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## **Meniere's Research Fund Inc.**

To: Meniere's Support Group

### **RE: Meniere's Research**

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Unfortunately, due to Covid-19 and other factors, Meniere's research at Sydney University has been hampered. Assoc. Prof Mukherjee, and several Meniere's research collaborators, have completed a histological study reviewing inner ear tissues removed from Meniere's sufferers, whilst undergoing ablative surgery. Dr Chris Pastras has completed some excellent research into the effects of endolymphatic hydrops on the vestibular system, with the help of Professor Curthoys and Dr Brown. Dr Brown has been developing, and has patented new medications for treating hearing loss. The appointment of a new 'Lead Researcher' at The University of Sydney has ground to a halt as it has been difficult to find a suitable candidate.

The current Meniere's research at The University of Sydney will soon relocate to Macquarie University, with Dr Chris Pastras having been awarded a highly competitive Research Fellowship at Macquarie University. There, he will work with Dr Mohsen Asadnia, who is committed to using nanotechnology to measure and direct activity in the inner ear. The prospects for meaningful research are rosy.

Thank you for your donation towards Meniere's Research at Macquarie University. The donation is placed in a secured fund and will be expended to support Meniere's research under the surveillance of a specialist panel of experts.

The Meniere's Research Fund has decided to support research at both The University of Sydney and Macquarie University. While the appointment of a lead researcher is delayed, we would prefer to direct support to the new venture at Macquarie University.

Yours sincerely,

W P R Gibson (secretary)