

WMS 2008 Programme Outline

Monday 29 September 2008

- 15:00-18:00 | **Registration and setting up of posters** - Hilton Hotel
18:00 | **Welcome Ceremony & Reception** – Discovery Museum

Tuesday 30 September 2008

- 07:00-08:15 | **Registration and setting up posters** - Hilton Hotel
- 08:30-09:00 | **Opening of Congress 2008** - Hall 1, The SageGateshead
- 09:00-10:30 | **New Insights into the pathogenesis of facioscapulohumeral muscular dystrophy, myotonic dystrophy and other dominant muscular dystrophies;** Invited lectures (D.I. 1-3) – Hall 1, The SageGateshead
- 10:30-11:00 | **Morning Tea and Coffee**
- 11:00-12:00 | **New Insights into the pathogenesis of facioscapulohumeral muscular dystrophy, myotonic dystrophy and other dominant muscular dystrophies;** Invited lectures (D.I. 4-5) – Hall 1, The SageGateshead
- 12:00-13:00 | **Insights into new muscle diseases;** Oral presentations (G.O. 1-3) – Hall 1, The SageGateshead
- 13:00-14:30 | **Lunch and Exhibition. Meeting of Editorial Board of Neuromuscular Disorders.**
- 14:30-15:30 | **Chaired poster discussion session 1: parallel sessions (1-7)** – Hilton Hotel – (Gateshead Suite & Meeting Rooms)
Facioscapulohumeral muscular dystrophy; Posters 1 (D.P.1 01 – 13)
Collagen VI, laminopathies and neuropathies; Posters 2 (G.P.1 01 – 14)
Alpha-dystroglycan CMD including animal models; Posters 3 (G.P.2 01 – 12)
Clinical assessment tools; Posters 4 (T.P.1 01 – 14)
Clinical studies in myotonic dystrophy, myotonias and other channelopathies; Posters 5 (D.P.2 01 – 14)
Inherited and acquired myasthenias; Posters 6 (M.P.1 01 – 16)
Mitochondrial diseases; Posters 7 (G.P.3 01 – 16)
- 15:30-16:00 | **Poster Viewing session 1: presenters of all posters discussed on Tuesday 30th September to be available for poster viewing**
- 16:00-16:30 | **Afternoon Tea and Coffee and Exhibition** - Hilton Hotel
- 16:30-17:00 | **Poster Viewing session 2 : presenters of all posters discussed on Wednesday 1st October to be available for poster viewing**

17:00-18:00 **Chaired poster discussion session 2: parallel sessions (8-13)** – Hilton Hotel – (Gateshead Suite & Meeting Rooms)
 Antisense and cellular approaches to therapy development; Posters 8 (T.P.2 01 – 16)
 SMA and ALS; Posters 9 (G.P.4 01 – 15)
 Autosomal dominant diseases including caveolin-3 disorders and MFM; Posters 10 (D.P.3 01 – 14)
 Inflammatory diseases of muscle and nerve; Posters 11 (G.P.5 – 14)
 Imaging; Posters 12 (G.P.6 01 – 10)
 Dystrophin: gene and structural analysis and related proteins; Posters 13 (G.P.7 01 – 10)

Free Evening

Wednesday 1 October 2008

08:00-09:30 **Advances in the understanding and treatment of myasthenic disorders;** Invited lectures (M.I. 1-3) – Hall 1, The SageGateshead

09:30-10:00 **Morning Tea & Coffee**

10:00-11:00 **Advances in the understanding and treatment of myasthenic disorders;** Invited lectures (M.I. 4-6) – Hall 1, The SageGateshead

11:00-12:00 **Congenital myasthenia and dysferlin;** Oral Presentations (G.O.4-6) Hall 1, The SageGateshead

12:00-13:30 **Lunch and Exhibition**

13:30-14:30 **Chaired poster discussion session 3: parallel sessions (14-20)** – Hilton Hotel (Gateshead Suite & Meeting Rooms)
 Applications of animal models of disease; Posters 14 (G.P.8 01 – 13)
 Congenital myopathies I; Posters 15 (G.P.9 01 – 14)
 Dysferlinopathy; Posters 16 (G.P.10 01 – 13)
 Clinical trial infrastructure; Posters 17 (T.P.3 01 – 8)
 Myotonic dystrophy I and II, and OPMD; Posters 18 (D.P.4 01 – 13)
 Pompe Disease; Posters 19 (G.P.11 01 – 12)
 Dystrophinopathy - clinical observations; Posters 20 (G.P.12 01 – 12)

