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YOUNG PRESIDENTS' ORGANIZATION AND WORLD PRESIDENTS' ORGANIZATION UNITE TO CREATE THE LIFELONG GLOBAL LEADERSHIP NETWORK

*World's Premier Leadership Organizations Combine to
Expand Network and Maximize Member Benefits*

ROME – 1 July 2007 – The Young Presidents' Organization and World Presidents' Organization today announced that the two global leadership organizations will merge to operate as one organization, while continuing to offer unparalleled networking opportunities and world-class benefits to its combined 15,000 members.

"This is an incredible milestone in the 57-year history of YPO," said Michael I. Pappas, 2007-2008 YPO International Chairman and member of the Miami Chapter. "Connecting with our graduates is a powerful resource for our YPO members. YPOers will now have access to nearly 5,000 industry and world leaders who share their YPO connection. We appreciate the efforts of WPO leaders to make this lifelong organization a reality and we will continue to foster the legacy of WPO."

YPO, comprised of young leaders under the age of 55, and WPO, an organization for YPO graduates, will retain their individual local chapters to continue their focus on their respective members' needs. Both networks will combine operations to create the premier lifelong global leadership organization. The integration of the two organizations will now provide YPO and WPO members even greater opportunities for continuous learning and peer networking – the foundation of both organizations.

"This merger offers both organizations the opportunity to unite two forward-thinking cultures, while maintaining the individuality of each membership group," said Rich Campbell, 2007 WPO International Chairman and member of WPO's Philadelphia

Chapter. "WPOers can look forward to increased educational and interest-based networking opportunities, and both memberships will have streamlined access to each other for resources and idea exchange."

About Young Presidents' Organization

Young Presidents' Organization, founded in 1950 in New York by manufacturer Ray Hickok, is the premier international network of young global leaders, connecting more than 11,000 members in 202 local chapters in 100 nations to learn and exchange ideas to address the challenges young leaders face today. All members of this worldwide, not-for-profit, executive education organization of peers are age 55 or younger. YPO was born with the express purpose to help build "Better Leaders Through Education and Idea Exchange" among its' peer members and their families. YPO's mission still resonates worldwide 57 years after it was founded, and the organization continues to welcome new members and chapters from every corner of the world. For more information, visit www.YPO.org.

About World Presidents' Organization

The World Presidents' Organization is a global organization of more than 4,500 individuals who are or have been chief executive officers of major enterprises. For three decades, WPO has sustained the valued exchange of ideas with leaders and their peers that its members began as part of their participation in the Young Presidents' Organization. With operations in more than 70 countries, WPO members combine corporate responsibility and personal public service to create significant contributions in the communities where they live and work. Today their ranks include diplomats and senior elected and appointed government officials on international, national, regional and local levels. As lifetime leaders, WPO members recognize and act on their responsibility in the fields of corporate governance, public service and educational advancement. For more information, visit www.WPO.org.

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