Welcome to our 59th TREAT-NMD newsletter. Our conference website is taking bookings for the November conference in Brussels and it is still possible to take advantage of the discounted early booking rate. We have been delighted by the response to our ‘call for abstracts’ and to allow those with vacation commitments and those who have not yet had the opportunity to register to submit an abstract we are extending the deadline for abstract submission to Friday 31st July.

This edition includes details of the European Molecular Biology Organization (EMBO) Molecular Medicine Sabbaticals - applications need to submitted by 1st August. We also have a vacancy in the coordination office here in Newcastle: the role specifically focuses on DMD and applications for this post need to reach us by 23rd July – further details can be found in the job opportunities section of the TREAT-NMD website.

Best wishes from,
Katie, Volker, Hanns, Steve, Emma, Rachel, Sam and Michael,
the Newcastle TREAT-NMD team

TREAT-NMD conference - abstract submission deadline extended to 31st July!

We have been delighted by the number and variety of submissions we have received for poster presentations at our November conference. In response to a number of requests to allow those with vacation commitments and those who haven’t had a chance to register for the conference to submit an abstract, we have decided to extend our deadline for submission by two weeks, making the new deadline Friday 31st July.

This is an exciting opportunity for anyone engaged in translational research in neuromuscular disease to present their work - from the basic science and cutting-edge research that will be the foundation for tomorrow's therapies through to the intricacies of clinical trial design.

We are encouraging abstract submission from clinical and research groups worldwide under a number of main themes, to correspond with the themes of the plenary sessions at the conference.

All abstracts will be reviewed by the programme committee after the closing date, and applicants will be informed of the outcome of the review by the end of August 2009. Accepted abstracts will be published in the conference book provided to all delegates and will appear on the conference website and TREAT-NMD website.

Submit your abstract here.

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Vacancy: TREAT-NMD DMD UK Coordinator

We are looking for a coordinator to work with Action Duchenne within the framework of TREAT-NMD to lead on the UK dissemination and integration of tools developed by the TREAT-NMD network partners and collaborators. In particular the candidate will facilitate the involvement of UK trial centres in upcoming DMD clinical trials by assisting the Principal Investigators, identifying funding opportunities and carrying out regulatory document filing and reporting.

Based in the coordination office in Newcastle UK the coordinator will also be responsible for enhancing the excellence available in UK trials sites / centres by disseminating the TREAT-NMD standards of care and helping centres implement them, and organising training within the framework of TREAT-NMD, where necessary.

Closing date is 23rd July 2009.

Funded by Action Duchenne, this position is tenable for 12 months in the first instance.

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European Molecular Biology Organization (EMBO) Molecular
**Medicine Sabbaticals**

The European Molecular Biology Organization (EMBO) is funding a number of Molecular Medicine Sabbaticals aimed at establishing collaborations between clinicians and research scientists and to support clinicians who wish to visit basic research laboratories in a different EMBO Member State.

Molecular Medicine Sabbaticals are not awarded for exchanges within the same country and are intended for joint research work rather than consultations. The sabbaticals cover travel plus subsistence of the clinician only and not of any dependents. Molecular Medicine Sabbaticals are intended for visits of six months up to twelve months duration.

Application for EMBO Molecular Medicine Sabbatical is online only with the deadline being 1st August 2009. NO hard copies are required. The applicant must provide the names and addresses of two referees (not from receiving institute) who are required to send a confidential letter of reference to the EMBO Fellowship office by post. The proposed receiving institute must submit an acceptance form by post.

Preference will be given to clinicians who are still in their training/clinical specialisation period. All applications must involve an institution of origin and a receiving institution in the EMBC Member States. The application must involve movement between countries.

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**TREAT-NMD newsletter summer break**

This is the penultimate edition before the newsletter (but not the coordination team!) takes a break for the summer. Our final newsletter before the summer break will be sent out on 31st July 2009.

If you have any conferences, meetings or news in general that you want the neuromuscular world to know about please contact us here in the coordination office (info@treat-nmd.eu) by Wednesday 29th July. Please include comprehensive details and if possible an accompanying image.

Our newsletter returns on Friday 4th September 2009.

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