

**FAMILY TREE DNA'S 5th INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON GENETIC GENEALOGY
FOR GROUP ADMINISTRATORS TO BE HELD MARCH 14 & 15, 2009 IN HOUSTON**

HOUSTON, November 12, 2008 (For Immediate Release) - Family Tree DNA, the world leader in genetic genealogy, will host its 5th International Conference on Genetic Genealogy for Group Administrators on March 14-15, 2008 at the Sheraton North Houston in Houston, Texas. The conference has been rescheduled after significant damage to the conference facilities due to Hurricane Ike. Each year, world renowned experts in genetics and science present cutting-edge developments and exciting new applications at this two-day educational forum which draws attendees from Family Tree DNA's Group Administrators in North America and throughout the world. Among the speakers at the upcoming conference will be Dr. Spencer Wells, the director and population geneticist heading the National Geographic's landmark Genographic Project as well as members of Family Tree DNA's own highly respected scientific advisory board.

Founded in April 2000, Family Tree DNA was the first company to develop the commercial application of DNA testing for genealogical purposes that had previously been available only for academic and scientific research. Almost a decade later, the Houston-based company continues to establish standards and create new milestones in the increasingly popular and rapidly growing field of genetic genealogy.

Today – with more than 220,000 individual records – Family Tree DNA has the largest DNA database in genetic genealogy, a number that makes it the prime source for anyone researching recent and distant family ties. Additionally, Family Tree DNA's database encompasses over 84,000 unique surnames and over 5,000 lineage and geographic projects

In 2005, Family Tree DNA was selected by National Geographic and IBM as the designated DNA testing company for their Genographic Project, a history-making study of the migrations of mankind. To date, the company has processed more than 200,000 Genographic Project DNA test kits, and, last year, Family Tree DNA's own laboratory –the Genomics Research Center— participated in the Genographic Project's first published paper.

Offering the most popular and wide-ranging DNA-testing service in the field of genetic genealogy, Family Tree DNA prides itself on its commitment to the practice of solid, ethical science. Since its beginnings, the company has associated itself with leading researchers and scientists in the field, many of whom will be speaking at the November Conference. Among these prominent names are Dr. Michael Hammer, Dr. Doron Behar, and Thomas Krahn. In addition, Family Tree DNA has been involved with several scientific papers and has provided assistance in updating the YCC Y-Chromosome Phylogenetic Tree.

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Online information is available at <http://www.familytreedna.com/registration/2008-conference.aspx>

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