American Association for Cancer Research has Record-breaking Registration at 101st Annual Meeting

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PHILADELPHIA - The American Association for Cancer Research registered more than 18,000 people from all over the world for its 101st Annual Meeting 2010 in Washington, D.C., which was held April 17-21. Registration increased by 19 percent from the 2009 Annual Meeting in Denver, Colo.

"The face of health care is changing and much of that debate is taking place in Washington, D.C.," said Margaret Foti, Ph.D., M.D. (h.c.), chief executive officer of the AACR. "Hosting our Annual Meeting in the midst of such discussion not only inspired collaborations among scientists that will lead to breakthroughs, but also encouraged the development of new ways to communicate these results to clinicians, patients and the public."

The economic impact of the Annual Meeting on Washington, D.C., and the surrounding area was approximately $30 million. This figure includes the costs of hotels and lodging, food and beverage, the convention center and other related expenses.

Because of the volcanic eruption in Iceland with its plumes of ash, and subsequent flight cancellations throughout Europe, there were nearly 1,000 Annual Meeting registrant cancellations. Approximately eight percent of invited speakers were unable to attend; however, the majority of these speakers presented remotely through teleconference technology, or had a colleague present in their place. Total international attendance accounted for 23 percent of the participants - a decrease of three percent from last year.

"While travel complications caused by the volcanic ash cloud prevented some of our international members from attending, the AACR was able to adapt quickly and deliver a stellar conference with minimal programmatic interruption," said Linda M. Still, CMP, director of meetings and exhibits at the AACR.

The AACRs Annual Meeting attracts leading academic, industry and government laboratory and clinical scientists, as well as students, cancer survivors, patient advocates and other health care professionals. This year, more than 6,000 scientific abstracts were selected for presentation, complementing an outstanding program of scientific and educational events.

The AACRs 102nd Annual Meeting 2011 will be held in Orlando, Fla., from April 2-6.

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The mission of the American Association for Cancer Research is to prevent and cure cancer. Founded in 1907, the AACR is the worlds oldest and largest professional organization dedicated to advancing cancer research. The membership includes 31,000 basic, translational and clinical researchers; health care professionals; and cancer survivors and advocates in the United States and more than 90 other countries. The AACR marshals the full spectrum of expertise from the cancer community to accelerate progress in the prevention, diagnosis and treatment of cancer through high-quality scientific and educational programs. It funds innovative, meritorious research grants, research fellowship and career development awards. The AACR Annual Meeting attracts more than 17,000 participants who share the latest discoveries and developments in the field. Special conferences throughout the year present novel data across a wide variety of topics in cancer research, treatment and patient care. The AACR publishes six major peer-reviewed journals: *Cancer Research*; *Clinical Cancer Research*; *Molecular Cancer Therapeutics*; *Molecular Cancer Research*; *Cancer Epidemiology, Biomarkers & Prevention*; and *Cancer Prevention Research*. The AACR also publishes *CR*, a magazine for cancer survivors and their families, patient advocates, physicians and scientists. *CR* provides a forum for sharing essential, evidence-based information and perspectives on progress in cancer research, survivorship and advocacy.

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