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MYOSITIS NEWS FLYER WINTER 2023/24

I trust you have all had an enjoyable Christmas and are looking forward to the New Year particularly to the satisfactory progress of the charity and the continued progress being made in all forms of myositis.



We start off this news with the Global Conference in Myositis taking place in Pittsburgh, USA on March 13th – 16th. The programme is coming together and our organising friends in America are working very hard to implement an excellent agenda.

Myositis UK is playing a major part and is recognised as a platinum sponsor. We are for a second time at a global conference financing the speed funding of three grants totalling \$45,000 awarded to investigators of myositis. This has made a major impact into researching myositis and by enabling particularly young scientists and research investigators a unique opportunity to get into this field of medicine that we hope will retain their interest in muscle disease as a career.

The organisers have had an amazing thirty five applications for the three grants. Indeed, one of our former successful applicants from the Berlin conference, Erin Wilfong, is presenting at this conference. There is an international scientific panel judging the applications. The applicants will be reduced to six who will be invited to present their work in Pittsburgh where three will be selected. I have no doubt that all the applications are of worthy merit but unfortunately, financially we can only fund three. As the charity income grows from your help in fundraising, we can increase these numbers in years to come. There is no doubt that the speed funding is an exciting and innovative development and has added to the global interest in myositis research.

Although this is a conference for those in the medical and research field, patients can attend. The details of the conference, accommodation and registration can be found on the GCOM website. <https://imyos.org/>

LANDS END TO JOHN O’GROATS – UPDATE

Intrepid walkers, Criag and Karen Mosley, are setting off on the 1st May. We featured them in the last magazine and they have updated us with their fundraising page details. If you wish to sponsor them their fundraising page is:

<https://www.justgiving.com/page/craig-mosley-1698424245573>

LONDON MARATHON



This takes place on Sunday 21st April. Team Muscle are in training for this memorable event. I have no doubt the excitement and anticipation are beginning to build up for them. All they need now is your support by raising sponsorship through their fund raising pages or on the charity sponsorship forms. We are all small cogs in a bigger machine and we all play an important role. These are exciting times not only for the runners but the charity in general. The funds that you raise will help in the continuing success of medical research being made.

<https://2024tcslondonmarathon.enthuse.com/pf/lais-fraga-alegretti>

<https://2024tcslondonmarathon.enthuse.com/pf/david-oakley>

<https://2024tcslondonmarathon.enthuse.com/pf/geraldine-eardley>

<https://2024tcslondonmarathon.enthuse.com/pf/scott-jones>

<https://www.justgiving.com/page/david-jenny-jonny>

<https://www.justgiving.com/page/nickmapes>

MYOSITIS UK CONFERENCE AND AGM 2024

This is to take place on Sunday 14th July 2024 at the Woodland Grange, Leamington Spa. From the feedback of last year's conference, it proved to be as good as you can get to the ideal venue particularly as the staff were very cooperative and helpful. There is an interesting and informative programme being put together highlighting all the latest progress in medical research and treatments. Even at this early stage we have doctors and scientists committed to attend. Much is happening in these areas necessitating a yearly conference to keep up to speed with what is going on.

This conference needs you, its members, to attend and show support to the speakers from the medical profession for the work they are doing to improve the quality of your lives. The charity is fortunate that we have dedicated teams collaborating with us in this country and globally as well.

The conference is a place to meet up with other members and chat about your condition, share news and encouragement and even make new friends in the process. It is also a great opportunity to ask questions about your illness to a medical panel in an informal relaxed way. This interaction has benefits for everybody improving the way you live and cope with myositis.

Booking details are enclosed with this Myositis News Flyer. There will be an informal meet up and chat on the Saturday afternoon of the weekend with tea coffee and biscuits provided for those staying at the hotel or living or staying nearby. It will be held between 2pm and 4pm.

If you have any personal news you wish to share or items for inclusion in the next Myositis Magazine, please may I have them as soon as possible because these contributions make the magazine a more informative and interesting read. les@myositis.org.uk