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National Macmillan Mesothelioma Resource Centre

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MESOTHELIOMA UK UPDATE

Mesothelioma UK Charitable Trust is now accepting donations and a flyer has been developed to advertise the charity. Enquiries from anyone interested in becoming a trustee for the charity would be very welcome. The charity exists to raise money to fund the services provided by Mesothelioma UK; namely the helpline, website, educational events, newsletters etc.

Website and Helpline: In the last quarter Mesothelioma UK has received 217 contacts via the helpline or email and there have been 2217 hits on the website.

M-NAT: A poster outlining the activities of the Mesothelioma Nurse Action Team (M-NAT) was presented at BTOG. Two meetings for the group are scheduled for 2009; 2nd June - Manchester and 5th & 6th November Bristol or London (TBC).

Action Mesothelioma Day: Mesothelioma UK is circulating regular updates about AMD activities. If you would like to receive these updates please contact us or if you are holding an event to mark AMD let us know.

Thank you for your continued support.

Liz



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Chemotherapy in Mesothelioma Project (ChiMP)

ChiMP is nearing the end of the audit registration period and the response has been phenomenal and that is totally down to the hard work, commitment and enthusiasm shown. To date we have 631 patients registered and the number is still rising so if you have patients to register then please do so as **quickly as possible!** If you register patients within the next couple of weeks, we do recognise you will need time to complete data collection and so we will be accepting data for several more months, the exact date is yet to be confirmed. I also would like to encourage you to go over your records and send any updated information you have on your current registered patients.

This number of registrations has far exceeded our expectations and the figures should encourage anyone who was thinking of undertaking such a project in the future.

ChiMP will be represented at BTOG in Dublin which is where we launched last year, we have a stand and we have entered a poster so if you are there please go and take a look and see what you have been supporting all year.

We are hoping to put a report together once all the data has been collated and I will be sending out a final news letter (date to be confirmed) so please look out for that!

All that remains for me to say is a very big thank you to you all for making this project a real success.

Best wishes,
Jill Lemon

National Centre for Asbestos-Related Diseases

Stakeholders Meeting, 4th December 2008, House of Commons

The Australian National Research Centre for Asbestos Related Diseases (NCARD) was launched in December 2006. Federal Government funding of AUS\$6.2million was used to fund a centrally-supported consortium of researchers and projects. Researchers were invited to submit protocols competitively for international expert peer review: the best 11 projects were granted funding over three years of between AUS\$90,115 and AUS\$846,385. These represented nine research groups from four states across Australia. Basic science, clinical and epidemiological projects were included. Prof Bruce Robinson, an eminent expert in MM tumour immunology, was appointed Director of NRCARD, with the coordinating office sited within his unit at the University of Western Australia.

Within UK Mesothelioma interested groups there is a desire to mirror the success of Australia's NCARD here in the UK. To this end a meeting hosted by Michael Clapham, MP, was attended by over 40 key stakeholders, with representation including the following: Members of Parliament; research and clinical groups; asbestos victims support groups; trade unions; asbestos industry; legal firms; the media; mesothelioma research funds; British Lung Foundation; Department of Health; Department of Work and Pensions; the insurance industry; National Cancer Research Institute; asbestos industry.

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The agenda included:

- The experience of the Australian NRCARD
- A showcase of current mesothelioma research in the UK
- Future research strategy
- The rationale for NCARD
- Open discussion

The major outcomes were the establishment of an NCARD Development Group and a strategy for immediate action. Discussion also examined the potential methods of funding. The next steps include a meeting with Mike Richards (DoH National Cancer Director) and Hannah Campbell (DoH Research and Development) scheduled for 2nd February. liz.darlison@uhl-tr.nhs.uk

Mesothelioma UK Website

The Mesothelioma UK website (www.mesothelioma.uk.com) contains information on Mesothelioma including symptom control and clinical trials. It has downloadable factsheets detailing the benefits that are available to patients and how to go about obtaining legal advice and carries a list of asbestos support groups/patient support groups and the services they provide. Information is also available about how to donate to Mesothelioma research.

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About Mesothelioma

Mesothelioma UK provides impartial up-to-date information for patients diagnosed with Mesothelioma and their carers. The Centre supports the development of specialist nursing practice and research which promotes the highest possible standards of care. A Consultant Nurse is the lead for Mesothelioma UK.

Symptom Control

Clinical Trials & Emerging Treatments

Benefits

There is a free phone helpline available which provides access to timely, accurate and relevant advice for patients, carers and health care professionals. Callers are able to access local information and support and be signposted to relevant websites.

