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From the President

Joyce Niblack

We are pleased to announce the 4th biannual Mayo Clinic/CMPD Education Foundation MPD conference. This will be held February 23, 24, 25 2007 at the Mayo Clinic in Scottsdale, Arizona, 13400 E Shea Blvd, Scottsdale, AZ 85259 (134th and Shea Blvd).

This should be a very exciting conference. There is a lot to talk about now that specific mutations have been identified that will lead to targeted therapies. The JAK2 mutation announced after the February 2005 conference has led to a great deal of work and Dr. Tefferi will be reporting on progress in diagnostics and developing new targeted therapies for MPDs. We have a lot to talk about that is new!

REGISTRATION

A registration form is enclosed. If you have already pre-registered from the information posted to MPD-NET, and received your confirmation letter, it is not necessary for you to complete and return this form. If you pre-registered and have not received a confirmation letter, please contact Joyce Niblack jniblack@aol.com

The maximum capacity for the Ashton Taylor Auditorium is 200. We have 12 speakers and over 100 registrants so far. Once we reach capacity, we will notify anyone who submits their registration forms and fees after that and will put them on a wait list. If the wait list reaches 50 or

more, we will offer seating in a remote area outside the auditorium where attendees can watch the conference on a large screen video. This will be near the auditorium and food service sites so you wouldn't be completely cut off from interacting with other patients and speakers.

Registration is easy!

1. Complete the enclosed form
2. Make out your check for the total amount to:
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3. Mail payment and completed registration form to:

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6. MD Anderson Cancer Center, Houston, Texas

The schedule for the conference is as follows:

Friday February 23, 2007 *Patient Round Table luncheon*

The conference will open with a patient round table luncheon at noon, Friday, February 23, 2007 at the lovely Copperwynd Resort (events lawn). Food will be served between 12 and 1 pm and we have the space reserved until 3 pm with continued beverage service during that time. You can get information about Copperwynd location at www.copperwynd.com. The event lawn is shown under the weddings link.

Friday, February 23, 2007 *Reception*

A reception will follow from 5-6:30 pm at Mayo Clinic, concourse level fountain area. The registration table will be set up outside the conference site, Ashton Taylor Auditorium just past the foot of the stairs from the first floor to concourse level (there are also elevators) and on the way to the reception area. Name badges will be available at both the luncheon and reception. You can pick up your syllabus at the reception table during the reception or during breakfast Saturday morning. Dinner is on your own Friday.

Saturday, February 24, 2007 *Continental Breakfast*

Continental breakfast will be available outside the Ashton Taylor Auditorium starting at 7 am Saturday. You can pick up name badges and syllabus if you didn't get these Friday.

Saturday, February 24, 2007 *Conference Schedule*

The conference will begin at 7:45 am in the Ashton Taylor Auditorium. There will be beverage and exercise breaks in the morning and afternoon sessions as well as small group breakout sessions with several speakers leading each breakout session. The conference is expected to break at 5:30 pm

Saturday, February 24, 2007 *Group Dinner*

We will have buses available to take dinner attendees to Pinnacle Peak Patio at approximately 6 pm. You will be returned either to Mayo or one of the conference hotels (Mayo Courtyards, La Quinta or Country Inns by Carlson.)

Sunday, February 25, 2007 *Continental Breakfast*

A continental breakfast will be available outside the Ashton Taylor Auditorium at 7 am Sunday, February 25, 2007.

Sunday, February 25, 2007 *Conference Schedule*

Talks will begin at 7:45 am and the program will wrap up by around 12:30 or 1 pm. Lunch is on your own.

Sunday, February 25, 2007 *Niblack buffet dinner*

As of this writing, 16 spaces remain for the Sunday buffet dinner at the Niblack's home. This will start at 5:30. When we reach our maximum capacity, we will start a wait list and contact those on the wait list in order of their reservation if we get a cancellation.

SPEAKERS AND TOPICS

The following is a list of speakers and topics for the conference. The detailed program will be included in your conference syllabus.

