

Myalgic Encephalomyelitis (M.E.)

A Neglected Non-Communicable Disease

There are 20 million people worldwide living with the disabling, chronic, neurological condition Myalgic Encephalomyelitis (M.E.), but there has been no coordinated public health response to address its significant and serious impact.

The **International Alliance for M.E. (IAME)** is a collaboration between national M.E. organisations who want to see a coordinated and appropriate public health response to M.E. from the WHO and its Member States.

The IAME calls upon the WHO and its Member States to:

1. Recognise M.E. as a *“serious, chronic, complex, and multisystem disease that frequently and dramatically limits the activities of affected patients”* (Institute of Medicine, 2015) and adopt measures to provide a global and co-ordinated public health response
2. Put in place transparency and a consultation process with M.E. organisations and patients, on decisions related to M.E.
3. Support accelerated biomedical research to develop better diagnostic methods and treatments for M.E.
4. Ensure appropriate medical education for professionals working with M.E. patients.

Pictured: IAME's #MillionsMissing event at Geneva's Place des Nations on 12 May 2018, with shoes representing the millions with M.E. missing out on lives, relationships, education and work



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Current members of the IAME:

ACAF - Associació Catalana d'Afectades i Afectats de Fibromiàlgia i d'altres Síndromes de Sensibilització Central, Spain

Action for M.E., United Kingdom

The American ME and CFS Society, United States

Emerge Australia, Australia

Forward ME, United Kingdom

Japan ME Association, Japan

ME CFS Foundation South Africa, South Africa

Plataforma Familiars Fm-SFC-SQM, Spain

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