



ALS/MND Connect 2019

At: Perth Convention and Exhibition Centre, Meeting rooms 1 and 2
 On: Monday 2 December 2019
 From: 2pm to 4.30pm

MND Australia in partnership with MND Western Australia are the hosts for the 27th International ALS/MND Alliance meetings and the 30th International ALS/MND Symposium in Perth in 2019.

The ALS/MND Connect (Ask the Experts) session is organised each year by the host association and the International Alliance of ALS/MND Associations. The aim of this session is to connect people living with ALS/MND, their family and friends with leading international researchers. This interactive session provides the community with the opportunity to ask questions about latest research advances from around the world.

To assist with organisation please register to attend this free session [here](#).

Chairperson: Professor Merrilee Needham,
 Head of the Department of Neurology, Fiona Stanley Hospital, Perth

14.00	Welcoming address	MND Australia Person living with MND – TBA
14.15	Hope is on the Horizon – advances in research	Professor Matthew Kiernan AM Bushell Chair of Neurology, The University of Sydney Faculty of Medicine and Health President, Australian & New Zealand Association of Neurologists Director, Discovery and Translation, Brain and Mind Centre, Sydney
14.35	Causes of ALS/MND	Professor Ammar Al Chalabi Professor of Neurology and Complex Disease Genetics Head, Department of Basic and Clinical Neuroscience, Director, King's MND Care and Research Centre, London
14.55	Clinical trials – accelerating ALS/MND therapy development through new innovative designs	Professor Leonard Van den Berg Professor of Neurology, Director Netherlands ALS Center University Medical Center Utrecht, chairman of the Neuromuscular Centre the Netherlands, and chairman of the European Network to Cure ALS (ENCALS), a network of the European ALS Centres.
15.15	Q and A	Questions from the audience and people attending via the live streaming website
16.20	Closing remarks	Chairperson – Professor Merrilee Needham

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 the session will be filmed and live streamed for those unable to attend.**