

resources. One of its most important functions is to coordinate the **SBL Annual Meeting**.

SBL, Annual Meeting

The SBL Annual Meeting shares time and space with the AAR Annual Meeting (see **AAR, Annual Meeting**), though plans are for the groups to meet separately beginning in 2008. It provides an opportunity for SBL members to share their research through scholarly presentations and seminars, to identify new publications in their field of interest through the book display, and to build networks of colleagues and allies. The SBL Annual Meeting format is like that of the AAR—lectures, workshops, panels, plus receptions and other social events. Job interviews are part of the mix.

SBL, International Meeting

To promote the exchange of ideas in an international forum, the SBL has a meeting outside of North America in such places as Europe and Asia. Americans are invited to attend and to give papers; be prepared for presentations in German or French. This is a good opportunity to meet international biblical scholars and to broaden your cultural horizons. The **SBL Committee on the Status of Women in the Profession** travel fund is also available for travel to this meeting if you are from a developing country, Asia, or Eastern Europe.

SBL, regional

The Society of Biblical Literature Annual Meeting can be a little overwhelming for a newcomer. Regional meetings, held in the Pacific, Pacific Northwest, Midwest, and Southeastern regions, are sometimes less threatening and more accessible. They are a good place to make your first presentation and to develop allies