

The Maryland Veterinary Medical Association

2012 WINTER SEMINAR VACATION

ST. LUCIA, FEBRUARY 11 – 18, 2012

Outstanding Speakers at an Exceptional Venue

The four star deluxe Smugglers Cove Resort & Spa located on the beautiful Caribbean island of St. Lucia will be the site of our Annual Winter Seminar. Beautiful scenery, excellent scuba diving and snorkeling, hikes through rainforests, biking, three types of fishing, whale watching, championship golf, sailing, tennis, kayaking, horseback riding, Heritage tours, fantastic shopping and much more await you on this wonderful island. Want to drive through a volcano or take a mud bath in mud warmed by a volcano? It's all available. The islands people are warm, helpful and very friendly.

Located in tropical gardens and overlooking the secluded Bay of Smugglers Cove, the luxurious all-inclusive Smugglers Cove Resort & Spa is boarded by the palm fringed Caribbean Sea. The resort is a short drive away from Castries, the capital of St. Lucia. Here laid back luxury and unhurried ambience blend with lavish accommodations, exciting activities, exhilarating water sports, delicious dining options and international nightly entertainment offers something for everyone. All-inclusive means all meals, all drinks, all non-motorized water sports and tennis are all included at no extra cost. Take a dip in one of seven swimming pools (including the Oasis Water Park with a 100 foot long waterslide), choose from four different gourmet restaurants and enjoy the fully equipped fitness center and spa. Medical services are available 24 hours a day.

There are separate kids clubs for different age groups (2 -4 yrs., 5 -7 yrs., and 8 -12 yrs.) plus a separate teen center for age 13 and older kids. All of these feature water sports as well as activities such as craft making, dance classes, pool Olympics, themed dinner parties and much more. A professionally staffed day care is available for infants & toddlers.

Other activities that are available at additional cost include tours, scuba, jet skiing, golfing, fishing, horseback riding and other activities outside the hotels grounds.

All of the newly renovated guest rooms are air conditioned, have private terraces, cable TV, telephones, safes, coffee makers, hair dryers and full size ironing boards and irons. Room service is available.

A total of 24 seminar hours will be offered, 20 of which are academic. Karen M. Tobias, DVM, MS, Diplomate ACVS, Department of Small Animal Clinical Sciences, College of Veterinary Medicine, University of Tennessee will speak on Soft Tissue Surgery: Tips, Tricks, and New Techniques. Our second speaker is Joe Bartges, DVM, PhD, DACVIM, DACVN, Professor of Medicine and Nutrition, The Acree Endowed Chair of Small Animal Research, C247 Veterinary Teaching Hospital, Department of Small Animal Clinical Sciences, College of Veterinary Medicine, The University of Tennessee who will speak on Urine Heaven: Medical and minimally invasive management of urinary tract diseases in dogs and cats.

The third speaker is Frederick Bart, author of the widely acclaimed book "Middle-Class to Millionaire". After receiving a medical degree, Frederick J. Bart completed a post-graduate surgical residency under the auspices of the Johns Hopkins Hospital. He delights in transforming persons of average to high income with above average motivation into millionaires. Fred will conduct a lively discussion on how to achieve your financial goals.

On February 11, 2012 participants will fly from various cities in the United States to St. Lucia. A bus or van will transport participants from the airport to the hotel. Departure for home will be on February 18th.

The seminar vacation package price includes accommodations, all transfers, service charges, taxes, baggage handling & gratuities, all meals (breakfast, lunch & diner), unlimited drinks, including liquor, beer, tropical coolers, house wines, soft drinks and all resort taxes, gratuities, service charges and all activities mentioned above. It does not include airfare.

We can arrange airfares from any city or you may make your own air arrangements via the internet or using frequent flyer miles.

Cost of the 2012 Winter Seminar Vacation:

Eight Day (seven nights) All-Inclusive Package

Per person double occupancy:

\$ 1760.00 Deluxe Gardenvue , \$1850.00 Superior Deluxe Gardenvue,

\$ 1985.00 One Bedroom Gardenvue Suite

\$ 999.00 3rd person sharing room (over 16 years of age) Deluxe Gardenvue;

\$ 1089.00 3rd person sharing room (over 16 years of age) Superior Deluxe Gardenvue

\$ First child \$50, Second child \$450. Children 3 -16 years of age sharing a room with two adults;

\$ 50.00 children under 3 years of age go at the price of transfers.

\$2150.00 single occupancy Deluxe Gardenvue, \$2240.00 Superior Deluxe Gardenvue,

\$2450.00 single occupancy One Bedroom Gardenvue Suite

Seminar registration fee is \$295 for veterinarians and \$150 for recent graduates, veterinary technicians and working spouses. This fee is applicable to those registered with the group. Seminar fee for those not registered with the group is \$495.00.

Please address any questions about the seminar to Dr. Theodore B. Robinson, 207 Patrick Dr., Richboro, PA 18954. Tel. # 215-357-6820.

Travel arrangements have been made through Unique Seminar Destinations, P.O. 814, Richboro, PA 18954. Questions about accommodations or flights may be directed to them by calling: 1-215-357-6820, faxing 215-357-4847 or via e-mail at fandr@voicenet.com

Please complete the enclosed registration form and return it as soon as possible with the appropriate payment by check made payable Unique Seminar Destinations.

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As group space is limited please act quickly to avoid disappointment!

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