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### **New Orleans to Host AAA Annual Meeting in 2010: AAA Shows Commitment to Post-Katrina Relief**

The American Anthropological Association is proud to announce New Orleans as the host city of the 2010 annual meeting. The last AAA business meeting hosted in New Orleans was the centennial conference in 2002—the largest annual meeting in AAA history.

The AAA's return to New Orleans demonstrates the Association's continued support of the local population, economy, universities and anthropology departments that were damaged by Hurricane Katrina. Just as AAA members rushed to offer assistance in the aftermath of the storm, the AAA hopes to show its lasting commitment to the recovery of the region in the years to come.

"I'm very pleased that the AAA will be expressing solidarity with the people of New Orleans by going back to the city. It is my hope that our presence will convey support for educational institutions at every level—for the renaissance of colleges and universities of the city, as well as for public education and the reopening of schools," said Leith Mullings AAA Executive Board member.

A cosmopolitan port city rich in local flavor and fascinating history, New Orleans welcomes more than 10 million people to its grounds each year and remains one of the world's top convention and meeting destinations. The city also remains a popular choice for meetings of numerous associations—including the American Library Association, the American Psychological Association, the American Psychiatric Association, the American Red Cross, the US Peace Corps and the National Institute of Health.

Despite the critical need for redevelopment in the region, New Orleans remains a vibrant city, fully poised to offer an enriching historic and cultural experience for the 5,400 members estimated to attend the annual meeting.

The Sheraton New Orleans and the Marriott New Orleans, both located near the historic core of the city, will provide AAA members and their guests with convenient access to restaurants, shopping, and cultural areas of interest— including the Faubourg Marigny, French Quarter, Central Business District, Warehouse and Arts District, Magazine Street, Garden District, Audubon Park and Zoo and St. Charles Avenue.

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The 2007 AAA annual meeting will be held at the Marriott Wardman Park Hotel in Washington D.C. from November 28 to December 2. Annual meetings in 2008 and 2009 will be held in San Francisco and Philadelphia, respectively.

For information about the 2007 annual meeting, please visit

<http://www.aaanet.org/mtgs/mtgs.htm>.

*Founded in 1902, the American Anthropological Association is the world's largest professional organization of anthropologists and others interested in anthropology, with an average annual membership of more than 11,000. The Arlington, Va.-based association represents all specialties within anthropology — cultural anthropology, biological (or physical) anthropology, archaeology, linguistics and applied anthropology.*

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