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Professor Richard K Burt,  
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Dear A/Professor Burt,

MS Research Australia will hold the 10<sup>th</sup> biennial scientific conference on "Progress in MS Research" in Sydney on October 15 and 16 2009. The purpose of the conference is to provide a forum for researchers in Australia to share their research and it provides for eminent international speakers to address the Australian MS research community on areas of topical interest.

The themes for this 2009 conference are:

1. Neuropathogenesis and Proteomics
2. Genetics
3. Virology
4. Stem cell therapies for MS

On behalf of MS Research Australia and the Research Management Council, it is my very great pleasure to invite you to be our guest at the forthcoming conference and deliver a lecture on "Stem Cell therapy in MS, advances and future directions" on October 16 2009.

MS Research Australia will be pleased to provide a business class return airfare, or two economy class airfares, to enable you to attend our conference. Accommodation and registration at the conference will also be provided.

I would be delighted to hear if you are able to attend. Please respond by June 20, 2009.

Yours sincerely

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8.00 Coffee Tea  
VIROLOGY CHAIR SUZANNE HODGINSON

08.45 The role of EBV in the pathogenesis of MS - Michael Pender University of Queensland

09.15 An investigation of the role of Epstein Barr and Human Herpes 6 viral infection in the onset of central nervous system demyelination. Anne-Louise Ponsonby on behalf of the Ausimmune Investigator Group.

09.45 EBV and MS: Lessons from Hepatitis and HIV - Simon Mallal Royal Perth Hospital in Western Australia

10.30 Coffee Tea  
LIFE ISSUES CHAIR LIZ MACDONALD

11.00 Employment and MS - Dianne Playford, The Institute of Neurology, Queen Square Department of Brain Repair & Rehabilitation, London UK

11.30 Life issues in MS from an Australian perspective, Dr Rex Simmons, Canberra Hospital

11.45 Outcomes of Multiple sclerosis Rehabilitation Program at the Royal Melbourne Hospital Fary Khan, The University of Melbourne & Royal Melbourne Hospital

12.00 Flatter diurnal cortisol slope is associated with regional hippocampal atrophy and depressive symptoms in multiple sclerosis - Dr Stephan Gold, Multiple Sclerosis Program, Dept Neurology UCLA School of Medicine

12.15 The Psychosocial Impact on Children Coping with Parental MS, Kenneth I. Pakenham, University of Queensland

12.30 POSTER VIEWING

13.00 Lunch

STEM CELL THERAPIES TBA

14.00 Hematopoietic stem cell Transplantation for Multiple Sclerosis - Richard Burt North Western University

14.40 Therapeutic Potential of Human Mesenchymal Stem Cells for Neurodegenerative Diseases - Dr Natalie Payne

15.05 Gene therapy for the induction of immunological tolerance in experimental autoimmune encephalomyelitis - Frank Alderuccio, Monash University

15.35 IL-5 therapy promotes antigen specific CD4<sup>+</sup>CD25<sup>+</sup>T cells to prevent autoimmune mediated demyelination - Bruce Hall, University of New South Wales

15.55 Monoclonals and oral therapies in perspective - John King, Royal Melbourne Hospital

16.15 YOUNG INVESTIGATOR AWARD TREVOR KILPATRICK

15.30 CLOSE BILL CARROLL