Legal Advice

Support Groups

Information & Discussion Forum

News & Events

Mesothelioma Research Charities

Acknowledgements & Funding

Glossary

Member of the Telephone Helplines Association - Mesothelioma UK is a member of the Telephone Helplines Association (THA). The THA is a member organisation supporting the development of professional standards for helpline provision in the UK voluntary and statutory sectors.

British Lung Foundation Mesothelioma Survey

This British Lung Foundation survey allows people with mesothelioma, their family members and also people who have lost a loved one to mesothelioma to tell us about their experiences. Please complete this survey before 16th January 2009 and post it to: David Buckle, British Lung

In Collaboration With

The National Lung Cancer Forum For Nurses

The British Thoracic Oncology Group

AAA Accessibility Options

<http://www.mesothelioma.uk.com/index.php?page=3> Internet

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Free Hand Held Fans for Mesothelioma Patients

The June Hancock Mesothelioma Research Fund will be distributing hand held fans, following a recommendation by Helen Clayson, to various support groups and lung cancer nurse specialists to give to patients.

Helen mentioned in her talk, at the 2008 Mesothelioma Patient & Carer Day, that fans were a simple but effective palliative treatment and she thought all patients should have one. They will be provided free of charge. Batteries can be supplied, as well, if so required. Contact Adrian.Budgen@IrwinMitchell.com

Free prescriptions for cancer patients

Everyone undergoing treatment for cancer, the effects of cancer or the effects of cancer treatment is entitled to free NHS prescriptions from 1st April this year. Patients can collect an application form from their GP surgery or oncology clinics from Tuesday 20 January.

Applications for certificates received by 24th March will be processed in time to be used for 1st April. Patients who do not apply for their certificate in time will have any prescription charges they have paid since the 1st April refunded. Exemption certificates last for 5 years (but can be reapplied for) and cover all prescriptions not just those relating to cancer - they must be countersigned by their GP, hospital doctor or service doctor.

Macmillan has been campaigning to ensure cancer patients do not have to pay prescription charges since 2005 and are delighted that the Government has listened to us. Thanks to everyone who got involved and helped make this campaign a success.

For more information go to

<http://www.dh.gov.uk/en/Healthcare/Medicinespharmacyandindustry/Reviewofprescriptioncharges/index.htm>

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Macmillan/Cancerbackup Information

As a result of the merger between Macmillan and Cancerbackup, from the 3rd November 2008 cancer professionals no longer have to pay for the information resources they need. All they have to do is log on to www.be.macmillan.org.uk and place their order – simple as that. Alternatively they can call 0800 500 800 to place an order or request a copy of our *Resources catalogue*.

Another suggestion: if you go to www.macmillan.org.uk you can order blank notebooks (MAC12268) with information about free resources and how to order on the cover – ideal to hand out to professionals after presentations and meetings.

