American Anthropological Association Reaches Record Registration for 2011 Annual Meeting

The American Anthropological Association (AAA) will host its 110th Annual Meeting this November in Montréal, Quebec, Canada. Members and non-members alike were encouraged to submit proposals for this year’s scholarly sessions. This year’s call for papers has just ended with a historically high number of 4,510 submissions.

Proposal topics embrace the meeting theme of “Traces, Tidemarks and Legacies” through the myriad of anthropological fields of science and humanities. This 2011 theme invites participants to reflect on how all fields of anthropology, whose own locations have also been rearranged, are engaging with these shifting realities in which we live, within and across disciplines and regions.

Meeting participant registration also led to a historical high of 5,203 registrants. Anthropologists and those whose work intersects with anthropology will be attending from around the globe, with 17% of registrants coming from outside the United States and Canada. AAA Director of Meetings, Jason G. Watkins, CMP said, “In a time when budget reductions are at the forefront, anthropologists are persevering in their work and have prioritized the AAA Annual Meeting due to the benefits of scholarly exchange and network building opportunities.”

Two periods of Annual Meeting pre-registration occur before arriving in Montreal. Pre-registration re-opens in June 2011.

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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 10,000. The Arlington, VA – based association represents all specialties within anthropology – cultural anthropology, biological (or physical) anthropology, archaeology, linguistics and applied anthropology.