

MSIF's Annual Review 2007



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Sarah Phillips

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Chairman

Message from the chairman

In this review you will see how far we have strengthened our capacity to facilitate cooperation in global research and to advocate for the rights of people affected by MS. We have also expanded the range of languages we use for our publications and communications.

Thank you for your support – we could not have done this without you.

In 2007...

Support the development of effective national MS societies

- We supported the Mexican MS Society at the Second National Meeting of Patients with MS, in Mexico City, Mexico (pictured).
- We attended national MS society events in Belgium, Canada, Czech Republic, Denmark, Germany, Ireland, Italy, Luxembourg, UK and the USA.
- We provided regular advice and assistance to new and developing MS organisations worldwide, including Ecuador, Montenegro, Saudi Arabia, Sri Lanka and Syria. www.msif.org/nationalsupport
- Details about 11 projects were added to our **Quality of Life Principles Practice Database** by MS societies in Argentina, Canada, Germany, Spain and the USA.



Stimulate research into the understanding, treatment and cure of MS

- The **International Medical & Scientific Board** was restructured and we recruited an **International Medical & Scientific Research Officer**, who will be responsible for all MSIF research-related programmes. www.msif.org/imsb
- With the US National MS Society (NMSS) we co-funded and co-hosted the **Stem Cell Research Summit** in San Francisco (pictured).
- We supported an international **Biomarkers in MS** (BioMS) meeting and a meeting of the European **Magnetic Imaging in MS** (MAGNIMS) network.
- We awarded the **Charcot Award** to Professor Alastair Compston, who gave the Charcot Lecture at the ECTRIMS meeting. www.msif.org/charcot
- We awarded eight **Du Pré Grants**, enabling young researchers to learn new skills through collaborative research projects in Australia, Austria, USA and the UK. www.msif.org/dupre
- We launched the **McDonald Fellowships**, awarding fellowships with a combined value of over £250,000 to five promising young MS researchers from Argentina, Brazil, Romania, Spain and Thailand. www.msif.org/mcdonald
- We facilitated the development of the **International Pediatric Multiple Sclerosis Study Group (IPMSSG)** with the unifying vision to optimise worldwide care, education and research in paediatric MS and other acquired inflammatory demyelinating disorders of the central nervous system (CNS). www.ipmssg.org



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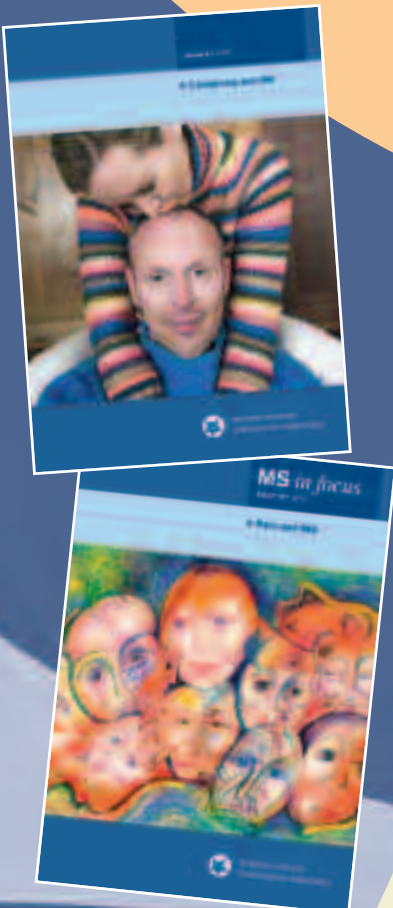
Communicate knowledge, experience and information about MS

- We made our **World of MS (WoMS)** 'mini' websites available in Chinese, Greek, Japanese and Portuguese.
- **MS in focus** was downloaded 334,000 times across all issues and languages. www.msif.org/msinfocus
- The French-speaking societies' translation of MS in focus is well underway, with issues 1–5 available summer 2008.
- Subscriber figures for our weekly e-newsletter **Making Connections** are above 12,000. www.msif.org/makingconnections
- The Spanish translation of our weekly **Research News** update, by Xavier Montalban's team in Vall d'Hebron Hospital in Barcelona, is now available from FELEM's website and also features on the NMSS's Información en Español webpages. www.msif.org/news