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Asbestos in schools

- The Government acknowledge that children are particularly vulnerable to the risks of asbestos.
- Air tests have shown that in some schools common everyday classroom activities such as slamming a door or hitting a wall can release cumulatively dangerous levels of asbestos fibres.
- MPs, the chairman of the parliamentary health and safety committee, the teaching unions, Mesothelioma UK, the Asbestos Victims Support Forum, leading thoracic consultants, a leading occupational hygienist, the June Hancock Mesothelioma Research Fund and others have requested that the Government undertakes a national audit of the extent, type and condition of asbestos in schools, then carries out an assessment of the risks to the occupants.
- Government Ministers have refused.
- In January Freedom of Information requests from the Manchester Evening News determined that 903 of the 1,043 schools in Greater Manchester contain asbestos, and a similar request from the BBC determined that 554 of the 599 schools in Kent contain asbestos.
- Government policy is that so long as asbestos is in good condition and not likely to be disturbed then it is safer to leave it in place and manage it rather than removing it. However frequent asbestos incidents in schools prove that far too many are not managing their asbestos.
- Because of this the Government has been asked to reinstate a campaign to improve the asbestos management in schools.
- Government Ministers have again refused.
- The numbers of teachers dying from mesothelioma has increases year on year, 178 school teachers died of mesothelioma between 1980-2005, 64 of those being between 2001-2005. If teachers in higher and further education are included then 272 died in the same period. Sadly the teachers' deaths are likely to be the tip of an iceberg. There is no record of how many children have been exposed to asbestos at school and have subsequently died, that is because of the long latency their deaths are recorded under whatever occupation they had at the time.
- Twenty five years ago the USA carried out an audit and risk assessment. They estimated that 1,000 occupants of schools would die of asbestos exposure, 90% being amongst people who had been exposed as children.
- Large amounts of amosite were used in the construction of UK schools, crocidolite was also used. Much has deteriorated.
- Professor Peto's latest research shows that *"The lifetime risk in British men and women who report no potential asbestos exposure is four times the background (almost 1 in 1,000), suggesting that mesotheliomas were caused by unsuspected asbestos exposure in a wide range of occupational and non-occupational settings."* The UK has *"the highest mesothelioma rate in the world and five times that in the US in men born between 1940-1955."* He concludes that this *"extraordinary"* death rate has been caused by the extensive use of amosite in the UK.
- What must never be forgotten is that every adult who has died of mesothelioma attended school as a child. If they were exposed to asbestos even at very low levels over a prolonged period at school, then that could have initiated the process, with each additional low level exposure being cumulative, with each contributing to the likelihood of a tumour developing. As the latency for low level exposure can be very long, if no further exposure occurred after they left school then perhaps in most cases a tumour would never have fully developed. However because they were then exposed to additional asbestos fibres later in their job as perhaps a plumber, electrician or carpenter, the additional fibres added to the earlier ones, cumulatively contributing to the process until mesothelioma eventually developed. The corollary is that if no asbestos exposure had occurred at school and instead the first exposure was as an adult, then it is possible that their mesothelioma might have developed many years later than it actually did. Perhaps it might not have developed at all.

Michael Lees - 23 January 2009

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TRIALS UPDATE

MALCS/TIPS

The Inhaled Particles Study (TIPS) now has 3 active centres (Guys, Royal Brompton and Birmingham Heartlands) and is open for recruitment at other centres. The aim of TIPS is to assess potential mesothelioma risk in current construction workers, by recruiting pneumothorax patients who have undergone an operation and had a small piece of tissue removed.

Consenting pneumothorax patients would be interviewed and the asbestos fibre content of this lung tissue evaluated. In combination with the results of our Mesothelioma and Lung Cancer Study (MALCS), the risk to current construction industry workers could then be assessed. If you are interested in TIPS and your centre sees appreciable numbers of pneumothorax patients, please contact the TIPS study team (c/o Christine Rake) on 020 8722 4298, or e-mail TIPS@icr.ac.uk

Recruitment for MALCS (Mesothelioma and Lung Cancer Study) is ongoing until 2015. Recruitment is slow and NCRN points are available for the study - so please help us if you can! We are seeking to recruit MALE MESOTHELIOMA and RESECTED LUNG CANCER PATIENTS born after 1940, and FEMALE MESOTHELIOMA PATIENTS born after 1925 (no female lung cancer patients). We are evaluating potential ongoing risks to these target groups and would value new contacts for study recruitment.

We would like to express our continuing gratitude to all patients who are involved with our research. It is only with the help of patients, that we may be able to understand more about the disease and its epidemiology. We would also like to thank all those involved in recruitment to the study, and to encourage you to continue, as your help is invaluable to us.

If you are not currently recruiting, or if you want to check if someone at your centre is already recruiting for MALCS, please contact the MALCS study team (c/o Christine Rake) on 020 8722 4298, or e-mail MALCS@icr.ac.uk

COURTYARD THEATRE DUST

15 July 2009 to 18 July 2009

In 1993 June Hancock was diagnosed with mesothelioma, the cancer caused by exposure to asbestos while a child in 1930s Armley. The cancer that had killed her mother. June was not a woman to go quietly. Already ill, she took to trial J W Roberts, whose factory had put asbestos dust into the heart of Armley.

Drawn from trial transcripts, interviews and letters and performed by residents of Armley and West Yorkshire, Dust is the story of that trial. Local members of the community and the story of Armley: the memories and the courage of the people whose fight for justice continues today.

By Kenneth F Yates

West Yorkshire Playhouse in association with I Love West Leeds Festival

For tickets please click on the link below:

http://www.wyplayhouse.com/events/event_details.asp?event_ID=5471



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Petition to get Chemoembolization* available in UK for Mesothelioma Patients

Below is a petition to a link for 10 Downing Street site.
The petition is to get Chemoembolization in this country for Mesothelioma patients.

