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American Psychiatric Association 2008 Annual Meeting Comes to Washington, D.C., May 3-8, 2008

Arlington, Va. (Feb. 14, 2008) — The American Psychiatric Association (APA), the nation's leading psychiatric medical society, will convene its 161st Annual Meeting from May 3-8 in Washington, D.C.

The meeting starts the month of May, which is Mental Health Month, with the world's largest gathering of psychiatric physicians. The theme of the 2008 meeting is "Our Voice in Action: Advancing Science, Care, and the Profession."

With more than a thousand clinical papers, symposia, new research poster sessions and workshops to be presented at the Washington Convention Center and surrounding hotels, the APA Annual Meeting will provide a rich resource on current mental health topics and opportunities to meet psychiatric experts.

Journalists may register in advance for the meeting through Friday, April 25, 2008. Onsite registration will begin on Saturday, May 3. Registration is free for credentialed journalists.

For more information and to register, visit APA's Online Press Room at <http://www.psych.org/MainMenu/Newsroom/OnlinePressRoom.aspx>. Please be sure to check this site regularly, as new releases and information will be posted leading up to the meeting.

The APA Annual Meeting Communications Center Press Room:

The APA Annual Meeting Communications Center will be located in Room 206, Level 2 of the Washington Convention Center. The center serves as a media briefing room and a working press room for credentialed members of the media and credentialed non-profit public relations staff. The press room is managed and staffed by the APA's Office of Communications & Public Affairs

Press Room Hours are:

Saturday, May 3, 11:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.

Sunday-Wednesday, May 4-7, 8:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.

Thursday, May 8, 8:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.

About the American Psychiatric Association:

The American Psychiatric Association is a national medical specialty society whose more than 38,000 physician members specialize in diagnosis, treatment, prevention and research of mental illnesses including substance use disorders. Visit the APA at www.psych.org and www.HealthyMinds.org.