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Pittsburgh to Host Inaugural ANA Fall Convention in 2011

Three Day Show will be October 13-15

The American Numismatic Association's inaugural fall convention in Pittsburgh will be held Oct. 13-15, 2011, at the David L. Lawrence Convention Center, site of the 2004 ANA World's Fair of Money®.

The show, which the ANA plans to hold in cooperation with the annual Pennsylvania Association of Numismatists (PAN) fall convention, will extend the ANA's show schedule to shows in mid-winter, summer and fall.

"A fall convention allows us to expand into some very attractive markets, starting with Pittsburgh," said ANA Executive Director Larry Shepherd. "October creates a perfect time slot in which we can hold a third show without stepping on the toes of the other large shows."

ANA Member Sam Deep, who represented PAN during the Board of Governors meeting in Fort Worth, said his organization is eager to cooperate with the ANA. "We see it as an ANA/PAN show. Pennsylvania is a great state in which to have a show, plus there is no sales tax on coins."

The ANA held its annual summer convention in Pittsburgh in 1892, 1935, 1989 and in 2004. The most recent World's Fair of Money attracted more than 13,000 visitors and nearly 1,500 dealers. The official auction, conducted by Heritage Auction Galleries, realized more than \$20 million. The fall PAN Show, which will be held two weeks earlier in conjunction with the ANA, already attracts about 3,500 collectors.

Shepherd said the fall show would be similar to the other annual ANA shows, featuring a large, active bourse; a world-class auction, educational programs, competitive and noncompetitive exhibits, family activities and the increasingly popular Museum Showcase.

Pittsburgh has a population of 2.3 million in its greater metropolitan area, and includes a dedicated collector base and high level of ANA members & member clubs. More than 120 million people live within a 350-mile driving radius – including 29 percent of ANA members.

"Pittsburgh is an ideal choice for our first-ever fall convention," said Shepherd. "October is a beautiful time of the year in Western Pennsylvania. We look forward to working with PAN and working out a cooperative agreement with them."

The American Numismatic Association is a Congressionally chartered nonprofit educational organization dedicated to encouraging people to study and collect money and related items. The ANA helps its 32,000 members and the public discover and explore the world of money through its vast array of education and outreach programs, as well as its museum, library, publications, conventions and seminars. For more information, call 719-632-2646 or visit www.money.org.