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The American Neurological Association Launches Online Archive

ANA Memory Bank Highlights 142 Years of Academic Neurology

(MOUNT LAUREL, NJ, October 16, 2017) — An honorary membership granted to Sigmund Freud at a 1924 annual meeting. An 1895 letter from noted psychiatrist Adolph Meyer to pioneering psychologist Stanley Hall relating to suggested reforms at Worcester Lunatic Hospital. A photo of the ANA membership in tuxedos assembled for the 1939 annual meeting at the Ambassador Hotel in Atlantic City, NJ.

Thousands of historical documents, images and materials related to the rich history of academic neurology and neuroscience are now preserved and widely available in the newly-launched **ANA Memory Bank™: The online archives of the American Neurological Association**. The ANA Memory Bank, officially unveiled at the American Neurological Association (ANA) Annual Meeting October 15-17, 2017 in San Diego, houses a diversity of meaningful artifacts from the organization's 142-year history. Established in 1875, the ANA is the premier society for academic neurology and neuroscience.

"The ANA has served a leadership role in the astounding evolution of academic neurology and neuroscience over the last two centuries," said Barbara G. Vickrey, MD, MPH, president of the ANA, and professor and Neurology System Chair at the Icahn School of Medicine at Mount Sinai, New York City.

"The Memory Bank reflects the passion of our colleagues, each in their own decades, to understand and treat neurological disease and to move the discipline forward. It is sobering to see how dramatically technology has changed, and we retain a healthy respect for the advances our forebears brought about in their time."

The archives reflect a spectrum of significant individuals and moments that comprise the history of the ANA. Memory Bank historic materials range from minutes of early ANA meetings to images of renowned neurosurgeons at work over 50 years ago.

The ANA Memory Bank was developed by the ANA with The History Factory, a heritage management agency based in Washington, DC.

Access to the ANA Memory Bank is available free to ANA members through the member login portal at www.myana.org and to non-members by request beginning in November 2017. For more information or to gain access to the ANA Memory Bank, please contact the ANA at 856-380-6892 or info@myana.org.

About the American Neurological Association (ANA)

Founded in 1875, the American Neurological Association is the premier professional society of academic neurologists and neuroscientists devoted to the understanding of diseases of the nervous system and the profession's ability to treat them. Its monthly *Annals of Neurology*, first published in 1977, is one of the world's most prestigious medical journals. *Annals of Clinical and Translational Neurology*, the ANA's newest publication, is a peer-reviewed online journal for rapid dissemination of high-quality research focused on topics of interest to the clinical neuroscience community. For more information, visit www.myana.org.