This June, ARP heads to North Carolina to experience a bit of Southern hospitality in the Queen City. This year’s program will include symposia, plenary speakers, and poster sessions presenting the best research in personality psychology.

One of the hallmarks of the ARP meetings is the number of opportunities they provide for informal sharing of ideas between sessions, during receptions, and over dinner. Our venue, the Charlotte Marriott City Center (www.marriott.com/hotels/travel/cltcc-charlotte-marriott-city-center/) located in the Central Uptown business district, will provide us with unique opportunities for informal interactions with colleagues from around the world. From the opening reception to the final gala dinner at the Mint Museum, attendees will find plenty of chances to interact and share ideas with other researchers.

Charlotte, the recent host of the 2012 Democratic National Convention, offers a wide variety of fine restaurants, landmarks, and activities for conference attendees and their families to enjoy. The NC Blumenthal Performing Arts Center (www.blumenthalcenter.org/), the Mint Museum (www.mintmuseum.org/visit/mint-museum-uptown), Discovery Place Science Museum (www.discoveryplace.org/), and the Carolina Panthers’ Bank America Stadium are all located within a few blocks of the conference hotel. For NASCAR enthusiasts, the NASCAR Hall of Fame (www.nascarhall.com/) and Charlotte Motor Speedway are nearby. For those who prefer rollercoasters to stock cars, Carowinds Theme Park (www.carowinds.com) is a short drive away.

The temperature in June averages a summery 80 degrees. Charlotte’s location makes it an ideal jumping off place for an extended break, so bring the family and start your summer vacation here. The stunning Blue Ridge and Smoky Mountains, the beautiful Carolina coastline, Charleston, Savannah, and Atlanta are all just a few hours away.

Travel to ARP couldn’t be easier this year. Only nine miles from our conference hotel is Charlotte Douglas International Airport (CLT), a national hub for US Airways which offers more than 600 daily flights and nonstop service to over a hundred cities worldwide. Affordable shuttle service is available from the airport to our hotel in downtown Charlotte. Taxis and rental cars are also widely available.

We look forward to seeing y’all in Charlotte!