

Biomedical Research into ME

Colloquium 7

31st May – 1st June 2017

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WELCOME FROM INVEST IN ME - RESEARCH

Dear Participants,

Welcome to the **7th Invest in ME Research Biomedical Research for ME Colloquium (#BRMEC7)** on 31st May – 2nd June in London.

Thank you for participating in the 2017 meeting which we feel is of great importance in building and maintaining collaborative atmosphere built up over the years by previous Colloquiums.

Last year #BRMEC6 seemed to realise a sea change in collaboration and impetus for new research. Promising developments continue to be initiated to create new possibilities for changing the way that myalgic encephalomyelitis is researched and the way that patients are treated.

There is now high-quality research being performed by an impressive group of researchers and physicians, with an emphasis on international collaboration – these are the long-held objectives of ***Invest in ME Research***.

It remains our intention to continue to facilitate this and encourage new scientific research endeavours to understand the pathogenesis of ME.

As in previous years the objectives of the meeting are to -

- 1 present the status of the latest biomedical research into ME
- 2 review experiences/expertise from other research areas in order to assist ME research
- 3 generate new ideas regarding research into ME and assess research strategies for ME and standards to be used internationally
- 4 discuss and explore the possibilities for collaboration and for funding for biomedical research into ME
- 5 plan future events and initiatives to expedite biomedical research

Additional:

Ahead of the BRMEC7 Colloquium we have been discussing the idea of attempting to join up all observations under a common hat for many of the disciplines – such as autoimmunity, neuroimaging, neurological symptoms, cytokine regulation, metabolomics, infection, microbiome etc.

The objective would be to have a serious and critical discussion that could lead to a document emanating from the meeting which would help everyone in the field and form a

basis for future research conferences to expand upon as more research was produced, or was planned.

Ideally, we would like the session chairs to be able to summarise the following questions based on the presentations and discussion

- (1) What we know (proven)**
- (2) What we think we know (unproven)**
- (3) What we need to know**
- (4) How (who?) should the gaps be filled?**

For those presenting we hope you might consider these points in your presentation.

The abstracts provided are in confidence and it is expected that all requests for confidentiality of data presented at the Colloquium be respected. The abstracts will aid session chairs in providing a PPT slide or two with this information on it with the intention of asking if any of the presentations made in the session can add to or provide answers to these questions.

A summary at the end of Colloquium could be a discussion by all – with a formal document produced following the colloquium.

Those are the ideas but we are happy to formulate others to help all research.

This seventh research colloquium takes place prior to our twelfth annual international ME conference and, for those who can use CPD points, each meeting day will carry six CPD points per day from the Royal Colleges.

Thank you again for participating in our meetings and we look forward to welcoming you to London,

Warm regards

Kathleen McCall - Chairman Invest in ME Research

For info - the event schedule is as follows –

BRMEC7 Colloquium	2 full days Tower Suite 08:00 Refreshments 09:15 Start 17:15 Close	31st May – 1st June
BRMEC7 dinner	evening dinner Bridge Suite	31st May 18.30 – 22:00
IIMEC12	evening dinner Bridge Suite	1st June
Pre-conference dinner	Guest speaker David Tuller	18.15 - 22:00
IIMEC12 Conference	full day One Great George Street, Westminster 08:00 Refreshments 08:55 Start 17:30 Close	2nd June

EVENING DINNERS 31ST MAY AND 1ST JUNE

Both dinners mentioned below will be in the **Bridge Suite** overlooking Tower Bridge – the same venue as is used for the lunch and refreshments.

Wednesday 31st May BRMEC7 Colloquium – 18.30–22.00 **Bridge Suite, Guoman Tower**

On Wednesday evening, an informal dinner will be taking place for all researchers at BRMEC7 who have indicated they will attend.

Thursday 1st June IIMEC12 Pre-Conference Dinner – 18.15–22.30 **Bridge Suite, Guoman Tower**

The charity will host the **IIMEC12** pre-conference dinner for researchers and patient group representatives from around the world who are attending the public conference IIMEC12 on the following day on 3rd June.

IIMEC12 PUBLIC CONFERENCE 2ND JUNE

Friday 2nd June IIMEC12 **12th International ME Conference** **08.55 – 17.30**

For those registered for the public Conference.

Location:
One Great George Street, Westminster

The conference venue is about 15 minutes by taxi from the Guoman Tower Hotel.

More details at
www.investinme.eu/IIMEC12.shtml



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