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Top Cancer Meeting Breaks Attendance Record for 2006

January 10, Fairfax, Va. – The American Society for Therapeutic Radiology and Oncology broke an all-time attendance record for its 48th Annual Scientific Meeting, held November 5-9, 2006, at the Pennsylvania Convention Center in Philadelphia. ASTRO recorded more than 11,800 attendees at the 2006 Annual Meeting, compared to more than 10,300 attendees in 2005.

2006 was a successful year for ASTRO's Annual Meeting. The Annual Meeting brought an estimated \$34 million in revenue to Philadelphia and was the largest convention to visit the city in 2006 according to the Philadelphia Convention and Visitors Bureau. Also last year, ASTRO's Annual Meeting was selected by *Tradeshaw Week*, a respected weekly industry magazine, as one of the 50 fastest growing tradeshows in the United States and Canada. This was the third time in four years ASTRO received this honor.

“ASTRO's Annual Meeting is an opportunity for my colleagues in the cancer community to come together to learn the latest in cancer research while previewing new technology, all with the goal of better helping our patients beat cancer,” said K. Kian Ang, M.D., Ph.D., ASTRO's Chair. “Our meeting in Philadelphia was exemplary in showcasing the best of what's to come in our field. I'm particularly grateful to my colleagues Steve Hahn and Peter Mauch for their hard work putting together such commendable scientific program and educational sessions.”

“Our Annual Meeting is the premier scientific meeting in the field of radiation oncology,” said Laura Thevenot, ASTRO's Chief Executive Officer. “I am so proud of Michele Cordie in Meetings, Kathy Thomas in Education and the rest of the ASTRO staff for their Herculean efforts to manage the complicated logistics of the meeting while putting together a top-notch scientific program. This meeting was our largest and we look forward to another great meeting in Los Angeles.”

ASTRO's 49th Annual Meeting will be held October 28 through November 1, 2007 at the Los Angeles Convention Center in Los Angeles.

ASTRO is the largest radiation oncology society in the world, with more than 8,500 members who specialize in treating patients with radiation therapies. As the leading organization in radiation oncology, biology and physics, the Society is dedicated to the advancement of the practice of radiation oncology by promoting excellence in patient care, providing opportunities for educational and professional development, promoting research and disseminating research results and representing radiation oncology in a rapidly evolving socioeconomic healthcare environment.

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