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AUGUST 2007 FLYER

Dear Member,

This August Flyer is just a quick line to thank everyone who attended this year's conference and in particular the doctors and scientists who made it such a successful day with their presentations. I also wish to thank the committee for their sterling help and members who returned the comment sheets to give us a helpful overview of the day for future reference.

This year, for the first time, we had the talks recorded on video. We hope this will be of interest to members who could not attend as well as a reminder to those who did. Only the talks were recorded which will be on a double DVD and will be available from mid August with advance orders being taken now. The price is £10.00 including packaging and postage. Please make cheques payable to Myositis Support Group. If you wish to be entertained your concentration will last five minutes. However, if you wish to learn about Myositis you will hang on to every word!

Conference presentations 2007 included on the DVD are:

What has Genetics taught us so far about Myositis Dr Robert Cooper, Hope Hospital, Manchester
Autoantibodies in Myositis - New Findings Dr Harsha Gunawardena, Royal National Hospital for Rheumatic Diseases, Bath

Myositis 101: An Overview of Myositis from the Patient Perspective Dr Chester Oddis, Professor of medicine in the Division of Rheumatology and Clinical Immunology at the University of Pittsburgh School of Medicine, USA

Developing the Tools to Assess People with Myositis Professor David Isenberg, University College, London

Iris Hazel Memorial Talk Studying with the Open University Anne Ali a Member's Story

Insights into the Search for Treatments for IBM Dr Michael Rose, King's College, London

Update on Paediatric Juvenile Dermatomyositis Dr Clarissa Pilkington, Great Ormond Street Hospital, London

Myositis: an Update Dr Ernest Choy – King's College, London

The Birth of Clinical Trials in Myositis: The RIM Study Dr Chester Oddis

SUMMER DRAW.

Please find enclosed explanatory letter and two books of tickets. I offer my apologies to those members who for personal or religious reasons cannot participate but I have no way of taking you out of this mailing.

CHRISTMAS CARDS

This year's selection of cards are now in stock and an order form is enclosed. We also have a limited number of last year's cards available in a bumper pack. These contain three different packs of ten cards and are priced at £4.50. These are not on the order form but if you would like them please just add "bumper pack" at the end of the order form.

The next newsletter will be published after the summer draw in September. If you have any articles for inclusion please send them before the end of August!

I hope the weather improves for what remains of the summer. – Les Oakley, Chairman