

# 2012 IAQG Spring Meeting





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**Spring Meeting April 16 – 19, 2012**  
**River Walk**  
**San Antonio, Texas USA**

# IAQG San Antonio Hosts

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# Event Venue

## OMNI HOTELS & RESORTS



Omni La Mansión del Rio



The Pride of the San Antonio Riverwalk



Guest Reception

# About San Antonio



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## Mission Concepcion



Mission Concepción in San Antonio Missions National Historic Park, Texas.

## Market Square



Further west, beyond San Pedro Creek, is the city's Mexican quarter, with the picturesque Market Square (El Mercado) on West Commerce Street.

## The Alamo



On the east side of the city, on Alamo Plaza, is the most-famous building in the whole of Texas, the Alamo (from the Spanish word for "cottonwood"), part of the mission station established in 1718.

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- **San Antonio is the second-largest city in Texas (after Houston)**
- **San Antonio's fusion of cultures began 300 years ago when Spain staked its claim in the New World and sent missionaries to colonize the native people.**
- **San Antonio draws from its history and intense cultural fusion—so much so, that the city once had street signs in three languages: Spanish, English, and German.**
- **In 1718, the Franciscans constructed a mission, San Antonio de Valero which was later to be known as “The Alamo”.**
- **In 1845, Texas joined the union as the 28th state. German immigrants flooded the city. After the civil war, the region's wealth came from the cattle industry, and San Antonio was the starting point for the Chisholm Trail, which provided a cattle route from Texas to Kansas.**
- **Fort Sam Houston, now a significant army base, was also used as a training ground for Buffalo Soldiers. The twentieth century brought more military bases to the greater San Antonio, with a strong Air Force presence.**

# The Alamo Heroes

- In 1835, Texas declared its independence from Mexico, and revolutionaries battled Mexico for control of San Antonio. One of the most pivotal battles occurred at the Alamo, where 189 Texas fighters held Santa Anna's 4,000 troops at bay for 12 days, fighting to their deaths.
- A mere 46 days after the fall of the Alamo, Sam Houston's forces won the Battle of San Jacinto—achieving Texas independence.
- Historical accounts document that during the Battle of San Jacinto Mexican soldiers thought that the Texas soldiers were possessed because they would get shot and they would continue advancing while yelling “Remember the Alamo”.
- El Generalísimo Antonio de Padua María Severino López de *Santa Anna* y Pérez de Lebrón

# Special Event

## The Buckhorn and Texas Ranger Museum

### BUCKHORN MUSEUM



This functioning Saloon is over 100 years old. While you have a drink or meal prepare to be entertained with trick roping, an old west card act, cowboy poet and gunfighters. There is also an arcade and wax museum.

**Dress code: casual – Logistics: Walking distance of the Omni Riverwalk. Group to be paraded by “western gunmen” to site.**



**We look forward  
to welcoming you in April 2012**