<http://petitions.number10.gov.uk/Mesothelioma-/>

Debbie Brewer – Mesothelioma Patient

* Please note that Mesothelioma UK does not endorse or recommend chemoembolization as a treatment for mesothelioma. Mesothelioma UK recommends that patients discuss the appropriateness of treatments with the doctor or hospital team who is currently caring for them.

BRITISH LUNG FOUNDATION WELCOMES CORONERS REFORM BILL

The British Lung Foundation (BLF) welcomes the Government's inclusion of the Coroners and Justice Bill in the Queen's Speech, and the much needed reforms to the current coroners system that it will bring about.

As an organisation that works to represent people with the asbestos related lung cancer, mesothelioma and their families the British Lung Foundation has become aware of the flaws in the coroners system, and the needless distress that it can cause to already grieving families.

When someone dies from mesothelioma it is classified as 'an unnatural death' and it is therefore required that a coroner carries out an inquiry. If the death occurs outside of the coroner's working day (i.e. on evenings and weekends) the police have to start the investigation immediately.

This can lead to the bereaved relatives receiving visits from uniformed police, in marked cars, sometimes in the middle of the night. This is highly distressing, and can lead to relatives feeling that they are under suspicion.

The Coroners and Justice Bill will allow the creation of national standards which should end such practices and will help to ensure these procedures are made more sensitive to the needs of bereaved families. This will be underlined by the proposed Charter for the Bereaved which will accompany the bill, and specifically calls for the creation of national standards on Mesothelioma deaths. Coroners will also have better medical support and advice, including the appointment of a Chief Medical Adviser who will give advice on specialist medical issues such as mesothelioma.

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Michael Clapham MP who has supported the British Lung Foundation's campaign said, "There is an urgent need for a new Coroners and Justice Act. This would provide an opportunity to improve and ensure consistency in dealing with mesothelioma deaths across the entire UK.

"The system needs to be more friendly and considerate to the grieving process when a mesothelioma death occurs."

Dame Helena Shovelton, Chief Executive of the British Lung Foundation, said: "The current coroners system can cause unnecessary distress to people already going through a very difficult time in their lives.

We are extremely happy that the Coroners Bill will now be brought forward to help end these practices, and we look forward to working with the Government to improve coroner's procedures".

The British Lung Foundation has been campaigning on this issue since 2006, and has gathered a considerable amount of popular and political support. A recent Early Day Motion tabled by Michael Clapham MP has been signed by 116 MPs.

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Reform of the Coroner System

The Government is committed to improving the coroner system for England and Wales. Our reforms will:

- introduce national leadership, from a new Chief Coroner for England and Wales, to ensure a greater consistency of approach between areas;
- improve the experience of those bereaved people coming into contact with the system, giving them rights of appeal against coroners' decisions and setting out the general standards of service they can expect to receive;
- reduce delays and improve the quality and outcomes of investigations and inquests through the introduction of standards and guidance, and the publication of statistics and reports to prevent future deaths; and
- introduce a system – for deaths not investigated by the coroner – that enables independent scrutiny and confirmation of the medical cause of death in a way that is proportionate, consistent and transparent.

These changes will enable the Government to address the weaknesses in the present coroner system, which were identified in the 2003 reports of the two major reviews which examined the service; the Fundamental Review of Death Certification and Investigation, under the chairmanship of Mr Tom Luce, and the Shipman Inquiry, under Lady Justice Dame Janet Smith. The Government is grateful for their significant work, and also for the important feedback from coroners, their officers, the medical profession, voluntary organisations and other individuals on the proposals in the draft Coroners Bill published in June 2006, and through subsequent consultations.

For further information go to www.justice.gov.uk



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Action Mesothelioma Campaign

Plans are well underway for the 2009 Action Mesothelioma campaign.

The BLF have launched a survey on their website that will allow people with mesothelioma, their family members and also people who have lost a loved one to mesothelioma to tell us about their experiences. Paper copies will also be made available to people who would like to take part but who are unable to access the internet. The responses we receive to this survey will help underpin our campaigning messages for Action Mesothelioma 2009. We would therefore be very grateful for everyone's support in making people who have been affected by the disease aware of this survey.

To access the survey on the website please go to: www.lunguk.org/mesosurvey

For Action Mesothelioma 2009 we will also be reporting on the implementation of the Mesothelioma Framework and continuing our campaign to ensure coroner's inquiries that follow a death from mesothelioma are carried out in a way that is sensitive to the needs of the bereaved.

Parliamentary Reception

Michael Clapham MP has kindly agreed to host a parliamentary reception at the House of Commons and arrangements for this are well underway.

