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Baltimore, MD — The Association of Academic Physiatrists (AAP), a women led nonprofit association catering towards academicians of the medical specialty, Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation, just wrapped up their 2017 Annual Meeting in Las Vegas, Nevada last month with record breaking attendance. But, the real story here is what happened behind the scenes that set the stage for a surprising success in Sin City.

Locations for annual conferences are chosen years in advance and AAP had selected Puerto Rico as their 2017 Annual Meeting site. Unfortunately, the Summer before the annual meeting, Zika panic spread around the country. As an Association, AAP was concerned for the health of it's members, especially the in-training members including residents, fellows and medical students. As a result, AAP relocated their annual meeting from Puerto Rico to Las Vegas with just three months of active planning left before attendees would walk into their first sessions.

As a result, AAP had its highest attended Annual Meeting to date with over 1350 Attendees. Health professionals, researchers, medical students and physicians alike flocked to Las Vegas and helped create another memorable AAP Annual Meeting.

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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 @AAPPhysiatrists.

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>.