



# Association of Vision Rehabilitation Therapists

---

**Rockin' at the AVRT Conference:  
Listening, Learning & Leading VRT's into the Future  
Professional Development Training  
Cleveland, Ohio  
November 8<sup>th</sup> – 10<sup>th</sup> 2018**

Dear Colleague,

I am pleased to announce that the Annual Professional Development Conference of the Association of Vision Rehabilitation Therapists (AVRT) will be held in Cleveland, Ohio, Thursday, November 8, through Saturday, November 10, 2018. This is a stellar training specifically designed for Vision Rehabilitation Therapists (VRT's). **Our Mission: To empower people with vision loss to realize their full potential and to shape the community's vision of that potential.** The first professional conference for Home Teachers (as Vision Rehabilitation Therapists were then called) was held in 1946 in Chicago. Now, 72 years later, our conference will celebrate in Cleveland, Ohio. Cleveland Sight Center has once again earned Charity Navigator's highest rating! Cleveland is home to the Cleveland Indians and Cleveland Cavaliers and of course LeBron James. Cleveland is also known for its cultural diverse food and the rock and roll hall of fame, and is actually known as the rock and roll capital of the world.

The Cleveland Airport Marriott has graciously given us the rates of \$89.00 for a single or double room. They are also a pet friendly

hotel and all guide dogs will receive a dog biscuit to welcome them to Cleveland. We invite you to come and join our post-conference on Saturday, November 10<sup>th</sup>, from 1:30 to 3:00 p.m., given by OrCam and learn how this could be a useful tool for a person with vision loss, and also how you can become a certified trainer in your state. There will be 10 rooms available at the contract rate of \$89.00 on Saturday, November 10<sup>th</sup> for anyone that would like to stay after the conference.

To make reservations, contact the hotel:

**Cleveland Airport Marriott  
4277 W. 150<sup>th</sup> Street  
Cleveland, OH 44135-1310  
1-216-252-5333**

Our **group name** is **AVRT Professional Development Training Conference**. Our **group code** is **VIS**. You can call Marriott Reservations at 1-800-228-9290 or use the online link [www.marriott.com](http://www.marriott.com) to also make reservations. **There will be a registration cut-off of 100 people, so please make your reservations as soon as possible.**

**Shuttle service: Once you grab your luggage, you should call the hotel at 1-216-252-5333 to let them know you need a pickup. There will be signs to follow but once you get your luggage, head to baggage claim door #6 and take the escalator heading downstairs, once at the bottom take the next escalator up and then go out the door to the right. This will take you to the hotel shuttle pickup area. It can take up to 15-20 minutes depending on the run. The shuttle departs the hotel every 20 minutes in the morning until 12 noon and then every 30 minutes.**

**Early bird registration of \$150.00** will be available until Sunday, October 7, 2018. **After October 7<sup>th</sup>, the registration fee will be \$175.00.** If you are retired (no longer working in

Vision Rehabilitation) you will be eligible for a discounted fee of \$125.00. If you are a student and have documentation from your faculty advisor, you are eligible for a reduced fee of \$125.00. For individuals wanting to attend one day only the registration fee will be \$100.00, unless you are retired or a student, then the one day fee will be \$80.00. If you are selected as a speaker \$25.00 will be reduced from your registration.

Registration will include a buffet lunch on Thursday, a plated lunch for our awards banquet on Friday and breakfast on Saturday.

CEUs will be provided for individuals who possess certification from ACVREP. CRC will also be provided. **If you attend the Post-Conference for OrCam, upon completion of the session a certificate as an OrCam provider will be issued to you.** If you have not yet attended an AVRT conference you are missing a treat. Each year this professional development conference gets better and better. I hope to see you in Cleveland.

Warmest Regards,

Lenore Dillon, Conference Chair  
Alabama Department of Rehabilitation Services  
560 S. Lawrence Street  
Montgomery, AL 36104  
(334).293.7100  
[Lenore.dillon@rehab.alabama.gov](mailto:Lenore.dillon@rehab.alabama.gov)

## 2018 AVRT CONFERENCE REGISTRATION

Complete this form and mail with your payment to AVRT to the address below. You may also pay using PayPal from our website [www.avrt.org](http://www.avrt.org) and send your registration in via email or regular mail. (See instructions below.) **Please Note:** Registration includes lunch buffet on Thursday, plated lunch for our awards banquet on Friday, and breakfast on Saturday. **If you are bringing an additional guest to the banquet, they must pay in advance for their meal at the rate listed below.**

**Name:**

**Address:**

Home    Work

**City:**

**State:**

**Zip Code:**

**Day Phone:**

**Email:**

**Registration Type (select one, for screen reader users place an X before the registration type):**

**General Conference Registration:**

- |   |           |
|---|-----------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Full Conference Early Bird Registration before 10/7/18 | \$ 150.00 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Full Conference Registration after 10/7/18             | 175.00    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> One Day Registration                                   | 100.00    |

**Registration for Presenters:** List title of session: \_\_\_\_\_

- |  |        |
|--|--------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Speaker Registration before 10/7/18 | 125.00 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Speaker Registration after 10/7/18  | 150.00 |

**Post-Conference Registration:**

- |  |       |
|--|-------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Attending Post-Conference (OrCam) Nov. 10, 1:30–3:00 pm | 10.00 |
|--|-------|

**Student** (Include letter signed by University Supervisor)

- |   |        |
|---|--------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Full Student Registration    | 125.00 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> One Day Student Registration | 80.00  |

**Retiree Registration:**

- |   |        |
|---|--------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Retired, no longer working in Vision Rehab | 125.00 |
|---|--------|

**Additional Guest Meals:** Specify which meal and the quantity you are requesting

- |  |
|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Total Additional Guest Banquet Meals: \$30 each* \$ _____ |
| Thursday, Nov. 8 – Lunch buffet   How many? _____                                  |
| Friday, Nov. 9 – Awards banquet   How many? _____                                  |
| Saturday, Nov. 10 – Breakfast     How many? _____                                  |

**TOTAL AMOUNT ENCLOSED:**

\$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Payable to: AVRT**

**(Pay safely with PayPal or by sending a check. Details on next page)**

**Conference Materials in (select one, for screen reader users place an X before the conference material type):**

Braille    Large Print    Regular Print    Digital

**Other special requests and accommodations:**

Vegetarian meals

Guide Dog User    Assisted Listening Device    ASL Interpreter

**Mail Registration Forms To:**

**Susan Dalton  
AVRT  
PO Box 676  
Marengo, IL 60152**

**Checks Payable to AVRT**

**PayPal: If you are paying through PayPal, be sure to email your registration form to: [macrt20@gmail.com](mailto:macrt20@gmail.com)**