Action Mesothelioma falls on a Friday in 2009, a date in which very few MPs will be in parliament, and therefore we have decided to hold the reception on Wednesday 25th February to be sure as many MPs as possible will be able to attend.

As in previous years, we would like to extend an invitation to the reception, but due to restrictions on numbers can only invite one representative from each organisation. If you would like to attend, please David Buckle at the BLF.

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EL Trigger Litigation

The High Court in London was asked to decide in Summer 2008 whether certain insurance companies should pay out in mesothelioma claims. 6 test cases were considered by Mr Justice Burton during a 9 week trial throughout June and July.

The cases all concerned the question of whether employees who had been exposed to asbestos when they were at work, could claim against their employer's liability insurance policy if, many years later, and after they had left that employment they developed mesothelioma.

Employers take out insurance to cover them against claims from employees for injuries caused to them by employers'9



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negligence for accident or disease. For decades, insurers have paid claims for mesothelioma on the basis that it is the policy in the year, or years the employee is exposed to asbestos which responds to pay the claim. This was the industry practice, regardless of whether the words in the insurance policies covered employers for injuries or diseases “caused”, “sustained”, or “contracted” during the policy period.

In 2006 4 former insurance companies* stopped paying claims. Earlier that year an appeal court had decided in the case of Bolton Metropolitan Borough Council v Municipal Mutual Insurance Ltd and Commercial Union Assurance Company Ltd that a mesothelioma injury did not “occur” until the mesothelioma emerged. This was thought to be about 10 years before it could be diagnosed.

The medical evidence in the case had shown that asbestos fibres in the pleura increase the likelihood of genetic mutation of cells; That it probably takes about 6 or 7 genetic alterations before a malignant cell is produced; And that it probably takes about 10 years from the production of the first malignant cell to onset of clinical manifestation of a mesothelioma.

Although the Bolton case involved a different type of insurance, (public liability insurance) these insurers argued that the words “injury sustained” and “disease contracted” meant the same as “injury occurring” and so the insurer on cover at the time of the emergence of the mesothelioma should pay the claim and not the insurer on cover at the time of the negligent exposure to asbestos.

The question was crucial because often, by the time mesothelioma emerges, the employer is no longer in business and, consequently, there is no insurance in place to pay the claim.

The judge decided that the mesothelioma “injury” in fact happens 5 years before it is diagnosed and not 10 years previously decided.**

Burton J. reached his conclusion on the basis that it is probable that at this stage, the tumour will be sufficiently large to have an effect on the body and will have escaped the body’s natural defence mechanisms. He considered it also probable that at this stage angiogenesis will have taken place so as to ensure its independent blood supply and the near certainty of exponential or accelerating growth. He cautioned however that, if there is some evidence that the tumour was either more fast growing or slower than the norm, a factual investigation would be necessary as to the starting point of the mesothelioma “injury”.

Burton J. also decided that there was no difference between the meaning of the words “injury sustained”, “disease contracted” and “injury occurring” per se. However, because employers’ liability insurance has developed in a particular way and, because the commercial purpose of employers’ liability insurance is to cover the activities of the employer so that the insurance covers employees for injuries suffered as a result of employers’ negligence, he decided that the phrases used were intended to read “injury or disease caused”. Caused being the exposure to asbestos which led to the development of the mesothelioma.

The 4 former insurance companies, who were unsuccessful, have since appealed Mr Justice Burton’s decision to the Court of Appeal. It is hoped that the appeal will be heard in June 2009.

Until the issue has been finally decided by the courts, cases against the insurers involved remain on hold.

*The 4 former insurance companies involved are: The Builders Accident Insurance Company Ltd (now BAI (in Run Off) Ltd), The Independent Insurance Company Ltd (in provisional liquidation), Excess Insurance Company Limited and Municipal Mutual Insurance Limited.

** This point may be subject to a cross appeal.

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Field Fisher Waterhouse Recovers Value of Hospice Care for Mesothelioma Patient

Field Fisher Waterhouse LLP has recovered compensation for the cost of a claimant's hospice care in a case that is thought to be the first of its kind. Hospices are generally exclusively funded by charitable donations. As part of the settlement, the firm was able to recover £12,500 to be paid over to the hospice.

The case arose out of the death of a 64 year old man due to mesothelioma, an asbestos-related cancer, in December 2007 after spending his final days being cared for in a North London Hospice dedicated to cancer patients.

