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Thirty-Fifth Anniversary Meeting of the National Sickle Cell Disease Program/Sickle Cell Disease Association of America, September 17-22, 2007.

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Purpose:

Every five years, the Sickle Cell Disease Association of America (SCDAA) and the National Sickle Cell Disease Program jointly convene a convention. This year marks the 35th anniversaries of the creation of both organizations. This combined meeting, which will be held at the Washington Hilton in Washington, D.C., between September 17 and 22, 2007, will attract a wide variety of participants. Patients and their families, physicians, nurses, patient advocates, social workers are among those expected to attend. The program will include presentations of the latest scientific advances by leading researchers, as well as discussions concerning the impact of the disease on patients, their families and the communities they live in.

This is the largest meeting in the world dedicated to sickle cell disease. About two thousand participants were registered. The schedule addressed all of the diverse topics related to this disease: scientific research, clinical care, social, psychological and community problems. There were 370 abstracts that were presented as either oral presentations or posters.

The registrants received a Program Book containing the schedule and abstracts of all of the oral presentations and poster sessions.