

**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, CMRC 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	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
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	Twins and the study of chronic pain genetics	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: Investigating the possibility of a role of mtDNA variation in ME/CFS	Jo Elson Newcastle University
16:15	Oral Abstract Presentation: Alterations of cellular metabolism observed in muscle cells, indicating possible factors present in plasma of patients with ME/CFS capable of modifying cell function	Tiffany Lodge University of Oxford
16:30	Oral Abstract Presentation: Do key differentiated metabolites identified in ME/CFS patients relative to controls associate with symptomatology / physiology?	Jamie Strong University of Oxford
16:45	Break & Poster Viewing	
17:15	MRC Funded Update: Imaging exercise-induced Post-Exertional Malaise in ME/CFS	Dr Neil Harrison, University of Sussex
17.45	Panel Q&A	

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	<b>Anne Faulkner Memorial Lecture</b> 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	<b>Workshop 1</b> Activity as treatment – myths and methods  <b>Workshop 2:</b> Biomedical research priorities  <b>Workshop 3</b> 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	
14:15	TBC	Stephen Simpson Arthritis Research UK
14:45	Cellular immune function in ME/CFS	Jackie Cliff, London School of Hygiene & Tropical Medicine
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	