

FACTS ABOUT THE APA ANNUAL MEETING

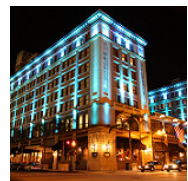
Each year many questions are asked about the Annual Meeting. This fact sheet has been prepared to answer commonly asked questions and to provide basic information about the APA meeting.



- ▶ The Annual Meeting is booked at least ten years in advance to obtain the necessary meeting space and sleeping rooms. Currently, dates are held through 2028.



- ▶ We strive for a geographical rotation based on adequate accommodations and availability.
- ▶ Approximately 5,000 hotel rooms, utilizing approximately 26 hotels in the city, are needed on peak night to house meeting attendees, exhibitors and staff.



- ▶ The commercial/educational exhibits, APA Central, APA Bookstore, and the registration area require a minimum of 275,000 gross square feet of space. Over 300 10x10 booths are used for the exhibit program.
- ▶ Approximately 100-125 concurrent meeting rooms are used for scientific sessions, courses, allied and component activities and operational offices.
- ▶ About 150 temporary personnel are employed to assist with registration, course monitoring, etc.
- ▶ During peak “people-moving” periods, about 50 motor coaches are in use.



FACTS ABOUT CME

CME credit is earned on an hour-for-hour basis by attending scientific sessions. Signing into sessions is not necessary nor is having your attendance verified by the APA. The APA does not keep records of registrants' attendance at individual sessions; **physicians are responsible for maintaining their own records. A Log Sheet for recording individual sessions is in the *Meetings Guide*.** There are two ways for a physician to receive a CME Certificate:

1. Complete the General Evaluation at the Education Center in the Convention Center, Saturday-Wednesday.
2. The online General Evaluation will be available at psychiatry.org/annualmeeting on the first day of the meeting (May 5) and for three months afterwards. This evaluation is identical to the evaluation available at the CME Certificate of Attendance booth onsite.

ANSWERS TO COMMONLY ASKED QUESTIONS

- Does my spouse/significant other need a badge to ride the shuttle bus? **YES**
- Can my spouse/ significant other attend scientific sessions without a badge? **NO**
- Can my spouse/ significant other go through the exhibits without a badge? **NO. YOU CAN PURCHASE AN EXHIBIT HALL PASS FOR \$50 PER DAY. THIS PASS IS ONLY GOOD TO TOUR THE EXHIBITS FOR ONE DAY, AND MAY BE PURCHASED IN THE REGISTRATION AREA BY A REGISTERED ATTENDEE.**
- How can I get a copy of Dr. X's paper? **COPIES OF SESSION ABSTRACTS CAN BE FOUND IN THE APA OFFICIAL MOBILE MEETINGS APP, SYLLABUS AND PROCEEDINGS BOOK IN APRIL ON OUR WEBSITE PSYCHIATRY.ORG/ANNUALMEETING PRIOR TO THE MEETING, OR POST MEETING ON OUR WEBSITE BY VISITING THE APA MELVIN SABSHIN LIBRARY AND ARCHIVES.**
- I am a committee member, where do I go to pick up my conference materials? **AT THE APA EDUCATION CENTER, SPECIAL EVENTS LOBBY, LOWER LEVEL, JAVITS CONVENTION CENTER, SATURDAY, MAY 5TH UNTIL 5:00 PM. FOR COMMITTEE MEMBERS ARRIVING AFTER 5:00 PM, THEIR BADGES AND CONFERENCE MATERIALS WILL BE AVAILABLE THE FOLLOWING DAY DURING THE SPC BREAKFAST MEETING, FROM 7:00 AM – 8:00 AM.**
- I just got here how do I get a hotel room? How can I change my hotel? **GO TO THE HOUSING DESK, AT THE JAVITS CONVENTION CENTER.**
- Where can I change my currency into U.S. dollars? **CHECK WITH YOUR HOTEL FOR THE NEAREST MAJOR BANK. THE AIRPORT AND MOST HOTELS ALSO OFFER FOREIGN CURRENCY EXCHANGE.**
- Where can I get information on the 2019 Annual Meeting submission process, the 2018 IPS: The Mental Health Services Meeting, or Certificates of Attendance? **AT THE APA EDUCATION CENTER, SPECIAL EVENTS LOBBY, LOWER LEVEL, JAVITS CONVENTION CENTER**
- Where can I find information on exhibits? **IN THE EXHIBITS SECTION OF THE MEETINGS GUIDE AND/OR THE OFFICIAL APA MOBILE MEETING APP.**
- How can I find out where and when my component or council is meeting, and where the reception is for residents and fellows? **REFER TO THE APA COMMITTEE, ALLIED ORGANIZATIONS, AND SPONSORED SCIENTIFIC SESSIONS BOOKLET, DISTRIBUTED AT REGISTRATION.**
- Where will master courses and courses be held? **ALL COURSES WILL BE HELD AT THE JAVITS CONVENTION CENTER AND SCIENTIFIC SESSIONS WILL BE HELD AT THE MARRIOTT MARQUIS AND THE JAVITS CONVENTION CENTER.**
- What are some of the new formats being held this year? **THE MENTAL HEALTH INNOVATION ZONE WILL FEATURE DEMONSTRATIONS AND PANEL PRESENTATION ON MACHINE LEARNING, AR/VR, WEARABLE TECH AND MORE. THE LEARNING LAB WILL FEATURE SESSIONS THAT FOCUS ON EXPERIENTIAL LEARNING.**
- What is the difference between the books in my registration packet?
 - **Annual Meeting Guide** contains:
 - A detailed listing of each session, including all presenters, listed by day, start time, then alphabetically by format, with locations.
 - General information about the meeting, presenter disclosures, and a topic index, participant index, and floor plans.
 - **New Research Program** listing all posters presented at the meeting
 - **Exhibits Section** listing all exhibitors and exhibit floor plan.
 - **Syllabus & Proceedings Book** is available in the virtual meeting bag and online it contains:
 - The title, educational objectives, presenter names, degrees and abstracts for scientific sessions.
 - It is available in April as a PDF file on our website at psychiatry.org/annualmeeting. This allows attendees to save the PDF to their device prior to the meeting.
 - A variety of other promotional information about the scientific program content is also available on the website (i.e., lecture profiles, course catalog and research track highlights.)