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Dear Friends of PET,

We are looking forward to your coming to the PET International Annual Meeting and Related Workshop Conference on October 7 & 8. It is being hosted by PET MO-Columbia. The main gathering will be held at Stoney Creek Inn & Conference Center. We ask that you let us know you are coming so that we may plan. Registration fee includes meals payment and refreshments at the conference center. Below is a current draft of the Conference agenda:

**Tuesday, October 7, 2014**

- 8:00 Conference Check-In/Registration...
- 8:30 Welcome & Orientation
- 8:45-10:15 If Your Heart Is As My Heart..... Mel West
- 10:30-11:45 Combined Federal Campaign..... Steve Baima & Don Bay
- 11:45 Lunch**
- 12:30-1:15 Distribution Partner in India..... Ishwar Naik
- 1:30-3:00 Seating & End User Evaluation..... Madison Gartman
- 3:15-3:45 Distribution Partner .....
- 3:45-5:00 Committee Meetings—Finance, Standardization, Nominations, Long Range Planning
- 6:00-8:00 Celebration Dinner** at Peachtree Banquet Center. Come meet Seun Oke, a PET user.

**Wednesday, October 8, 2014**

- 8:00-9:00 Volunteer Friendly PET Construction..... Bob Gabrielse
- 9:00-10:00 Donor Stewardship..... TBD Fund Raiser
- 10:15-11:00 Social Media..... Sarah Hill
- 11:00-11:45 Open Forum..... Ed McDonald
- 11:45 Lunch**
- 12:30-1:15 Distribution Partner.....
- Balance of afternoon will be broken into 2 groups and rotate:
- 1:15-5:00 Visit PET MO-Columbia shop..... Gary Moreau  
 or PET Newsletters – 9 Fatal Flaws & PET Standardization. Ed McDonald
- 5:00-5:30 Dismissal & Announcements..... Von Driggs & Ed McDonald
- 5:30-6:00 Dinner (optional & additional cost).**
- 6:00-8:00 PET International Annual Board Meeting.....Open To All**

Columbia, MO, is located in the center of MO at highways I-70 and 63 with the Columbia airport on the southeast side. Shuttle services will be provided from the inn to other venue sites (Celebration Dinner and PET shop) and for the airport. Contact Barbara Moran, Affiliate contact, at 573-220-9112 or [bvg.moran@yahoo.com](mailto:bvg.moran@yahoo.com) if you need a ride from/to the airport. Give her your flight information. We have enclosed information regarding directions, meals and housing. We ask that you return your registration and meals payment as soon as possible so that we may make plans accordingly, but **no later than Sept. 25 receipt date.**

Any questions can be sent to our email address. PET MO-Columbia is eager to share their PET shop & city and be your host for the conference. All are welcome.

Sincerely,

Board of Trustees

PET International Annual Meeting and Related Workshop Conference:

Tuesday & Wednesday, October 7 & 8 at Stoney Creek Inn & Conference Center on Providence Rd.

However: The Monday night dinner and Tuesday night Celebration Dinner will be held other at venues in town.

PET Recipient at Celebration Dinner: Seun Oke (at right) will be our special guest from Nigeria. She has been a PET user for 9 years. She was brought to this country in 2005 for surgery, but still needed mobility assistance. Dr. Tina Slusher found PET and our partnership began with periodic reports being received.



(highway I-70 is north of this map running between KC and St L)

Airport:

