

Sixth annual science conference

| TUESDAY 10 MARCH 2020 | | |
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| 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, Deputy Chair, CMRC; University of Edinburgh |
| 10:15 | Helping to build an ME/CFS Bioresource | 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 | Oral Presentation: A patient’s perspective. Key quantitative and qualitative analysis from Action for M.E.’s Big Survey | Sam Bromiley, Action for M.E. |
| 11:15 | Break and poster viewing | |
| 11.45 | The Mason ME/CFS Biobank in Australia: the SWOT of building a biobank | Adjunct Associate Professor Dr Heidi Nicholl, Emerge Australia |
| 12:15 | ME/CFS medical education | Dr Nina Muirhead, Buckinghamshire Healthcare NHS Trust |
| 12:45 | “Understanding Post-exertional Malaise” a video from “Dialogues for a Neglected Illness”, a Wellcome Public Engagement Fund project | A film presentation from Natalie Boulton and Josh Biggs |
| 13:00 | Lunch and poster viewing | |

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| 14:30 | <p>Workshop 1 Evidence dialogue: what works? Learning from research and clinical practice</p> <p>Workshop 2 Beyond genomics - identifying and supporting the next phase in ME/CFS Research</p> <p>Workshop 3 ME CFS Priority Setting Partnership: awareness raising workshop</p> | <p>Chair: Dr Charles Shepherd Panel: Fiona McKechnie, Sue Pemberton, Dr Nina Muirhead, Dr Joan Crawford</p> <p>Prof Chris Ponting, University of Edinburgh, and Prof Stephen Holgate, UK CFS/ME Research Collaborative (CMRC) Chair; University of Southampton</p> <p>Katherine Cowan, Senior Adviser, James Lind Alliance, and Sonya Chowdhury, CEO, Action for M.E.</p> |
| 16:00 | Break and poster viewing | |
| 16.45 | Oral Presentation: ME/CFS Significant negative impact on Quality of Life of both patients and family members | Esme Brittain, Cardiff University |
| 17.00 | Oral Presentation: The Crisis of Reproducibility in ME/CFS Research | Joshua Dibble, University of Edinburgh |
| 17.15 | Cochrane reviews, protocols and plans | Richard Morley & Rachel Marshall, Cochrane Library |
| 17:45 | Drinks reception | |
| 18:30 | Break | |
| 19:30 | Dinner | |

| WEDNESDAY 11 MARCH 2020 | | |
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| 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 – Helen’s story | |
| 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: Could antiviral and chemotherapy agents have an impact in ME/CFS due to direct effects on mitochondrial function? | Megan Stoker, University of Bath |
| 13:00 Lunch and poster viewing | | |
| 14:15 | Abnormal cerebrovascular reactivity among ME/CFS patients | Dr Michael VanElzakker, Massachusetts General Hospital/ Harvard Medical School |
| 14.45 | Infectious etiology behind Mitochondrial architecture and Cell danger response in ME/CFS | Dr Bhupesh Prusty, University of Wuerzburg |
| 15.15 | Building a Global Data Repository for ME | |
| 15.45 | Is using high quality HCP (Human Connectome Project) MRI to investigate effects of mild inflammation on brain function in ME/CFS? | Dr Jessica Eccles, Brighton and Sussex Medical School |
| 16.15 | What’s next for ME/CFS research and the CMRC? | Prof Stephen Holgate, University of Southampton |
| 16:45 Conference closes | | |