**June 2023**

**Welcome**

News and highlights keeping you informed as we work together to accelerate life-changing treatments for people with progressive MS worldwide

**Alliance Scientific Congress Brings Together Stakeholders from Throughout the World to Drive Progress**

**Findings reported from the Challenges in Progressive MS Awards will help inform future Alliance initiatives**

A person in a suit high fiving a person in a wheelchair

Description automatically generatedThe International Progressive MS Alliance Scientific Congress held in Vienna 14-16 June brought together scientists, industry experts, MS organisation leaders, donors and people affected by MS to advance progress in finding breakthrough solutions for people with progressive MS. The meeting focused on learning about the results of the Challenges in Progressive MS Awards that the Alliance funded in 2021.

The awards were designed to uncover new mechanisms driving progressive MS that may be used to identify therapeutic targets that will ultimately slow or stop disability progression. Findings from the meeting will influence and directly impact the direction and development of new Alliance initiatives focused on understanding progression ─the key to the development of new, effective treatments for people with progressive MS.

The Alliance will share a meeting report in a future monthly update.

**Watch the June Alliance Global Webcast**

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Learn about the research advances shared at the International Progressive MS Alliance Scientific Congress in Vienna, Austria. The Congress focused on results from 17 innovative research projects funded by the Alliance focused on unraveling the mystery of progression and identifying new targets for treatments that will ultimately slow or stop progression. A panel of international MS experts shared findings and insights that not only inspire hope but demonstrate real progress in ending progressive MS.

The webcast features: Professor Bob Fox, MD, Chair of the Alliance Scientific Steering Committee from the Cleveland Clinic, U.S.; Professor Laura Airas, a clinician-scientist from Turku University, Finland; and Dr. Jessica Fletcher, a researcher from the University of Tasmania, Australia. Jon Strum, former member of the Alliance Scientific Steering Committee and the host of the RealTalk MS podcast series facilitates the session.

**The Alliance Welcomes SPEM as the Newest Alliance MS Organisation Member**

**20 MS organisations are financially contributing to the Alliances Global Effort to End MS Progression**

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This brings the total number of MS organisations supporting the Alliance to 20. The Alliance is proud to have the support of SPEM and all MS organisations.