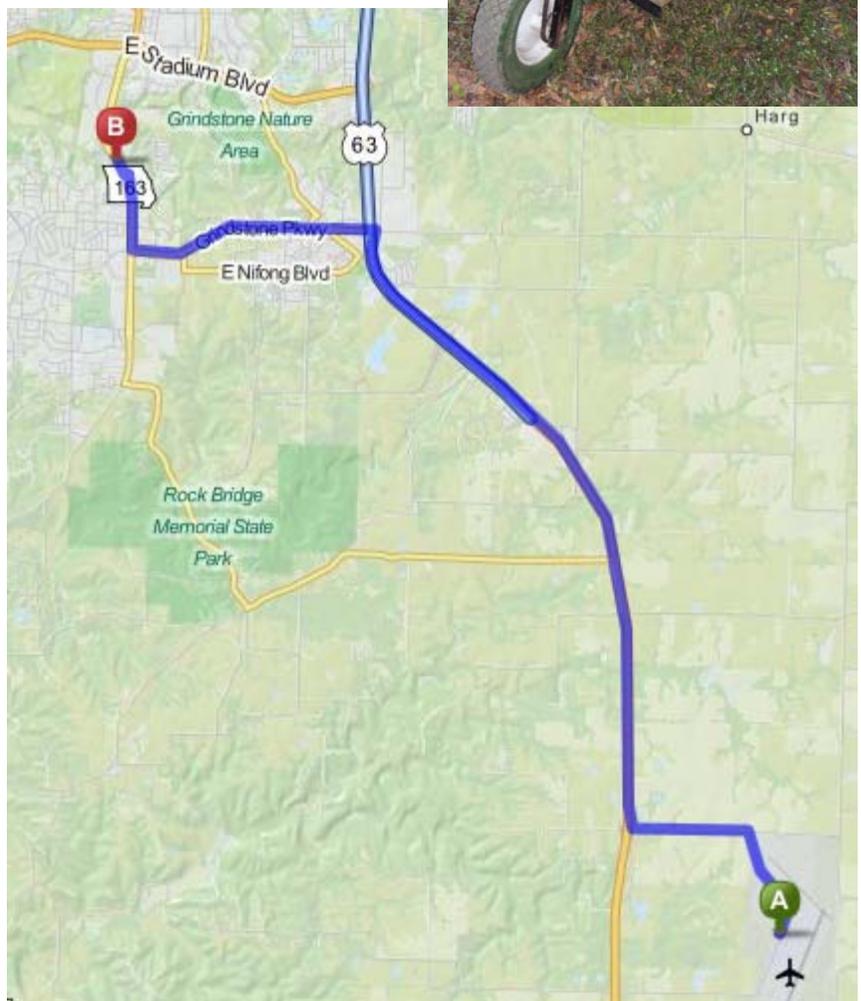
For people flying in to Columbia Regional Airport (COU) -

<http://www.flymidmo.com/>

11300 S Airport Dr., 573-874-7508

16 minutes or 12 miles to the Inn

To Inn: Go to highway 63 and go north/turn right for 6 miles, go west/left on Grindstone Parkway for 2.3 miles, turn north/right onto Providence Rd. for .7 miles. Inn will be on the left – take the access road to the Inn.



Driving in: If coming from the north, take highway 63 south and turn west/right onto Stadium Blvd. When you see the Mizzou football field you are at Providence Rd., turn south/left. Then Inn will be on the right.

Hotels:

Stoney Creek Inn with a group rate of \$89.00 plus tax for a block of rooms held thru September 6.

2601 S. Providence Rd., Columbia, MO 65203 Phone: 573-442-6400 If there are rooms available after that

date, the same discounted rate will apply. For reservations call 1-800-659-2220. - free hot breakfast, free WI-FI, business center, fitness center, heated indoor/outdoor swim-through pool...

<http://www.stoneycreekhoteles.com/hotel/travel/columbia/home.do>

Contact for transportation questions: Barbara Moran at 573-220-9112 or [bvg.moran@yahoo.com](mailto:bvg.moran@yahoo.com)

Campground:

Cottonwoods RV Park: 888-303-3313 Email: contact@cottonwoodspark.com at 5170 N Oakland Gravel Rd., northeast side of Columbia. A few sites have been reserved under PET International until 30 days prior. It's well equipped for any size of RV with full hookups and free WI-FI.

Meals: For those arriving early on Monday you are invited to join us for an early bird reception and dinner at the Parkade Baptist Church, 2102 N Garth Ave at 5:30 pm - \$10.

Tuesday & Wednesday – Most meals are at the conference center, but the Celebration Dinner is at the Peachtree Banquet Center at 120 E Nifong Blvd Ste D on Tuesday night (just south of the Inn). Snacks and drinks provided. If you are staying for the board meeting on Wednesday night, a dinner is available for an additional \$12. Many restaurants, gas stations, stores, etc. are nearby on Nifong Blvd/Grindstone Parkway and Green Meadows Road south of the Inn.

**Registration Options:**

**\$75.00 total for the 2 day conference registration** - 3 meals and refreshments including the Celebration Dinner on Tuesday;

**\$10 for extra Early Bird dinner reception on Monday;**

**\$12 for extra box dinner if staying for the board meeting on Wednesday night;**

**\$97 conference plus**– Monday thru Wednesday (conference plus extra meals)

**\$25 Celebration Dinner only.** (If you cannot attend the conference, this is an option to still participate and celebrate the 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary of PET. Locals choosing this option only, can rsvp and pay PET MO-Columbia directly.)

**Your registration and payment should be sent to PET International and received by September 25.**

Checks mailed should include "Annual Conf regis choices & name of attendee(s)" on the memo line:  
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Or online thru PayPal with a note for "Annual Conference Registration & name of attendee(s)". Go to the Donate button on the right side of our home page at [www.petinternational.org](http://www.petinternational.org).

Examples: "Conf regis & Mon – Tom & Sue" (check amount for \$85 x 2 = \$170) or  
"Conf plus – Ed" (check amount for \$97) (Names and addresses should be on checks and will appear on PayPal confirmations; so the above would suffice in the memo line or notes/purpose section on PayPal.)