

# Invest in ME Research

## April 2026 Newsletter

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Invest in ME Research celebrates its twentieth year as an independent UK charity in 2026 - twenty years of facilitating and funding an international strategy of high-quality, collaborative biomedical research into Myalgic Encephalomyelitis (ME), and promoting better education and information about ME.

Twenty years of raising awareness of the effects of the disease on patients and families and advocating to overcome ignorance and misinformation about the disease.

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## International ME Conference Week 2026

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Speakers and delegates from over twenty countries will be attending our international ME conference week. With four events planned this will be the largest conference week yet - and possibly the only ME conference events in the world that span five full days - a great testament to Invest in ME research supporters. Our chairman's welcome message is here -

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## IIMEC18 - 18th International ME Conference

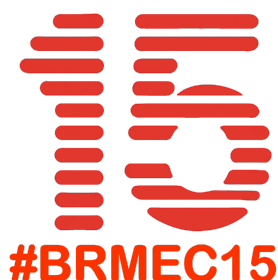


Registration for the 18th International ME Conference is open. Taking place on 29 May registration is available using the button below.

[Register here](#)

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## BRMEC15 -15th International Research Colloquium



Registration for researchers is open for our fifteenth Biomedical Research into ME Colloquium on 27-29 May 2026 - #BRMEC15.

We have also extended the deadline for poster presentations.

[Register interest here](#)



## Cambridge in May

Another event in International ME Conference Week 2026 is the Young EMERG symposium - two full days - a workshop for young/early career researchers chaired by the Young European ME Research Group. This will be held over two days - 25-26 May. Registration for the workshop is now open.

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## Our Conference Week Sponsors

We are extremely grateful for sponsors of the international ME conference week events.

All of the work involved in arranging and hosting the conference events is achieved by volunteers but the costs involved in staging these events and supporting EMERG and Young EMERG and subsidising many researchers who participate can be substantial.

For 20 years the charity has staged these events, increasing the scope and ambition every year, and this can only be achieved with the support that we receive. These organisations have contributed this year to the administration costs and we thank them for their support.



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## New Summer Student Bursaries for 2026



Following the successful Summer Student Bursaries awarded last year ([click here](#)) the charity is again offering bursaries for medical students this summer, allowing them to take part in research at the ME centre with the Quadram Institute.

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### Mike's EU Marathons

Mike Harley is planning more marathons - the Sarajevo Marathon in Bosnia on April 26th, and then Iceland in August.

Mike will also be at the #IIMEC18 conference on 29 May. See him there.

[Support Mike](#)



### Ellen Piro

Thanks to Ellen Piro for celebrating her birthday with a fundraiser for Invest in ME Research. [Ellen's work was a foundation and support for much of the advocacy performed over the years by the charity and by many others.](#)

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### IIMER Fellow Research Pre-print



A pre-print from Luna Nova follow Dr Krishani Perera et al - Human Endogenous Retroviruses and Myalgic Encephalomyelitis/Chronic Fatigue Syndrome: Emerging Insights into Their Role in Disease Pathogenesis, Immune Dysregulation, and as Potential Biomarkers and Therapeutic Targets

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## European ME Alliance News



EMEA has been selected as a participant in the WHO/Europe Public Health Innovation Platform, within the “Policy, Governance & Financing” thematic group - an opportunity to influence how services are commissioned and how innovations are assessed.

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