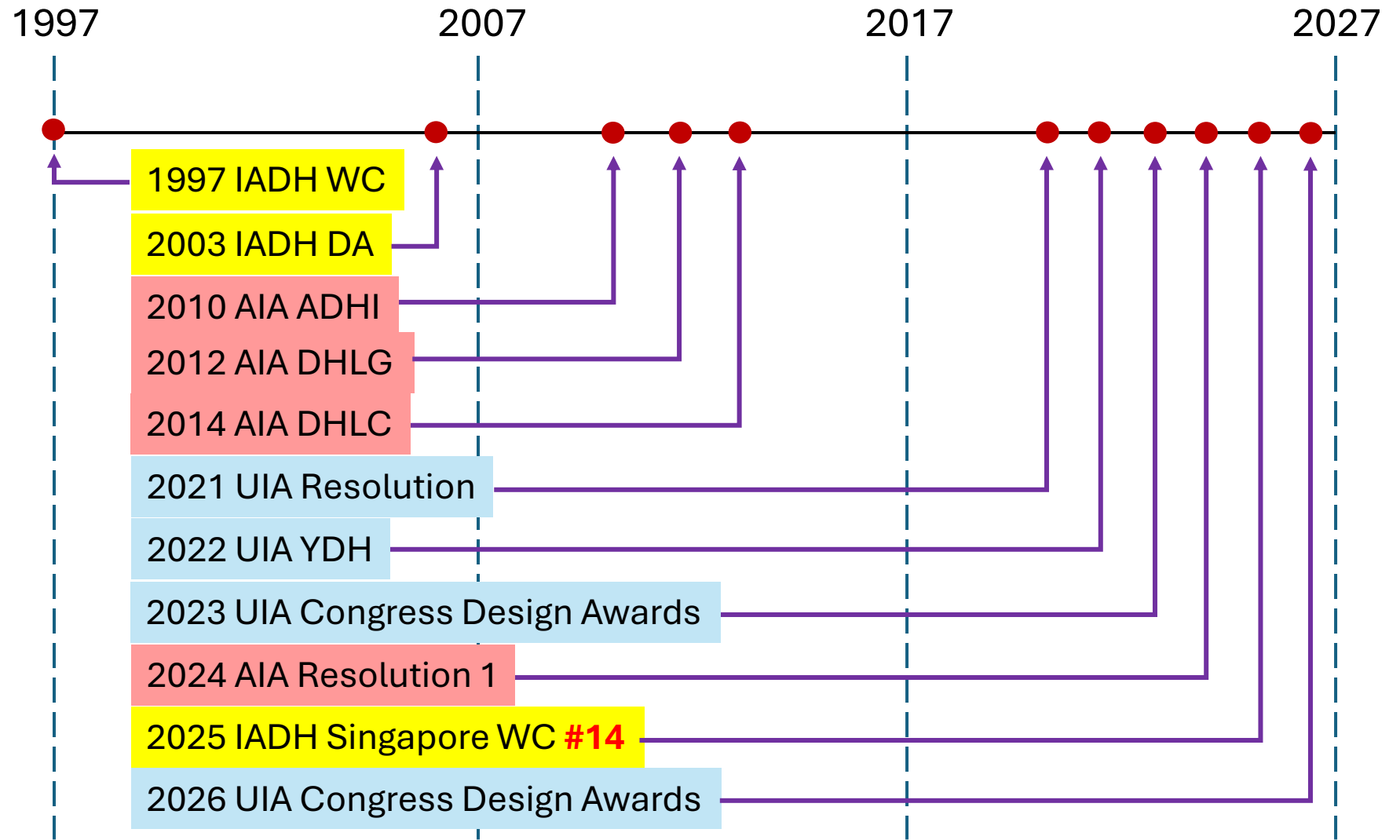
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Education

“...promote the incorporation of design and research for health and wellbeing in all architecture degree programs...”⁽¹⁾

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Question
2022

Are we ready

for the **Year**

of Design for Health? ⁽¹⁾

(1) Pentecost, A. Ray III, (2022, January) Guest Editorial: Are We Ready for the Year of Design for Health?, *Health Environments Research & Design Journal*, Vol. 15, No. 1, pp 36-38.

**Question
Today**

Are we ready

for the **Ethics**

of Design for Health?

**Question
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Are we ready

for the **Excellence**

of Design for Health?

**Question
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Are we ready

for the **Extension**

of Design for Health?

**Question
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Are we ready

for the **Education**

of Design for Health?

...and

**Question
Today**

Are we ready

for the **Expectation**

of Design for Health?

Question
Today

Are we ready

for the *Practice*

of Design for Health?

Finally...

Thank you!

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