

Australian Autoimmunity Foundation, Inc
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2008/9 Annual Report to Members

Dear Members,

We are pleased to present the third annual report of the activities of the Australian Autoimmunity Foundation, Inc.

GP's Workshop and Seminar

In June we ran our first workshop for medical practitioners with Marshall Protocol patients. Nine GPs attended the workshop which was held at the University of New South Wales. Professor Marshall was able to attend, as he was en route to Murdoch University in Perth. Feedback from medical practitioners has been very supportive and we intend to run similar workshops and seminars in coming years.

Patient Networking Meetings

This year we again ran a small number of patient networking forums in Sydney and in Melbourne where patients and care givers are able to make contact, share information and create support networks in a variety of forms.

Extension of Website

During the year Peter de Jager, our webmaster, continued to make extensions and additions to the website. Because of work and family commitments Peter will not be continuing in this role after October. We are seeking the support of any of our members who have website maintenance and management skills to continue this important role.

Availability of prescription drugs and MP supplies

During the year Australian supplies of pure bulk quercetin and slow release olmesartan became available.

Management Committee

During the year your Management Committee meet via phone conference five times.

Financial Report

The Financial Report of the Foundation is attached to this report.

Gift Fund

During the year 17 of our members donated a total of \$2,929 to the Gift Fund. We thank them each for their support.. As at June 30 2009 the Foundation had cash reserves of \$10,065 of which \$7,578 is accounted for by the Gift Fund.

Since we were established three years ago our spending has been quite small and our bank balances continue to grow. However, we are conscious that any significant extensions of our activities into research or drug registration could very quickly use much of our present cash reserves.

Plans for 2009/2010

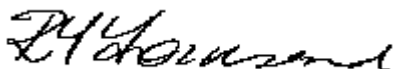
This year we wish to extend our patient network meetings, so as to become more regular in the capital cities outside of Sydney and Melbourne. We will promote these through the many medical practices which now have MP patients.

We have started tentative planning for a national conference to be held in Canberra in 2010 or 2011. We plan to hold a range of wide range of sessions covering lectures, workshops and tutorials targeted to the different needs of medical researchers, doctors, nurses and patients. Budgets permitting, we plan to invite one or more overseas speakers to the conference.

We note that several different organisations with aims similar to ours are starting to be set up in the UK, Holland and in the USA. We will look for avenues for co-operation with these groups.

We also plan to take some tentative first steps towards Therapeutics Goods Registration (TGA) registration of minocycline for the use in some presentations of sarcoidosis, though it is likely it will be another year or more before we have collected sufficient clinical trial data to be able to formally lodge an application with the TGA.

Signed on 1 September 2009



Robert Townsend President

On behalf of the Management Committee :

Robyn Russell	Vice President
Vicki Ryan	Secretary/Treasurer
Peter de Jager	Member
Chris Boys	Member (until June 2009)