



International Alliance of ALS/MND Associations

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<p>Peter M. Andersen, MD, PhD</p> <p>Consultant in Neurology and Associate Professor of Clinical Neuroscience, Umeå University Hospital, Sweden</p>	<p>Since 1992 Professor Andersen has been performing clinical, genetic and protein ALS-research with emphasis on ALS associated with mutations in the SOD1 gene. His particular focus is on clinical-genetic aspects of ALS and the development of European consensus guidelines for genetic testing and counselling of ALS patients and their relatives.</p>
<p>Nigel Leigh, BSc, PhD, MB BS, FRCP, FMedSci</p> <p>Professor of Clinical Neurology and Director of the King's MND Care and Research Centre</p>	<p>Since 1989 Professor Leigh has built an internationally recognised Centre for Excellence in Research and Care at King's College Hospital, in collaboration with the MND Association.</p>
<p>Robert Bowser, Ph.D.</p> <p>Director Center for ALS Research University of Pittsburgh School of Medicine</p>	<p>Dr Bowser's research includes the discovery of biomarkers to more rapidly diagnose ALS/MND and determine the effectiveness of drugs in clinical trials. His laboratory has been a leader in the use of new technologies to discover biomarkers in ALS patients.</p> <p>Robert is also the Director of a tissue bank that harvests tissue samples and then distributes samples to ALS/MND scientists for research studies. He also has started a biotechnology company that currently has a drug in Phase II clinical trials for ALS/MND.</p>
<p>Brian Dickie PhD</p> <p>Director of Research Development MND Association</p>	<p>Since 1997 Dr Dickie has implemented the Association's research strategy. This involves overseeing a programme of research projects, influencing other funding bodies and researchers to become involved in MND research and organising the International Symposium on ALS/MND (the world's largest medical conference on the disease). From being an undergraduate neuroscientist onwards, Brian has always been fascinated in how the brain could do so much and yet we know so little about it'.</p>
<p>Jeffrey Rosenfeld PhD, MD, FAAN</p> <p>Chief Division of Neurology UCSF-Fresno Director Neuromuscular/ALS Center UCSF-Fresno</p>	<p>Dr Rosenfeld has been an active participant in the MND scientific community for over 15 years. He has participated or initiated numerous clinical trials for patients with MND. In addition he has directed a basic science laboratory focused on underlying mechanisms, particularly synergistic applications of potential therapeutic compounds ('cocktail therapy').</p> <p>He recently moved to UCSF-Fresno to establish a new program there in an area markedly underserved. Previously he founded and directed the Carolinas Neuromuscular/ALS Center in Charlotte, NC, a Center nationally known for aggressive, proactive treatment approaches</p>

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