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By means of this letter I am inviting you to attend the annual meeting in Manaus, Brazil in 2003. Several societies dedicated to the scientific study of fishes, amphibians, and reptiles will convene in Manaus in 2003 (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, the Sociedade Brasileira de Ictiologia, Sociedade Brasileira de Herpetologia, Sociedade Brasileira para Estudo de Elasmobrânquios). The meeting will be held at the Tropical Hotel Conference Center, Manaus, Amapá, Brazil from 26 June to 1 July 2003. The meeting website (<http://www.aiha.org.br/>) can be consulted for additional information. Please visit the ASIH website regularly for meeting updates ([www.asih.org/meetings/meetings.html](http://www.asih.org/meetings/meetings.html)).

The annual meeting includes a plenary session of lectures, invited symposium presentations, contributed paper and poster presentations, committee and board meetings, elections, workshops, and social events. The call for papers should go out soon and will be posted on the website.

The abstract submission site will be open from 1 November 2002 to 28 February 2003.

Costs associated with the meeting include registration (pre-registration is less expensive than on-site registration), 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 costs. Additionally, we ask all attendees to be members of one of the participating societies.

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 Manaus.

Sincerely,

Maureen A. Donnelly