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By means of this letter I am extending an invitation to attend the annual meeting in New Orleans, Louisiana in 2006. Several societies dedicated to the scientific study of fishes, amphibians, and reptiles will convene at the Sheraton New Orleans Hotel from 12-17 July 2006 (including the American Elasmobranch Society, the American Society of Ichthyologists and Herpetologists, the Herpetologists' League, the Neotropical Ichthyological Association, the Society for the Study of Amphibians and Reptiles, and the Southeastern Division of the ASIH). The abstract submission site is: <http://abstracts.co.allenpress.com/cgi-bin/asih/index.pl>. The deadline for abstract submission and pre-registration is 3 March 2006.

The annual meeting includes a plenary session of lectures, invited symposia presentations, contributed paper presentations, poster presentations, committee and board meetings, workshops, and social events. The meeting website is: <http://www.dce.ksu.edu/jointmeeting/>.

Additional information for the meeting can be found on the ASIH website (www.asih.org/meetings/meetings.html).

Costs associated with the meeting include registration (pre-registration is less expensive than on-site registration; registration is less expensive for members of one of the participating societies than it is for non-members), transportation to and from the meeting site, and room and board. Each person attending the conference is required to cover these costs as none of the sponsoring societies have funds to cover participant costs.

On behalf of all participating societies I hope you will be able to attend the next annual meeting and look forward to seeing you in New Orleans.

Sincerely,

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