

Changes in Meniere's Research – updated 2019

There have been changes in the Meniere's Research at The University of Sydney. Dr Daniel Brown has left for a position at Curtin University, Perth, WA. He was our greatest asset as he was able to establish the laboratory in The Brain and Mind Centre. Here he undertook some ground-breaking research into the cause of Meniere's disease. In particular, he challenged the long established cause of the attacks of vertigo and suggested novel concepts which should lead to better control of the symptoms and towards an eventual cure.

Daniel will continue his interest in Meniere's disease *at Sydney University as a visiting Research officer* and will collaborate with Emeritus Professor Ian Curthoys, Dr Chris Pastras and Dr Aaron Camp who will be continuing the work at The University of Sydney. Dr Chris Pastras studied with Daniel and Emeritus Professor Ian Curthoys for several years and has just obtained his PHD. Dr Aaron Camp has studied with Professor Alan Brichta at Newcastle University and also has a keen interest in Meniere's disease.

The MRFI has just launched a clinical study into a possible virus cause of Meniere's disease and hopes to collect blood samples at the time of attacks which will be analysed by Professor Allison Abendroth and Associate Professor Barry Slobedman at The Charles Perkins Institute. Viruses have been suspected for many years as one of the initiating causes of Meniere's disease and if this can be definitely established, it is hoped to provide a cure for those who have been affected in this way.

If you know anyone who would wish to participate, please let me know.

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