



Dear colleague,

On the behalf of the RITA International Steering Committee and the RITA XX Organizing Committee, we are pleased to invite you to the 20th International Conference on Rabies in the Americas (RITA) that will be held from Monday, October 19th to Friday, October 23, 2009 at [Loews le Concorde hotel](#) in the old [Quebec City](#), in the “La belle province” of Quebec, Canada.

RITA is an international event that gathers leaders in rabies research, as well as regulators, program managers and professionals working on rabies, an important public health concern the world over. RITA provides an opportunity to assess the state of research, the latest discoveries and new prevention, control, and surveillance techniques for this disease. Since its inception, RITA has grown in prominence and is now the largest and longest running annual conference on rabies in the world. RITA XIX in Atlanta, USA and RITA XVIII in Guanajuato, Mexico hosted hundreds of delegates from more than 20 countries spread over the five continents.

The meeting programme and the abstracts of the presentations will be available at registration. The delegates will have the opportunity to meet and network with colleagues from around the world during events like the [Gala Dinner and Fund-Raising Auction](#). As this year will mark the twentieth anniversary for RITA, special events are also planned in recognition of this milestone.

For more information on the meeting, please visit our web site at www.rita2009.org. We hope to greet you in beautiful and historic Quebec, first town in “New France”, for RITA XX.

Best regards,

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