

One year to go until major scientific conference in NewcastleGateshead

The largest international conference on mitochondrial disease, Euromit, will be held from 14–17th June 2020 in NewcastleGateshead.

Taking place at the iconic Sage Gateshead and hosted by the Wellcome Centre for Mitochondrial Research (WCMR), Newcastle University and Newcastle upon Tyne Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust (NuTH), Euromit is expected to attract over 650 clinicians and scientists from across the world.

The Wellcome Centre was established to integrate basic and clinical mitochondrial disease research and to train young researchers.

The prestigious four-day event will host talks from globally renowned experts in the mitochondrial field, which is the study of mitochondria needed for energy production within the human body.

Paul Szomoru, director of business events at NewcastleGateshead Convention Bureau, said: “We are thrilled to have been selected as the host city for Euromit 2020. NewcastleGateshead is a truly globally accessible city and we look forward to welcoming delegates from around the world.

“NewcastleGateshead has a track record of hosting high-profile medical conferences and this is testament to our sector strengths in medical sciences and research, as well as having one of the country’s leading medical schools at Newcastle University. The event will be a great opportunity to showcase these strengths not just to the UK but internationally.”

Professor Sir Doug Turnbull, Director of the WCMR, based at Newcastle University, said: “Newcastle is world-leading in the area of mitochondrial research. The conference will provide a superb opportunity for Newcastle University and Newcastle Upon Tyne Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust to showcase research, clinical expertise and impact, to the largest international audience in the mitochondrial field.

“Everything we do is to improve the lives of those affected by mitochondrial disease and to help patients and their families both now and in the future. As well as the main conference, we are also hosting a joint patient conference with support from The Lily Foundation, the UK’s leading mitochondrial disease charity, allowing patients to interact and engage with clinicians, research scientists and policy makers.”

Dr Julie Murphy, Public Engagement Manager for the WCMR, Newcastle University, said: “We are very excited about Euromit 2020 and want to ensure it is a truly collaborative event for everyone involved. We will be sharing more

information about the meeting over the coming months and would encourage people to visit the Euromit 2020 website or follow us on social media”.

More information will be available on the Euromit 2020 website (www.euromit2020.com) and on social media (@Euromit2020).

Anna Eyres, head of conferences and events at Sage Gateshead said: “We’re really pleased to be welcoming the next Euromit conference. Their last conference was held in Cologne and so we’re really proud that Sage Gateshead has been chosen to host the next one in 2020. As an international event venue, Sage Gateshead has an unrivalled location, world-class acoustics, expert events team and state-of-the-art technical and production facilities, and we’re sure that everyone who comes here will appreciate everything that the North East region has to offer.”

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Notes to Editors:

About NewcastleGateshead Convention Bureau

- NewcastleGateshead Convention Bureau (part of NewcastleGateshead Initiative) uses local knowledge and expertise to help organise conferences, meetings or events in NewcastleGateshead and the surrounding area. It provides a free service including, venue sourcing and accommodation booking, to arranging transport and entertainment for delegates.
- NewcastleGateshead Initiative is a destination management and marketing agency; a public-private partnership supported by Gateshead and Newcastle City Councils, working with around 170 private sector partner organisations across NewcastleGateshead and the wider region.
- United by seven bridges across a spectacular riverscape, Newcastle (a city on the north bank of the River Tyne) and Gateshead (a town on the south bank) form a single, diverse and extremely vibrant visitor destination. World-class culture, vibrant nightlife, award-winning dining, inspiring heritage, fantastic shopping and acclaimed architecture are combined here like nowhere else, by the famous Geordie spirit which is symbolised by Antony Gormley’s iconic Angel of the North as it welcomes travellers to the area.

Imagery / photography opportunities:

- www.NewcastleGateshead.com/Images - NewcastleGateshead’s Initiative’s extensive royalty free image library.

Useful links:

- www.NewcastleGateshead.com/meet - conference and events website for NewcastleGateshead.
- <https://www.newcastle-mitochondria.com/> - website for the Wellcome Centre for Mitochondrial Research at Newcastle University



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- <https://www.thelilyfoundation.org.uk/> - website for The Lily Foundation