Advocate globally for the international MS community

- We awarded Susana Carballido Perdigón from Uruguay the 2007 **Evelyn Nicholson Award for International Caregiver**. Susana visited the MS Argentina headquarters and attended a training course on how to train volunteers and caregivers of people with MS. www.msif.org/nicholson
- We awarded the 2007 **James D. Wolfensohn Award for International Person with MS** to Ann Langley from Australia (pictured). Ann spoke about the award and her continued work for people with MS in Australia at **Prague07**. www.msif.org/wolfensohn
- We hosted the **Prague07** event, **Living with MS: Today and Tomorrow**. Delegates from 34 countries heard presentations from MS specialists and people with MS. www.prague07.net
- We advocated for the **The United Nations International Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities** to become international law and launched an online petition. www.msif.org/unpetition
- We worked with colleagues at the (WHO) to gather data from more than 100 countries to ensure that our **Atlas of MS** project is truly global in scope. www.atlasofms.org
- **Global Dinner Party (GDP)** events were held in Australia, Canada, Denmark, Germany, Kenya, the Netherlands, Spain, Switzerland, the UK and the USA raising £63,000. www.msif.org/gdp



Message from our CEO

In 2008 we will build on our strong foundations – with the help of our member societies and our scientific advisers, we will create more connections in innovative global research, continue our efforts to support emerging MS societies and help raise awareness of the global fight for a world without MS.

We look forward to working with you.



Peer Baneke

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CEO



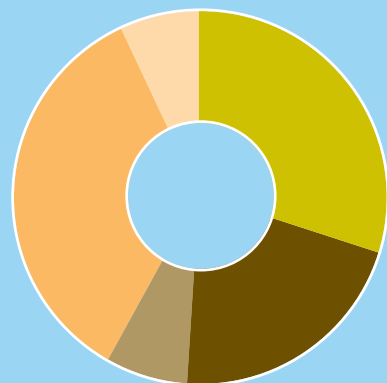
Financial Review

- Full accounts are available at:
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Total income: £814,509

Income

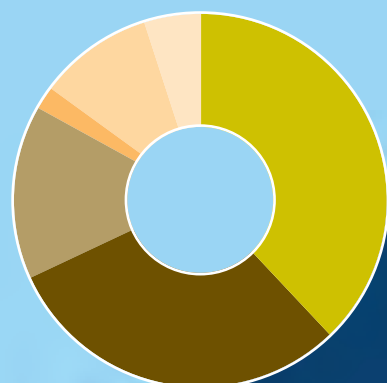
■ Corporate donors	35%
■ Member societies	30%
■ Trusts and foundations	21%
■ Individual donors	7%
■ Interest	7%



Total expenditure £838,182

Expenditure

■ Advocate for and support people affected by MS	10%
■ Communicate MS	30%
■ Stimulate research	38%
■ Develop national MS societies	5%
■ Governance	15%
■ Costs of generating voluntary income	2%



MSIF plans for 2008

- We will launch a four-year **Strategic Plan 2008–2012** and accompanying Fundraising Strategy to support its implementation.
- Our **WoMS** 'mini' websites will be available in Hindi, Bengali, Polish and Indonesian.
- We will launch our new publication in the 'How to' series, **How to Develop an MS Centre**, developed in collaboration with member societies, the CMSC and RIMS.
- We will begin to facilitate synergies for the research work of our member societies and the international scientific community.
- Work will begin on our **Global Economic Impact of MS** project.
- We will hold a **development seminar** for all Arab-speaking countries.
- We will co-host the **Montreal08 Living with MS Day** with the MS Society of Canada. Visit www.montreal08.net to find out more.
- We will draw on our member societies from around the world for help, advice and inspiration to support the development of an annual **World MS Day**, to be launched in 2009.



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Thank you from all at MSIF

- Our heartfelt thanks to all who support us at MSIF. From our corporate and charitable sponsors and donors, to the many volunteers worldwide who help bring MSIF-led projects to fruition; to all our board and committee members, and the national societies and organisations – all are associated with and supportive of our work towards a world without MS.
- Full lists of all board members, societies, sponsors, donors and volunteers are available at www.msif.org/aboutmsif

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