14:30-15:30 **Chaired poster discussion session 4: parallel sessions (21-26)** – Hilton Hotel (Gateshead Suite and Meeting Rooms)
 Congenital myopathies II; Posters 21 (G.P.13 01 – 16)
 Pharmacological studies in the mdx mouse; Posters 22 (T.P.4 01 – 14)
 Autosomal recessive limb-girdle muscular dystrophies; Posters 23 (G.P.14 01 – 15)
 Psychosocial aspects of muscle diseases; Posters 24 (G.P.15 01 – 12)
 Pharmacological treatment of Duchenne muscular dystrophy; Posters 25 (T.P.5 01 – 11)
 Glycogen storage disorders; Posters 26 (G. P.16 01 – 10)

17:00 **Buses depart for Alnwick Gardens** – Hotels

18:30 **The Alnwick Garden & Castle viewing** – Alnwick Castle Grounds

19:00 **Drinks Reception & Dinner at the Alnwick Gardens** – The Alnwick Garden

Thursday 2 October 2008

09:00-10:30	Therapeutic advances in neuromuscular disorders; Invited lectures (T.I. 1-3) – Hall 1, The SageGateshead
10:30-11:00	Morning Tea & Coffee
11:00-12:00	Therapeutic advances in neuromuscular disorders; Invited lectures (T.I. 4-5) – Hall 1, The SageGateshead
12:00-13:00	WMS General Assembly - Hall 1, The SageGateshead
13:00-14:00	Lunch
14:00-15:30	Testing therapies in neuromuscular disease; Oral Presentations (T.O.1-5) - Hall 1, The SageGateshead
15:30-16.00	Afternoon Tea and Coffee
16.00-18.00	Late Breaking News & Prize Giving – Hall 1, The SageGateshead
18:00	Close of the Congress – SageGateshead

General Information

Conference Venues

For Main Congress Registration & Poster Sessions

Newcastle Gateshead Hilton Hotel

Bottle Bank
Gateshead
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Badges

The badge is your passport to all conference and social activities. Be sure to wear it at all times.

Dress code

Dress informally for all conference activities, except for the Gala dinner, which requires cocktail attire.

Currency

Pound Sterling is the official currency of Britain. MasterCard and Visa are accepted almost everywhere and many places take American Express, Diners Club. ATMs are plentiful throughout the city.

Languages

The official language is English.

Weather

Autumn weather in the North East of England can be bright and sunny during the day and cool in the evenings. It is advisable to bring a coat, jacket or jersey as the air temperature may vary between 14-18 degrees centigrade and an umbrella can be useful at times.

Tipping

Tipping is at the discretion of the individual, however if a service charge is added to restaurant bills and no other tipping is expected.

Telephone and Internet

Country code: 44. Outgoing international code: 00. The Hilton Hotel has a business centre where delegates can use the Internet by purchasing an access card from £15 for 4 hours, and there is also a wireless connection available. Many of the other hotels also have wireless Internet available and there are a number of Internet cafés throughout the city.

Shopping

There are excellent shopping facilities in the area that rival the best in the country. Newcastle City Centre main shopping is in Northumberland Street and Eldon Square. The Metro Centre is one of Europe's largest indoor shopping complexes, and is situated about 5 miles from Newcastle Central Station from which there is a regular direct bus & train service. Whatever your shopping interest we can meet it, but check it out for yourself on the Visit Newcastle Gateshead website. www.newcastlegateshead.com

Food and Drink

Take a hearty serving of contemporary cuisine, stir in a range of exotic eateries, add a liberal sprinkling of home-cooked goodness and season with a pinch of pavement cafés. With so many superb restaurant options on the NewcastleGateshead menu, it's difficult to know where to start, so it is best if we point you in the direction of the Visit Newcastle Gateshead website. www.newcastlegateshead.com so you can choose yourself.

Travel around NewcastleGateshead

Most of the conference hotels are within walking distance of the venue as is the Discovery Museum, where the opening reception will be held. However there is also a Quaylink bus every 10 minutes between the Quayside and Central Station. The city is well served generally by buses and also by the Tyne and Wear Metro system.