Throughout his life he had worked as a carpenter, painter and labourer. In 1963, whilst employed as a painter for J Murphy & Sons Ltd, he was exposed to asbestos dust whilst sanding down and filling in walls in prefabricated housing containing asbestos. He was then exposed to further asbestos when working for them at a factory in Dagenham, cleaning debris from the guttering on roofs made from corrugated asbestos.

In August 2005 he was diagnosed with mesothelioma, an asbestos related cancer on the lining of one of his lungs. He was eventually admitted to the hospice where he spent the last month of his life.

Rodney Nelson-Jones, partner in the Asbestos Claims Group at Field Fisher Waterhouse, was instructed to claim compensation on behalf of the family. The firm was able to recover £170,000 from J Murphy & Sons Ltd, £12,500 of which is being paid to the hospice which provided him with care worth over £400 a day.

This is thought to be the first time that compensation has been recovered for a patient's hospice care, which is usually funded by charitable donations. It has long been possible to recover compensation for the value of care provided by relatives. FFW's innovation has been to extend this principle to charitable care provided by hospices. The firm plans to continue to claim the cost of hospice care in future mesothelioma cases.

Rodney Nelson-Jones, partner in the Asbestos Claims Group at Field Fisher Waterhouse:

"We are delighted to have been able to secure extra funding for the hospice. Hospices do a wonderful job and rely on charitable donations to provide much needed palliative care for cancer patients. We hope that this case will mean that they are now provided with an additional source of funding."

Mesothelioma Patients Wanted for National Newspapers/Magazine Article

A photojournalist based in Nottingham is looking to interview and photograph mesothelioma sufferers in the East Midlands for a planned series of articles to go in national newspapers and magazines. If you know of anyone who would be willing to be interviewed or would like further information, please contact Neil Hodge via email at neil@neilhodge.co.uk or on 0115 9469311.



Sheffield and Rotherham Asbestos Group

Petition for National Centre for Asbestos-Related Disease UK

In the UK, almost every penny raised for mesothelioma research is donated by the relatives, family and friends of mesothelioma sufferers, who give money each year to two mesothelioma charities for research into better treatments. The UK Government gives virtually nothing to mesothelioma research regardless of the fact that 60,000 people will develop mesothelioma over about the next 25 years.

The experience of other countries like Australia shows what can be achieved when research is properly resourced. Government funding for a National Centre for Asbestos Related Disease in the UK for research into better treatment is long overdue and *urgent*.

Join the campaign today. Add your name to the attached petition (back page) and ask your colleagues, neighbours, family and friends to do the same.

Forthcoming Events

IASLC Workshop on Advances in Mesothelioma
26th and 27th February 2009

Venue: Royal Brompton Hospital, London

Email: meso09@rbht.nhs.uk

Tel: 0207 351 8591

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Perspectives in Lung Cancer
6th - 7th March 2009

Venue: Crowne Plaza Brussels, Belgium

Website: www.perspectivesinlungcancer.com

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**Postgraduate Course in Lung Cancer
16th - 17th March 2009**

Venue: Clinical Education Centre, Glenfield Hospital, Leicester

Website: www.ilh.org.uk

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**Postgraduate Course in Malignant Pleural Mesothelioma
18th March 2009**

Venue: Clinical Education Centre, Glenfield Hospital, Leicester

Website: www.ilh.org.uk

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**5th Annual Asbestos Awareness Day Conference
28th March 2009**

Venue: Manhattan Beach Marriott, California, USA

Website: <http://www.asbestosdiseaseawareness.org/events/conference.html>

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**Kent & Medway Cancer Network – Mesothelioma the Wider Perspective!
12th May 2009**

Venue: David Salomons House, Southborough, Royal Tunbridge Wells

For more information contact:

**Frances McKay, Macmillan Lung/Mesothelioma Nurse Specialist on 01634 825212 or
Caroline Williams, Lung/Mesothelioma Nurse Specialist on 01634 825391**

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**International Symposium on Malignant Mesothelioma
25th - 27th June 2009**

Venue: Omni Shoreham Hotel, Washington DC

Website: www.curemeso.org/site/c.kkLUJ7MPKtH/b.3117569/k.7DAB/International_Symposium.htm

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**13th World Conference on Lung Cancer
31st July 2009 - 4th August 2009**

Venue: San Francisco, USA

Website: www.2009worldlungcancer.org

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If you have any news you would like included in the next Bulletin, please forward it to Mesothelioma UK.

Yours faithfully

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