

Sixth annual science conference

TUESDAY 10 MARCH 2020		
09:00	Registration and refreshments	
09:30	Welcome	Prof Stephen Holgate, UK CFS/ME Research Collaborative (CMRC) Chair; University of Southampton
Plenary session: Building M.E. research infrastructure		
09:40	ME – a message from Jonathan Davies	Film presentation
09:45	A community partnership: the MCR/NIHR application	Prof Chris Ponting, University of Edinburgh
10:15	Title TBC	Kristian Spreckley, NIHR National Biosample Centre
10:35	Interdisciplinary Canadian Collaborative Myalgic Encephalomyelitis – ICanCME – Research Network: opportunities for cross-national collaboration	Prof Alain Moreau, Université de Montréal / CHU Sainte-Justine
11:05	Quick fire overview of posters being presented	
11:15 Break and poster viewing		
11:45	Building a Global Data Repository for ME	Dr Sadie Whittaker, Solve ME
12:15	The Mason ME/CFS Biobank in Australia: the SWOT of building a biobank	Adjunct Associate Professor Dr Heidi Nicholl, Emerge Australia
12:45	ME/CFS medical education	Dr Nina Muirhead, Buckinghamshire Healthcare NHS Trust
13:15 Lunch and poster viewing		

TUESDAY 10 MARCH continued		
14:30	<p>Workshop 1 What works: evidence from research and from clinical practice</p> <p>Workshop 2 How do we catalyse future biomedical research into ME?</p> <p>Workshop 3 An M.E. Priority Setting Partnership: working together to identify and prioritise evidence uncertainties in health and care that could be answered by research</p>	<p>Panel: Dr Dan Peterson, Dr Sue Pemberton, Joan Crawford and Dr Gabrielle Murphy</p> <p>TBC</p> <p>Katherine Cowan and Sonya Chowdhury with input from the CMRC Patient Advisory Group</p>
16:00	Break and poster viewing	
16:30	Overview of Artificial Intelligence and Precision Medicine in the Diagnosis and Treatment of ME/CFS	Dr Dan Peterson, Sierra Internal Medicine
17:00	Cochrane reviews, protocols and plans	Richard Morley & Rachel Marshall, Cochrane Library
17:30	“Understanding Post-exertional Malaise” a video from “Dialogues for a Neglected Illness”, a Wellcome Public Engagement Fund project	Natalie Boulton and Josh Biggs
17:45	Drinks reception	
18:30	Break	
19:30	Dinner	

WEDNESDAY 11 MARCH 2020		
08:30	Registration (for those attending day two only) and refreshments	
09:00	Welcome	Prof Stephen Holgate, CMRC Chair; University of Southampton
09:10	Film TBC	
Plenary session: Breakthrough research		
09:15	Plasma metabolomics: a tale of two cohorts	Dr Karl Morten, University of Oxford
09:45	The UK ME/CFS Biobank: virological and immunological participant characterisation	Dr Jackie Cliff, London School of Hygiene & Tropical Medicine
10:15	Is there evidence for T cell clonality being a ME/CFS biomarker?	Prof Chris Ponting, University of Edinburgh
10:45	Upregulation of Epstein-Barr virus induced gene 2 (EBI2) in ME/CFS	Dr Jonathan Kerr, Norfolk & Norwich University Hospital
11:15	Break and poster viewing	
11:45	Chronic fatigue in the general population	Prof Frances Williams, King's College London
12:15	Deconstructing post-exertional Malaise in Myalgic Encephalomyelitis: an exploratory biomarker study	Prof Alain Moreau, Université de Montréal / CHU Sainte-Justine
12:45	Oral presentation TBC	TBC
13:00	Lunch and poster viewing	
14:15	Oral presentation: TBC	TBC
14:30	Abnormal cerebrovascular reactivity among ME/CFS patients	Dr Michael VanElzaker, Massachusetts General Hospital/ Harvard Medical School
15:00	Is using high quality HCP (Human Connectome Project) MRI to investigate effects of mild inflammation on brain function in ME/CFS?	Prof Neil Harrison, Cardiff University
15:30	MSK fatigue: what can we achieve through collaboration?	Dr Natalie Williams, Versus Arthritis
16:00	Title TBC	Speaker TBC
16:30	Conference reflections	Prof Stephen Holgate, University of Southampton
16:45	Conference closes	