



Lyme Disease Action
8th Tick Borne Diseases Conference 2009
Speakers and Topics

Dr Anne Cruikshank MB, ChB, MRCGP, DRCOG

Lyme in General Practice

Anne Cruikshank graduated from Bristol University in 1985 and qualified as a General Practitioner in 1990. After a long spell as a partner in Somerset she took a career break to move to France with her husband & young children. She has now returned to General Practice in the UK.

As a mainstream GP with both personal and professional experience of Lyme disease she has a clear insight into the difficulties encountered by General Practitioners when dealing with this complex illness.

Mr Mark Fenton

What you could do when you don't know

Mark Fenton started his working life as a Mental Health Nurse. He has since undertaken training in psychoanalytic psychotherapy, sociology, and epidemiology and has worked clinically in acute mental health inpatient units. He then worked at the Centre for Evidence-Based Nursing at the University of York and the Cochrane Schizophrenia Group at the Universities of Leeds and Oxford.

For the last four years he has been Database Editor of the Database of Uncertainties about the Effects of Treatments (DUETs) which has been established by the James Lind Initiative and is co-funded by the Medical Research Council and the Department of Health.

Dr Judith Miklossy PhD, MD

Persistence of Borrelia in Tissues, and Features of Chronic Lyme

After qualifying as a doctor at the University Medical School of Debrecen in Hungary Judith Miklossy moved into Neurology at the same University then to Psychiatry working at the National Institute of Neurology and Psychiatry in Budapest. She then worked as neuropathologist at the University Medical School of Lausanne in Switzerland where she was head of the research group "Neurodegeneration" at the University Institute of Pathology.

In recent years Judith worked in both Canada and Switzerland where her research interests encompassed the neurology of Lyme disease and Alzheimer's. She is a member of the board of directors of the Canadian Lyme Disease Foundation, Member of the Advisory Board of the German Borreliosis Society and of the Association of Director Physicians of Swiss Hospitals. She is here to represent the Canadian Lyme Disease Foundation.

Dr David Owen BSc, MB, BCh, LLM

The Unacceptable Face of Lyme Disease Testing

David Owen qualified as a doctor at the University of Wales in 1984. His post-graduate career has included appointments in Accident and Emergency medicine, hospital medicine and General Practice. David has on-going experience in the treatment of patients in an Accident and Emergency setting: for example, the surgical management of wounds, orthopaedic management of acute injuries including manipulations and the management of acute medical problems.

Having developed a special interest in tick-borne diseases David is a member of the International Lyme and Associated Disease Society (ILADS) and has attended the ILADS and Lyme Disease Association Conferences in Philadelphia. He acts as an advisor to the UK charity 'Lyme Disease Action' for whom he has chaired several conferences.

Dr Barbara Vidal-Hollaender MD

The Efficacy of Long Term Treatment

Graduating as an MD from Aix Marseille II University. Barbara Vidal-Hollaender's speciality training included internal medicine, transmissible diseases, infectious pathology and tropical medicine.

Her hospital work has been at Amiens Hospital at the infectious department and Hôpital Paul Brousse near Paris at the infectious and internal medicine department. Recently she has been engaged in infectious pathology consultancy and over the last year she has been working with Professor Perronne at Raymond Poncaré hospital at Garches near Paris on research concerning patients with Lyme disease.

For 3 years Barbara has been a full member of the French commission responsible for publicity control and publication of recommendations on the correct use of drugs. She has co-authored several papers in European medical journals and contributed to a number of conferences.
