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Baltimore, MD — The Association of Academic Physiatrists (AAP) announced today that they are moving there 2017 Annual Meeting from San Juan, Puerto Rico to Las Vegas, Nevada due to elevated health risks associated with the Zika virus. AAP has made the difficult decision to relocate their meeting keeping their members health and safety at the forefront of the association's mind. The dates of AAP's annual meeting will stay the same, February 7-11, 2017.

"AAP is our academic family, and our decision was entirely focused on ensuring the health and safety of all our members," said Gerard Francisco, AAP President. "We are looking forward to bringing our physiatric community together in a new but equally fantastic location where we will celebrate AAP's 50th Anniversary in style!"

In light of the AAP Annual Meeting relocation, AAP is extending the deadline for the 2017 call for papers, posters and abstracts from September 8, 2016 to September 20, 2016. Accepted abstracts will be displayed in AAP's interactive Poster Gallery Reception at the 2017 AAP Annual Meeting and published in the *American Journal of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation*

Bernadette Rensing, the external Affairs Manager for AAP states that "AAP apologizes for any inconvenience the relocation has caused, however the health and safety of AAP members and all Annual Meeting participants is the number-one concern."

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The Association of Academic Physiatrists (AAP) is the only academic association dedicated to the specialty of physiatry in the world. AAP is an organization of leading physicians, researchers, in-training physiatrists, and others involved or interested in mentorship,

leadership, and discovery in physiatry. AAP holds an Annual Meeting, produces a leading medical journal in rehabilitation, AJPM&R, and leads a variety of programs and activities that support and enhance academic physiatry. To learn more about the Association and the field of physiatry, visit our site at physiatry.org and follow us on Twitter using @AAPhysiatrists.

The 2017 AAP Annual Meeting will take place in Las Vegas, Nevada on February 7-11, 2017. The AAP Annual Meeting brings together physiatrists and academicians, in-training physiatrists, researchers and academic PM&R professionals to share the latest information, innovative techniques, best practices, and new technologies. AAP 2017 is highlighting ground-breaking technologies at an innovation showcase. The meeting is packed with educational activities including educational sessions, cutting-edge keynote speakers, hands-on workshops, and scientific papers presentations along with numerous poster board presentations illustrating the finest scientific research. To learn more about the 2017 AAP Annual Meeting, visit http://www.physiatry.org/page/AAP2017.