

# UK CFS/ME Research Collaborative 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Science Conference Programme



WEDNESDAY 28 SEPTEMBER 2016		
09.00	Registration / Poster Board Set-Up	
09.30	Welcome	Prof Stephen Holgate Southampton University & Collaborative Chair
Plenary Session 1: Big Data, Biomarkers & Stratification Chair: Prof Hugh Perry, Southampton University		
09.40	TBC: to include focus on submaximal exercise testing in ME/CFS and other research areas in relation to the stratification of illnesses through work in public health	Dr David Patrick University of British Columbia
10.25	TBC: to include focus on Solve CFS/ME Initiative’s biobank and other research programmes	Dr Zaher Nahle Solve CFS/ME Initiative
11.15	Break	
11.45	ME/CFS Epidemiology & Genomics Alliance (MEGA) – A big data study	Prof George Davey Smith University of Bristol
12.25	TBC: to include focus on the potential role of epigenetics in ME/CFS research and MEGA	Prof Caroline Relton University of Bristol
13.00	TBC: to include focus on SAIL database in Wales and routinely collected data	Prof David Ford Swansea University
13.30	Lunch	
Workshops		
14.45	Workshop 1: Exploring the challenges of gaining ME/CFS funding for the range of science required. Discussion-based with presentations from: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Perspectives from a funder</li><li>Perspectives from a person with M.E.</li></ul> Workshop 2: Research with people with severe M.E.  Workshop 3: M.E. & POTS	Prof Paul Little Southampton University  Prof Tom Whalley ,NIHR Opal Webster-Philip  Victoria Strassheim Newcastle University  Dr Lesley Kavi POTS UK and Prof Julia Newton Newcastle University
16.00	Refreshments Break	
16.30	MRC-funded Research Project Updates	
17.30	Panel Discussion with open Q&A: to include keynote presenters	
18.30	Wine Reception	
19.30	Conference closes for Associate Members	

20.00	<b>Private Dinner</b> <a href="#">For Researchers Only</a>
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**THURSDAY 29 SEPTEMBER 2016 – Open to Researchers/Student Researchers only**

08.45	<b>Registration &amp; Refreshments</b> (Registration required for those attending on this day only)	
<b>Plenary Session 3: New Research</b> Chair: TBC		
09.00	Mapping global research funding over the last 10 years – a Collaborative sponsored report	<b>Sonya Chowdhury</b> Action for M.E.
09.10	Enhancing research funding applications into ME/CFS	<b>Dr Neha Issar-Brown</b> Medical Research Council and <b>Dr Lindsay Keir</b> Wellcome Trust
10.30	Neurophysiology of pain in ME/CFS	<b>Dr Julius Bourke</b> Queen Mary’s University, London
11.00	Oral Presentation: Voxel-based morphometry shows reductions in brainstem white matter in ME/CFS.	<b>Andreas Finkelmeyer</b> Newcastle University
11.15	Oral Presentation: Immune-pain interaction following exercise in Chronic Fatigue Syndrome	<b>Andrea Polli</b> Virje University, Brussels
11.30	<b>Refreshments Break &amp; Poster Viewing</b>	
<b>Plenary Session 4: Children &amp; Young People</b> Chair: Mary-Jane Willows, AYME		
12.00	Improving quality of care in paediatric chronic fatigue syndrome	<b>Dr Sarah Knight</b> Murdoch Children’s Research Institute
12.30	Paediatric CFS/ME	<b>Dr Esther Crawley</b> Bristol University
13.00	Oral presentation: Involving severe and very severely affected Chronic fatigue syndrome (CFS) and Myalgia encephalomyelitis (ME) individuals in research. A clinician’s view point.	<b>Victoria Strassheim</b> Newcastle Univeristy
13.15	Oral presentation: The Visualisation of CFS/ME’s Invisibilities	<b>Dr Juliet Chenery-Robson</b>
13.30	<b>Lunch &amp; Poster Viewing</b>	
<b>Plenary Session</b> Chair: Prof Stephen Holgate		
14.45	Oral presentation: Investigating the possibility of a role for mtDNA variation in ME/CFS	<b>Dr Jo Elson</b> Newcastle University

15.00	Oral presentation: Fatigue in Primary Sjögren's Syndrome is Associated with Lower Levels of Pro-Inflammatory Cytokines	<b>Nadia Howard-Tripp</b> Newcastle University
15.15	Oral Presentation: The role of autonomic function in exercise-induced endogenous analgesia: a case-control study in myalgic encephalomyelitis / chronic fatigue syndrome and healthy people	<b>Jessica Van Oosterwijck</b> University of Antwerp
15.30	Anne Faulkner Memorial Lecture	<b>Prof David Jones</b>
16.15	<b>Closing Remarks, Reflections &amp; Where Next for the UK CFS/ME Research Collaborative</b>	<b>Prof Stephen Holgate</b> Southampton University
16.30	<b>Conference Closes</b>	