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The Network for Pancreatic Organ donors with Diabetes (nPOD) is proud to host its 7th Annual Meeting in St. Pete Beach, Florida, February 22-25, 2015. Over the past seven years, JDRF nPOD has made remarkable strides in terms of meeting its organizational goals. Key amongst them seeing its investigators making discoveries that answer the question of, “What causes type 1 diabetes?” We anticipate the 2015 meeting will continue to foster meaningful collaborations towards that goal through directed topic discussions.

Given your role as an nPOD investigator, we would like to invite you to attend this event. To aid in facilitating your participation, nPOD is happy to offer the following:

* One hotel room for three nights: Sunday, February 22-25 (11:00 am checkout)

*Other days will be available at the negotiated rate, but must be paid by the attendee.*

* All onsite meals during the conference for the registered attendee.

**In response to growing number of attendees, limited meeting space, and in order to meet our budgetary constraints, some important changes will occur with the 2015 registration process:**

* First, to maintain the high quality of the meeting, there will now be a $300 registration fee. We are sorry to implement this process, but it has become essential to partially offset costs associated with the meeting.
* Attendees will be now able to provide meals for spouses or partners. When registering, please indicate your interest on the form. You will be notified when the meal plan and cost is finalized and you will need to make payment at that time. *Please note: only adults are eligible for the meal plan.*
* You will make your hotel reservation directly with nPOD this year by indicating your travel dates on your registration form. When checking in at the hotel, you will provide a credit card for incidental expenses and any additional nights at the hotel.  ***Remember, if your travel dates change, please inform Teresa*** ***tlkeppel@ufl.edu*** ***immediately so that she can update the hotel listing.***

***nPOD is not able to pay for rooms not utilized by attendees and therefore, they will be the responsibility of the attendee.***

Please fill out the attached registration form—one for each attendee—and return to Teresa Keppel at tlkeppel@ufl.edu by **Friday, January 2, 2015**. The block of hotel rooms closes shortly after that, so please submit your registration early! We look forward to seeing you next February!

 

Mark Atkinson, Ph.D. Alberto Pugliese, M.D.

nPOD Executive Director nPOD Co-Executive Director

**2015 Annual Meeting Registration Form**

**February 22-25, 2015 ⚫ Loews Don CeSar in St. Pete Beach, FL**

**Name to appear on your nametag:**

**Your Institution’s Name:**

**Your E-mail Address:**

**Complete Mailing Address:**

**Your travel-day phone #:**

**Your Assistant’s Name & Email (if applicable):**

**What day will you arrive at Loews Don CeSar Hotel?**

**What day will you depart from Loews Don CeSar Hotel?**

**Do you have any dietary restrictions?**

**Will your spouse/significant other be traveling with you? If so, are you interested in more information on the meal plan?**

**Registration Steps:**

1. **E-mail your completed Registration Form to Teresa Keppel (****tlkeppel@ufl.edu****)**
2. **Submit your $300 registration fee to:**

**Teresa Keppel**

**University of Florida nPOD**

**PO Box 100275**

**Gainesville, FL 32610-0275**

1. **Purchase your flight and forward a copy of the travel itinerary to** **tlkeppel@ufl.edu****.**

***The nearest airport to the venue will be Tampa, FL (TPA). From the airport, it is approximately a 25 minute taxi ride to Loews Don CeSar.***

1. **Your name will be put on a Master List for the hotel, so please make sure you document the correct days of stay at the hotel in the above section of this form. There is no need for you to contact the hotel this year. Reservations are taken care of with the submission of this form to Teresa.**
2. **If your travel plans change, please make sure to let Teresa (****tlkeppel@ufl.edu****) know ASAP so the master list at the hotel can be updated. Otherwise, you will be responsible for charges incurred by the hotel. nPOD is not able to pay for guest rooms not used.**

**If you have any questions regarding the registration process, please contact Teresa Keppel at** **tlkeppel@ufl.edu** **or (352) 273-9295.**