

UK CFS/ME Research Collaborative Conference
CMRC 5 years on – Time to transform CFS/ME Research
WEDNESDAY 19 SEPTEMBER 2018

09:00	Registration and Refreshments	
09:30	Welcome	Prof Stephen Holgate, Collaborative Chair; University of Southampton
Plenary session: Widening education, research ambitions and stakeholders		
09:40	The views of a Doctor with ME on educating Doctors and medical students about ME	Dr Nina Muirhead, Buckinghamshire Healthcare NHS Trust
10:00	Identification of post-exertional dysregulated circulating microRNAs in ME/CFS pathogenesis.	Prof Alain Moreau, University of Montreal, Canada
10:45	European collaboration in ME/CFS: The EUROMENE network	Dr Eliana Lacerda, London School of Hygiene & Tropical Medicine; CureME
11:15	Break & Poster Viewing	
12:00	A Poster Presentation: two minute overview of posters being presented	
12:30	Title TBC	Prof Trepel, Trinity College Dublin, The University of Dublin
13:00	Lunch & Poster Viewing	
Plenary session: Expanding the stakeholders in CFS/ME research		
14:30	CFS/ME, IBS and Fibromyalgia: chance association or common pathway?	Miss Rachel French, County Durham & Darlington NHS Foundation Trust
15:00	Title TBC	Prof Frances Williams, Kings College London
15:30	The UK ME/CFS Biobank: Accelerating global research in ME/CFS	Dr Luis Nacul, London School of Hygiene & Tropical Medicine; CureME
16:00	Oral Abstract Presentation	TBC
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16:30	Poster Presentation: two minute overview of posters being presented	
16:45	Break & Poster Viewing	
17:15	MRC Funded Update: Persistent fatigue induced by interferon-alpha: a novel, inflammation-based, proxy model of Chronic Fatigue Syndrome	Prof Carmine Pariante, Kings College London
17.45	MRC Funded Update: Title TBC	Dr Neil Harrison, University of Sussex
18:15	Drinks reception	
19:30	Dinner	

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Plenary session: Expanding the stakeholders in CFS/ME research

08:30	Registration (for those attending day two only)	
09:00	Welcome	Prof Chris Ponting, Collaborative Vice Chair; University of Edinburgh
09:10	Anne Faulkner Memorial Lecture Big health data and open science: a powerful combination to generate new understanding of disease	Prof Cathie Sudlow, Chief Scientist, UK Biobank, University of Edinburgh
09:55	Differential microRNA profiles in PBMCs and plasma EVs of severely affected ME/CFS patients	Dr Elisa Oltra, Universidad Católica de Valencia
10:25	What will it take for the pharmaceutical industry to engage in CFS/ME drug discovery?	Dr Mark Jones, UCB Pharma
10:55	Break & Poster Viewing	

Plenary session: Inflammatory pathways in CFS/ME and beyond

11:30	Workshop 1 Activity as treatment – myths and methods Workshop 2: Biomedical research priorities Workshop 3 Nutrition and CFS/ME – The search and research for evidence	Dr Sue Pemberton, Yorkshire Fatigue Clinic Prof Chris Ponting, University of Edinburgh Sue Luscombe & Dr Michelle Dobrota-Gibbs
13:00	Lunch	
14:00	Deciphering interactions between the microbiome and human immune system: impact on ME/CFS	Dr Derya Unutmaz, The Jackson Laboratory for Genomic Medicine, Farmington, CT, USA
14:45	Title TBC	Jackie Cliff, University of Edinburgh
15:15	Is inflammation the link between the body and the brain?	Prof Carmine Pariante, Kings College London
15:45	Cellular bioenergetics in ME/CFS	Cara Tomas, Newcastle University
16:15	Conference reflections	Prof Chris Ponting, Collaborative Vice Chair; University of Edinburgh
16:30	Conference closes	