



13th Annual European Neurofibromatosis Meeting

October 30th - 2nd November 2008

Killarney, Co. Kerry, Ireland



Neurofibromatosis in the 21st century - Education and information for families, health professionals and scientists

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The Neurofibromatosis Association of Ireland would like to extend a very warm welcome to the 13th European Neurofibromatosis Meeting, “education and information for families, health professionals and scientists”.

The conference takes place in Killarney, situated in the heart of the beautiful south-west of Ireland. Killarney was the first Tourist Destination in Ireland and has a tradition of welcoming visitors for almost three centuries. Monarchs, Poets, Artists, Writers and Composers have visited and been inspired by the unique and unsurpassed beauty of the region. The breathtaking beauty of the landscape, the majestic mountains and mystical lakes combine to make Killarney the ultimate jewel in quality holiday destinations. Described as a place for all seasons it's world famous National Park, Muckross House & Gardens, Golf Courses and the Ring of Kerry offer wonderful experiences never to be forgotten. Therefore I'm optimistic Killarney will make an ideal setting and set the tone for an informative and successful conference.

The conference will take place at the five-star Brehon Hotel located 1Km from Killarney town centre and offers an ideal forum for the comprehensive and exciting programme being put together by the Scientific Board of Nf. Europe. It's expected the conference will be attended by representatives from upwards on twenty-two countries with contributions from Health Professionals and Scientists from the US, Europe, UK and Ireland. Participants will have access to the latest advances in research and medical care and enable all those involved in the welfare of patients with Neurofibromatosis to have a better understanding and essential knowledge to take back to their own country.

An exciting addition to the conference will be the “Lay Group Seminar”, focused at Nf. patients and their families. The seminar will run in parallel with the scientific meeting. With an expected attendance of 150 lay people it is hoped families will leave with a better understanding of Neurofibromatosis, how to manage the condition and what to look out for particularly in young children. Speakers attending the scientific meeting will take time out to address the Lay Group Seminar, therefore it's rarely, if ever, such an opportunity will present itself again for health professionals and Nf. families across Ireland.

The burden placed on Nf. patients and their families cannot be overstated, arguably patients get what can only be described as a “raw deal” from the medical services. Therefore we are appealing to Health Professionals from around the world and in particular our own medical people to support the conference. Hopefully, together we can stimulate further research and clinical developments, so important those affected by this little known but serious genetic condition.

We in NF Ireland look forward to extending a “cead mile failte” (a very warm welcome) to everyone and a stimulating few Days in Killarney.

Paddy Griffin
CEO
Neurofibromatosis Association of Ireland



Neurofibromatosis in the 21st century

THEMES

- Education and information for families, health professionals and scientists
- Neurofibromatosis in the 21st century
- Partners in Care –
Neurofibromatosis 1 and 2 from a family and medical perspective

OUTLINE SCIENTIFIC & LAY GROUP PROGRAMMES

Thursday 30th October – Sunday 2nd November

- Thursday:** Registration and Welcome Reception - Brehon Hotel
- Friday:** Scientific Conference - Brehon Hotel
Lay Group Seminar – Gleneagle Hotel
Civic Reception - Brehon Hotel
Social evening with entertainment in Scots Hotel
- Saturday:** Scientific Conference - Brehon Hotel
Lay Group Seminar – Gleneagle Hotel
Drinks reception followed by Gala Dinner at the Brehon Hotel
- Sunday:** Scientific Conference - Brehon Hotel
(this will be a joint session, health professionals and lay people together)
Conference Close
Lunch

WHO SHOULD ATTEND

The Neurofibromatosis Association of Ireland would like to extend a very warm invitation to scientists, clinicians, Nf. families and people involved in the care and welfare of patients. The conference will facilitate the sharing of scientific advances and discussion on treatments culminating in improved care and management of Neurofibromatosis. The programme will be structured to ensure all participants return home with essential information and knowledge on this little known genetic condition.

The scientific conference aims to provide a forum for health professional and scientists to share up-to-date findings and developments in the field of Neurofibromatosis.

The lay group seminar will ensure that Patients, Families and Carers have an opportunity to share their concerns with some of the worlds leading experts, learn about scientific advances and how to cope with the challenges of living and raising children with Neurofibromatosis.



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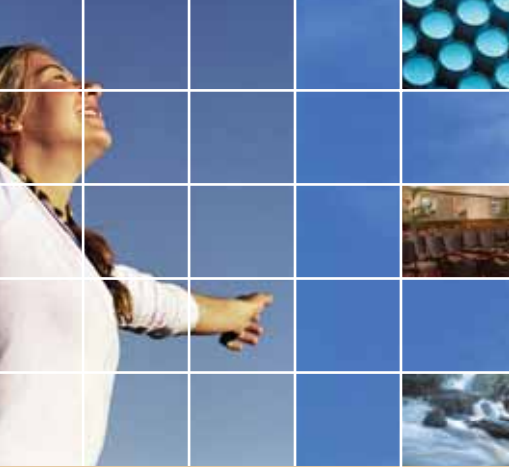
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General information

Beautiful south west of Ireland

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REGISTRATION FORM



Complete this form online at:
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SOCIAL PROGRAMME

We have put together an exciting social programme that will include a welcome reception on the Thursday, an evening reception on the Friday and a gala dinner on the Saturday. These will give delegates and lay people the opportunity to meet in a relaxed environment and catch up with old friends.



CONFERENCE VENUE AND LOCATION

13th Annual European Neurofibromatosis Meeting will be held in The Brehon Hotel and Gleneagle Conference Centre in Killarney, Co. Kerry, Ireland.

Killarney has some of Ireland's most beautiful scenery and is an ideal location for the conference.

The Scientific conference will take place in The Brehon Hotel, which is a four star hotel located 1km from Killarney town centre.

The Lay Person conference will take place in The Gleneagle Conference Centre, which is a three star hotel, located beside the Brehon Hotel.



GETTING TO KILLARNEY

Killarney can be easily accessed by road and rail and has its own Regional Airport, Farnfore (Kerry) is located 15 minutes from the town centre. Aer Arann and Ryanair both fly into Kerry airport with daily flights from Dublin, London Stansted, Manchester and Frankfurt. Please see the airport website for flight details www.kerryairport.ie Shannon airport is located 137km from Killarney, which is under a two-hour drive. There are daily flights to over 42 destinations in Europe, America and Russia. Please see the airport website for flight details www.shannonairport.com



ACCOMMODATION

We are holding a range of accommodation, which includes the four star Brehon Hotel, the three star Gleneagle Hotel and a number of excellent four-star self-catering apartments on the hotel grounds.



For Further Information

Please see the conference website www.nfaireland.ie for regular updates

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