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BRMEC14 Colloquium News

Investigating the Mechanisms of Myalgic Encephalomyelitis: From Pathogenesis and Aetiology to Treatment Innovation

This year the conference events again have a wide international presence, as seen by the list of institutes represented at the events, all facilitating more collaboration, which we hope will accelerate progress in the field.

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BRMEC14 Colloquium New Presenters

Investigating the Mechanisms of Myalgic Encephalomyelitis: From Pathogenesis and Aetiology to Treatment Innovation

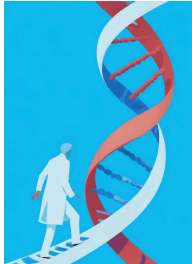
More presenters have been announced for the colloquium.

In light of their recent important research, the charity is delighted to announce the addition to the BRMEC14 programme of Drs. **Maxim N. Artyomov** and **Tomas Paulenda** from Washington University in St. Louis, Missouri, USA. By revealing how metabolic rewiring (via itaconate) directly modulates redox-sensitive



pathways (PRDX5 inhibition) in immune cells, their work alludes to the synergy between systems biology, immunology, and redox signalling - a framework critical for understanding the complexities of ME.

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The colloquium has also just received cpd accreditation.

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IMET Sponsors IIMEC17

Once again the Irish ME Trust Sponsors the IIMEC* conference - this year IIMEC17.

IMET's commitment to Invest in ME Research has been one of the enduring features of the International ME Conference Week since it began in 2006.

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Support for Welsh GPs

We are working with Rob Messenger to try to attract more Welsh GPs to the conference in order to assist the situation regarding ME in Wales.

Rob has generously made a campaign to raise funds for Invest in ME Research - Running The Wrexham 10k.



We have agreed with Rob to try to fund up to 10 Welsh GPs to the conference.

Any funds raised by Rob will also be used to subsidise this initiative.

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IIMEC17 Speakers

The programme for the IIMEC17 conference is available in the link below.

We are pleased to welcome back Professor Sonya Marshall-Gradisnik's team to present on their work at Griffith University in Australia.

We also welcome back Rowan Gardner from PrecisionLife who will discuss their latest project with the Metrodora Institute. Recently, PrecisionLife partnered with the Metrodora Institute on the MetX study to share pioneering genetic insights and develop novel diagnostic tools for ME/CFS and Long COVID.

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Young EMERG SPARK ME Workshop

The charity's fifth young/early career researcher workshop has attracted almost 50 delegates from North America, Europe, South Africa and Australia.

The programme has been organised by the Young EMERG committee and we are pleased to include the NIH (again), the European Research Council (again) and the Academy of Medical Sciences as part of the programme this

year - along with numerous abstract and poster presentations from Early career researchers.

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International ME Conference Week 2026

To underline our commitment and to celebrate 20 years of International ME Conference Week events being organised by the charity, we have already set the dates for the 2026 conference week events.



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liMER Student Bursaries

Last month we announced that Invest in ME Research would be funding three bursaries for undergraduate students to gain practical experience of working in research laboratory and also learning about ME.

After a selection process that reviewed over 50 applications, the Quadram Institute has selected three candidates and they will begin in July. We hope to have a report of their experiences at the end of the summer.

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Ian Gibson Fellowship - EDM

In the UK House of Commons an Early Day Motion (EDM) number 1085 was recently tabled to support the Invest in ME Research Ian Gibson Fellowship at Quadram Institute. For those who can please invite your local MP to sign it.

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Thanks to our supporters for their efforts - some of their current efforts here

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Walk for ME for IiMER

A welcome back to the amazing Ian Thomson in memory of his beautiful, late fiancée, Sarah Turner.

Ian has done a number of incredible walks across London over the years - this will be the fifth. Ian is walking on the 12th May from where he lives (close to where he was born) to the house in Northolt where Sarah was born.

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Walk for ME for IiMER



A welcome also back to the wonderful Cath Clapton. Cath has been doing fundraising events for Invest in ME Research since 2017 because her daughter Jessica has ME. In the past Cath has done epic swims and even climbed a volcano! Due to her own ill health Cath is unable to do a physical challenge this year so is instead asking all her friends and family to have a tea party for ME in May, raising funds for Invest in ME Research.

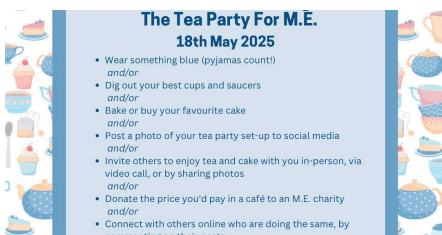
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Poetry for liMER

This year for International ME Awareness Day in May Rosalynde Lemarchand will be promoting her books of poetry, mostly about living with ME. She has set up a Just Giving Page for Invest in ME Research and will donate all of the proceeds of the sales of my book raised in May to liMER.

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BLUE Sunday - for liMER

Blue Sunday 2025 Fundraiser for Invest in ME Research · 18 May. Blue Sunday is a day for raising funds for ME

There is no right or wrong way to join in on Blue Sunday - though the link contains some

suggestions for .

Free fundraising packs available.

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Belfast Marathon

Mike Harley is running another marathon - this time the Belfast marathon on 4 May.

Mike's Just Giving page is -

www.justgiving.com/mikeseumarathons



Invest in ME Research is a charity of volunteers - but working continuously to improve the research, treatment and perception of myalgic encephalomyelitis (ME). We welcome support to continue our efforts to advance research and European and international collaboration into this disease.



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