Molecular Origins of MPDs

Ayalew Tefferi, MD

(Mayo Clinic: Rochester, MN):

JAK2 progress in diagnostics and therapeutics

D. Gary Gilliland

(Dana-Farber Cancer Institute:

Harvard; Boston MA:

New mutations and the process of scientific discovery in MPDs

James Vardiman, MD

(University of Chicago; Chicago, IL):

The interface between molecular diagnostics and pathology

Therapy of MPDs

John Camoriano, MD

(Mayo Clinic: Scottsdale, AZ):

Overview of the MPDs 2007

Srdan Verstovsek, MD, PhD

(University of Texas, MD Anderson

Cancer Center: Houston, TX) :

New Drugs for the MPDs

David S. Nagorney, MD

(Mayo Clinic: Rochester, MN):

Splenectomy for MPDs

Joachim Deeg, MD

(Fred Hutchinson Cancer Center;

Seattle, WA):

Update on transplantation for myelofibrosis

Martin Tallman, MD

(Northwestern University: Chicago, IL):

Treatment options for leukemic transformation

Richard Silver, MD

(Cornell University: New York, NY):

Emerging therapies for PV

Having an MPD: Personal-Societal Implications

Ruben Mesa, MD

(Mayo Clinic: Rochester, MN):
Living with an MPD

Ronald Hoffman, MD

(University of Illinois: Chicago, IL)
The MPD Alliance/MPD Consortium

Lawrence Solberg, MD, PhD

(Mayo Clinic: Jacksonville, FL): *Myeloproliferative Disorders and Public Policy: The American Society of Hematology Contributions*

Joyce Niblack, JD

(Scottsdale, AZ):
Being your own advocate

EXERCISE

Even though we have morning and afternoon breaks, sitting for several hours at a time can be uncomfortable for some. We have arranged for two exercise physiologists and the supervising nurse from Mayo Scottsdale's cardiac rehab clinic to attend the conference. Dr. Mesa will be working with them to design exercise breaks during the conference (standing and sitting exercises in place). We will be passing out exercise bands with your registration materials. We will have a table for them and they will be available to talk with you throughout the conference. If you are feeling unwell during the conference, please go to this group. They will do an initial assessment of blood pressure, heart rate, oxygen sats and your symptoms and report to Dr. Camoriano who will take it from there. I have also asked Dr. Mesa to include a breakout session for those interested in meeting to discuss exercise.

RESTAURANT & SHOPPING INFORMATION

We will have information available at the registration desk about nearby restaurants, shopping and restaurant delivery services

HOTEL INFORMATION

The following nearby hotels have agreed to conference rates. In making your reservation at Courtyards by Marriott, use the identifier MPD Conference. We were given a lower rate than the Mayo discount rate. For La Quinta and Country Inns by Carlson, indicate the MPD conference dates and if they are blank, say this is the Mayo/CMPD Education Foundation Conference.

The Marriott will have shuttle service on both Saturday and Sunday. Country Inns by Carlson also has shuttle service but weren't clear on whether this would be available for the weekend. La Quinta and Country Inn will not have shuttle service.

Courtyards by Marriott

The nearest hotel is the Mayo Courtyards by Marriott which is on the Mayo campus at 134th and Shea Blvd. You can walk or take the shuttle to the Clinic if you don't have a car. They are holding a 60 room block until January 25, 2007 at the rate of \$175/night plus tax. This is the most expensive of the four closest hotels. 480-860-4000. Identify as MPD Conference. If the reservation clerk is blank, ask for the manager, Larry.

La Quinta

La Quinta has given us a room rate of \$139/night plus tax (11.9%) for reservations made before February 1, 2007. Same rate for king or double. The king rooms are slightly larger and have a microwave. There is no Mayo shuttle on weekends. 8888 E Shea Blvd, Scottsdale, AZ 480-614-5300 Exit 101 North on Shea Blvd. La Quinta is on the Northeast corner.

Country Inn and Suites by Carlson

Country Inn and Suites by Carlson, 10801 N 89th Place, Scottsdale) (just off the 101 and on same road as La Quinta) has given us a room rate of \$119/night plus tax. They will have a shuttle running on the weekend but confirm that if you will need transportation. 480-314-1200.

Comfort Inn

Comfort Inn in Fountain Hills quoted 107.99 plus 11.9% tax. 480-837-5343. They will not have a shuttle on the weekend.

I believe all four will give you the conference rate for Thursday, Feb 22. Ask for the conference rate if you are coming in earlier or staying

Additional Information

Conference updates will be posted on our mpd-net online support group. To join, send an email to mpd-net-request@listserv.acor.org with your first and last name in the message.

We want you to be comfortable during the conference. Dress is casual. Since some are allergic to perfume, please don't wear perfumes (men-that goes for scented after shave). Also Please remember to turn off your cell phones and pagers during the conference.

Membership Application

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- Patient Family member of Patient Friend of Patient
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- Agnogenic Myeloid Metaplasia (AMM aka MF, IMF, MMM) Essential thrombocythemia (ET)
 Polycythemia Vera (PV) MF Secondary to ET or PV Chronic Myelogenous Leukemia (CML)
 Mastocytosis Eosinophilic Syndrome/leukemia
 Chronic monomyelocytic leukemia (CMML) Myelodysplastic Syndrome (MDS)

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