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124th MVMA Convention January 21-24, 2016 - Tan-Tar-A Reso



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Entertaining Highlights

Again this year, the convention will offer an option for a two-day registration for veterinarians on Thursday and Friday to allow those who have weekend duty to attend. The two-day offers up to 16 hours of CE . See the two day registration form on page 9. We are also offering 5 hours of CE on USDA National Veterinary Accreditation throughout the convention. In addition on Thursday, don't miss the Missouri Academy of Veterinary Practice Mini-Topics Seminar (4 CE hours). It's packed with short, informative



presentations on a variety of subjects, and it's included in all convention registrations. And, remember that you can now register online at www.movma.org. All major credit cards are accepted. Save time and go electronic. In keeping with the convention's theme, Saturday evening's Awards Banquet welcomes Richard DeBowes VS. Dr. DeBowes is past Associate Dean for Veterinary Development and External Relations at Washington State University College of Veterinary Medicine. His current responsibilities include directing the professional life skill development program within the college that teaches students about leadership and communication. For an insightful look at becoming a better communicator and improving your life skills be sure to attend his fascinating presentation.

- Win or lose, you don't want to miss the fun and excitement at Friday's Foundation Reception and Silent Auction. New this year is the "Lucky Card" Blackout Bingo game. Admission donations are accepted to help defray costs. Hors d'oeuvres will be served. Be sure to purchase a ticket for a chance to win \$10,000, and many other cash prizes. Drawing tickets are \$10 and can be purchased through the registration forms on pages 6, 8 and 9. You need not be present at the convention. The drawings will take place during the Reception. Support your Foundation by purchasing a ticket or donating an item for the Silent Auction.
- Veterinary students should plan to attend the "Student Welcome Reception" on Friday at 11:00 a.m. to help you navigate through the convention and make the most out of the event. In addition to the MVMF Drawing on Friday, we're having a Forum for Recent Graduates (up to 10 years experience) for Veterinary Students. Be enlightened as recent grads discuss topics to help you make the transition from student-doctor to doctor. Don't miss this opportunity to get some real life advice and share your experiences.
- Again this year! The convention's entire CE program is open to veterinary technicians and technician students. Also, plan to attend Saturday's Missouri Veterinary Technician Reception held prior to the MVMA Banquet.
- Attendees are encouraged to sign up on the registration form to be part of Saturday's Networking where practicing vets and university students get acquainted in this practical, round-robin, networking event. Again this year, students will be divided between VM 1 and VM 2. This event is two-fold, helping practices interview potential future associates while still providing the interviewing experience.

Hotel Reservations

A block of sleeping rooms has been reserved for the Missouri VMA at Tan-Tar-A Resort. The rate is \$98.00 plus tax (8.475%). This rate includes in-room wireless high speed internet. Reservation requests are to be received no later than December 31, 2015 to guarantee accommodations in the main complex. After this date, reservations will be taken on a space available basis. Call Tan-Tar-A at (800-TAN -TARA) (800-826-8272) visit www.tan-tar-a.com to make your Hotel Reservation. The telephone number for other Tan-Tar-A Resort inquiries is (573) 348-3131. Tan-Tar-A Resort is located at State Route KK, Osage Beach, Missouri. Convention Registration Again this year, the convention will offer an option for a two-day registration for veterinarians on Thursday and Friday to allow those who have weekend duty to



attend. The two-day offers up to 16 hours of CE that includes admittance to CE session Friday, refreshment breaks, and entrance into exhibit hall. You must wear your name badge sessions and events. You can register for the convention online at www.movma.org. Visa American Express and Discover credit cards are accepted. Registration, advance or for admission to the convention. Advance registration must be postmarked by January or register online by January 11, 2016 to receive the discounted fee. Full four-day veteran registration includes admittance to the continuing education sessions, lunch on Friday, Membership Meeting and Breakfast and lunch on Saturday, MVMA's "Coffee With the CEO" on Sunday, refreshment breaks, and entrance into the Exhibit Hall. The MVMA is "Going Green" and the Proceedings is available online for download at no charge prior to the convention at 11:58 PM on January 18th. Pre-registered attendees will receive an email with user name and password when the Proceedings are available. You can download the abstracts to your laptop or tablet. Attendees can purchase the Proceedings on a US B flashdrive or a printed copy. See registration form for more details. You will need to check the appropriate box on the registration form.

Cancellations and Refunds

No refunds will be made after January 15, 2016. Refunds will be made only if the registrant contacts the Missouri MVMA office by January 15, 2016 requesting reimbursement.

Bring the Family!

Plan to bring the entire family to the 2016 MVMA Convention with a wide variety of activities to appeal to all. In addition to the indoor swimming pool, spa and bowling alley, Tan-Tar-A Resort has the Bears Den Arcade with over 40 games for hours of entertainment for the young and young-at-heart. Weather permitting; you may want to play a round of miniature golf at their year-round miniature golf course. You'll also enjoy the Indoor Water Park featuring the Lazy River ride, hot tub and lots of exciting water fun. Daily passes are available. If you want to hit the ice, there will be discount coupons for the Old Kinderhook ice skating rink. Great fun for the young and young at heart. For spouses, there's a roundtable discussion Saturday morning and gathering at Mr. D's Lounge afternoons.



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