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Dear Colleagues:

The 34<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of the Human Biology Association will be held in Chicago, Illinois at the Sheraton Chicago Hotel and Towers Wednesday, April 1<sup>st</sup> and Thursday, April 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2009. **This letter is our first and only call for papers.** Information on registration and abstract submission are included here and are also available at our website, [www.humbio.org](http://www.humbio.org).

As my first official act, on behalf of the Association I would like to thank Darna Dufour for her exceptional leadership over the past two years as our President. I also want to especially thank Gillian Ice for her heroic and tireless work as Secretary-Treasurer over the past four years. The maturation of our Association over this time owes much to her dedication. I also want to thank Lynnette Leidy Sievert for her superlative work on the executive committee, Ellen Demerath and Lori Fitton for their fine work on the Nominations and Elections Committee and Leslie Sue Lieberman for her outstanding work as our AAAS representative. On the other side of the coin, I want to welcome Andrea Wiley as the new Secretary-Treasurer, Tom McDade to the executive committee, Deb Crooks who is filling out Andrea's term on the Publications Committee, Daniel Benyshek and Barbara Piperata who were elected to the Nominations and Elections Committee, and finally Mike Little who has agreed to be our new AAAS representative.

The meetings this past April in Columbus were an unqualified success. Our sincerest thanks go to Doug Crews and Barbara Piperata who efficiently and effectively managed the local arrangements. Gillian Ice once again did a masterful job at the registration table and our thanks go to her and all the students who helped keep the meetings on track. Virginia Vitzthum, Program Committee Chair, and the Program Committee of Daniel Hruschka, Julienne N. Rutherford, Joan Schall and Tad Schurr put together an excellent program. The student reception, organized by Virginia and student members Andrew W. Froehle, Heather Williams, and Britney Kyle was also a triumph. Our warmest thanks go to all.

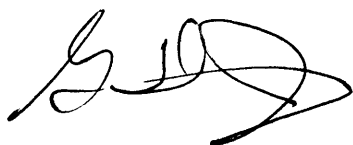
In Chicago we will be hosted by Loyola University Chicago, and our local arrangements are in the capable hands of Crystal Patil and Betsy Abrams. The 2009 meetings mark the 200<sup>th</sup> birthday of Charles Darwin, and to

commemorate the occasion, Cynthia Beall has organized a wonderful Plenary Session entitled: *The Past 10,000 Years: Is There a Mismatch between Our Environment and Our Genome?* It will be a stimulating look at our recent evolutionary past. The rest of the scientific program will be organized by Virginia Vitzthum and the Program Committee, including Patrick Clarkin, Michael Grimes, Daniel Lende and Joan Stevenson. The high quality of our scientific program is sustained by your continuing participation. So don't forget to submit your abstracts!

Finally, there are several offices that are up for election this year, including a President-elect, member of the executive committee, two members of the publications committee and two members of the nominations committee. Please send in nominations for these positions.

I hope that you all enjoy your summer and I am looking forward to seeing you in Chicago!

With warmest regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'G. D. James', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Gary D. James, President  
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