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2008 Swimming Pool and Water Safety Conference

Orlando (March 12, 2008) – The 2008 Florida Swimming Pool and Water Safety Conference, co-hosted by the Florida Swimming Pool Association (FSPA) and the Florida Department of Health, Office of Injury Prevention, will be held April 10-11 in Orlando, Florida. It will be at the Rosen Centre Hotel in Orlando as a part of Swimming Pool Safety Month, as declared by Governor Charlie Crist.

The main topics at the conference are recreational water and public pools, therapy and fitness in pools, water safety and drowning prevention, and legislative and regulatory impacts on swimming pools. Speakers will include representatives from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, Aquatic Exercise Association, county health departments and Florida Department of Health.

The annual event's goal is to increase awareness of swimming pool safety and educate pool professionals, pool users and media on safe ways to use and care for swimming pools. Keeping people safe to enjoy the beauty, exercise and fun that water can offer is very important in Florida. The FSPA sees education about swimming pool safety as an integral part of its mission.

The event is from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. on Thursday including a luncheon and a reception at 5:30 p.m. Friday is from 8:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. The cost is \$25 per person. Visit the FSPA website for a registration form, www.floridapoolpro.com/industry or call the FSPA at (941) 952-9293.

The Florida Swimming Pool Association is a trade association for the pool and spa industry in Florida. There are approximately 700 member businesses in 16 Chapters across the state. Members are required to abide by a code of ethics and to be properly licensed and insured. FSPA provides the industry with access to continuing education courses, information on current trends and issues, an arbitration program and government relations representation. FSPA is governed by a Board of Directors and is an affiliate of the Association of Pool and Spa Professionals.