



**Lyme Disease Action**  
**7th Tick Borne Diseases Conference**  
**Speakers**

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**Dr Robert Bransfield MD, FAPA**

After graduating from Rutgers College and the George Washington University School of Medicine, Dr Bransfield completed his psychiatric residency training at Sheppard and Enoch Pratt Hospital. He is board certified by the American Board of Psychiatry and Neurology in Psychiatry.



Dr. Bransfield's primary activity is an office based private practice of psychiatry with an emphasis upon treatment resistant cases. In addition, Dr Bransfield is the Associate Director of Psychiatry and the Chairman of Quality Assurance at Riverview Medical Center in Red Bank, New Jersey.

He has held teaching appointments at Hahnemann Medical College and Eastern Virginia Medical School. He has taught in many settings to physicians, mental health professionals and the public. He has performed research, and has a particular interest in psychopharmacology, a unified theory of mental health and illness, the link between microbes and mental illness, Lyme and other tick-borne disease, violence, and the link between microbes and violence.

Dr Bransfield has authored and co-authored a number of publications in peer-reviewed literature, other medical publications and books. He has held a number of administrative positions for various organizations involved with a number of health, mental health and community related activities.

**Dr Sarah Chissell MBChB, MRCOG**



Since qualifying at the University of Bristol, Dr Chissell has held a number of hospital posts. She has been based at William Harvey Hospital, Ashford since February 1998 as consultant obstetrician and gynaecologist. Prior to that she was a registrar at Southmead Hospital, and a senior registrar at Poole Hospital and Princess Anne Hospital, Southampton. She has a special interest in foetal medicine.

Her first contact with Lyme disease was when her young son contracted it in France. She has since been on a steep learning curve trying to understand the disease.

**Dr Klaus Eisendle MSc, PhD, MD**



Graduating as an MD from Innsbruck Medical School Dr Eisendle completed a PhD in immunobiology and oncology. During this research he spent periods in hospitals throughout Europe, including Kings College Hospital London and the WHO Centre for Palliative Care, Oxford University.

Currently a clinical researcher, he is now nearing the end of his speciality training in dermatology and sexual transmitted diseases, having worked at Innsbruck Medical University departments of infectious diseases, internal medicine, psychiatry and surgery. He has co-authored a large number of publications in European medical journals.

## **Dr David Owen BSc, MB, BCh, LLM**

Dr. 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. Dr. Owen 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. Dr. Owen is legally qualified and has special experience in the preparation of reports for medico-legal purposes addressing issues such as fitness for work and medical negligence and has attended court as a medical expert.



In the last few years Dr. Owen has developed a special interest in tick-borne diseases. Dr. Owen 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.

## **Professor Sarah Randolph BA, MA, PhD**

Professor Randolph studied Zoology at St Anne's College, Oxford and then completed a PhD at King's College, London on the ecology of rodent ticks. After holding a Jubilee Post-doctoral Fellowship at Royal Holloway College for one year, she took up the post of Departmental Lecturer in Vertebrate Zoology in the Department of Zoology in Oxford.



Bound by family responsibilities to Oxford, she has held a series of externally funded Research Fellowships from the Leverhulme Trust, the Royal Society, the Wellcome Trust and the Natural Environment Research Council. At the same time, she has played a variety of academic roles at St Anne's, Pembroke and New Colleges, and was the first Fellow in Biological Sciences at Oriel College (1994-2000) before joining Christ Church in 2002.

Her research interests include the ecology of arthropod vectors of pathogens; the epidemiology of vector-borne diseases, particularly tick-borne diseases such as tick-borne encephalitis and Lyme disease in Europe. She has a large number of publications to her credit.

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