

“Looking at the research directions currently being pursued in ME/CFS, I am in no doubt that the usage of rituximab is one of the most promising.”

- Emeritus Professor Jonathan Edwards, UCL

The Charity

Invest in ME is a UK Charity whose aims are to educate and raise awareness of Myalgic Encephalomyelitis (ME or ME/CFS) and promote the acceptance of the need for a comprehensive, international strategy of biomedical research into ME.

Proposal for UK Centre for ME

Biomedical research is proving to be the key to finding treatments and cures for ME. Invest in ME has made a proposal for implementing a translational biomedical research and examination facility for ME based in Norwich, UK

- <http://www.investinme.org/centre>



About Myalgic Encephalomyelitis (ME or ME/CFS)

Myalgic encephalomyelitis (known as ME or ME/CFS) is a severe systemic, acquired illness classified by the WHO in the ICD-10 code G93.3 as a neurological illness.

In the UK ME is estimated to be twice as common as MS and three times more prevalent than HIV/AIDS, with clear clinical symptoms which manifest predominantly based on neurological, immunological and endocrinological dysfunction.

While the pathogenesis is suggested to be multi-factorial, the hypothesis of initiation by a viral infection has been prominent. A wide range of viruses and other infectious agents, such as Epstein-Barr Virus, Human Herpes virus-6 and 7, Enterovirus, Cytomegalovirus, Lentivirus, Retroviruses, Chlamydia and Mycoplasma have been investigated.

Before acquiring the illness most patients were healthy, leading full and active lifestyles. ME most frequently follows an acute prodromal infection, varying from upper respiratory infections, bronchitis or sinusitis, or gastroenteritis, or an acute “flu-like” illness.

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***A new decade of ME
Research***

**11th Invest in ME
International
ME Conference
2016**

***3rd June 2016
Westminster, London
CPD Accreditation applied***

Venue

The conference will be held on 3rd June 2016 in the historic setting of One Great George Street, in Westminster, London – opposite St. James Park and by the side of the Houses of Parliament.

Who Should Attend

The fully CPD-accredited IIME conferences update delegates with the recent advances in ME research and bring together leading clinicians and researchers in the fields of general medicine, infection and immunity and clinical trials to discuss the central issues and current challenges involved in the diagnosis, treatment and management of patients with ME. It provides a rare opportunity in the UK to meet with world experts on ME.

IIMEC11 will be of particular interest to:

- Researchers & Specialists in ME (CFS)
- GPs with an interest in ME (CFS)
- Neurologists, Immunologists & Virologists
- Palliative care/Community nurses
- Occupational Therapists
- Specialists in pain management
- Specialists in care of the chronically ill
- ME Support groups and charities



One Great George Street,
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11th Invest in ME International ME Conference 2016

Conference Programme

Speakers and members of our Advisory Board will be presenting/participating at the conference –

Dr Ian Gibson

Former Dean of Biological Sciences, UEA

Professor Jonathan Edwards

Emeritus Professor of Connective Tissue Medicine University College London (UCL)

Professor Ron Davis

Director Stanford Genome Technology Center Palo Alto, USA

Professor Angela Vincent

Emeritus Professor of Neuroimmunology, University of Oxford

Professor Mady Hornig

Columbia University, New York, USA

Professor Carmen Scheibenbogen

Professor for Immunology, Institute of Medical Immunology Berlin Charite, Germany

Professor Simon Carding

Leader, Gut Health and Food Safety, Institute of Food Research, Norwich Research Park

Dr Jo Cambridge

Senior Lecturer UCL

Professor Elisa Oltra

Professor Cell & Molecular Biology, Universidad Católica de Valencia

Please see web site for the latest programme

Ticket categories/prices:

Professionals	£125
Sponsored Professional	£100
Charities	£85
Student	£50
Patient/ Immediate Carer	£50



Conference Fee Includes

Entrance to the conference, hot buffet lunch & refreshments, full conference documentation and CPD certificate (for professional tickets).

Conference Registration

Ticket Only. Registration from 07.45. The conference begins at 09.00 and finishes at 17.30. Please refer to Invest in ME conference web site for terms and conditions.

Sponsored Professionals

Discounted rates exist for healthcare staff registering in association with an ME Support Group. This costs the professional or the group nothing extra.

Conference Tickets

All bookings will be confirmed by email, unless otherwise stated. Please contact us if you have not received your confirmation 7 days after submitting your booking.

Please use our conference web site to book or send a cheque (payable to **Invest in ME Research**) and post to -

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