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Dear Test,

[Welcoming Dr Ritchie Shoemaker, MD to Australia!](#)

The Lyme Disease Association of Australia wishes to extend a very warm welcome to [Dr Ritchie Shoemaker, MD](#) who is coming to Australia in March 2015.

For those of you who don't know, Dr Shoemaker is a leader and pioneer in the identification and treatment of Chronic Inflammatory Response Syndrome (often referred to as mould-related health issues). Such issues are often present in patients with Lyme and Lyme-like disease.

Dr Shoemaker will be holding a public information seminar on Saturday 7 March 2015 in Brisbane, followed by a physician-only seminar in Sydney on Saturday & Sunday 14-15 March 2015. [You can access the public information session details here](#) or the [physician details, including registration here.](#)

We were also fortunate enough to have the opportunity to interview Dr Shoemaker to discuss his work and upcoming visit

[Read our interview with Dr Shoemaker, M.D. here.](#)

[Do you know a Physician interested in treating Lyme or CIRS?](#)

The LDAA is again running a Physician Scholarship program to assist a small number of Australian-based General Practitioners and/or Specialists to attend the upcoming events:

- Karl McManus Foundation [3rd International Tick Borne Diseases Conference](#) in Sydney during 7-8th March 2015.
- Dr Ritchie Shoemaker, M.D. [Chronic Inflammatory Response Syndrome Seminar](#) in Sydney during 14-15th March 2015.

The purpose of this program is to assist in the education of physicians who do not currently treat Lyme and/or Lyme-like disease or Chronic Inflammatory Response Syndrome, but have an interest in doing so, or would like to learn more about these complex medical conditions.

Successful recipients will receive a 50% reimbursement towards the cost of conference registration.

To be eligible, recipients must not have attended a KMF International Tick Borne Diseases conference or CIRS seminar previously. There are also a small number of other terms and conditions that must be met.

Australian-based General Practitioners or Specialists are encouraged to register their interest by [contacting us](#).

[Environmental Sensitivities Symposium: an online event!](#)



The [2015 Environmental Sensitivities Symposium](#) has been created for those with various environmental sensitivities – Multiple Chemical Sensitivities, Electromagnetic Hypersensitivity, Lyme Disease & Biotoxin-Related Illnesses, Food Intolerances and more. The event is being held online from March 23rd-30th 2015.

- Everyone can participate, even those who are electrically sensitive!
- There is an online forum where you can become part of a supportive community.
- The ES Symposium is packed full of tips, strategies and actions that you can take to improve your health!
- 23 thought leaders will present over the week including Dr Tania Ash, John Coleman and Dr Christabelle Yeoh.

Go ahead, get your free ticket today and consider upgrading so you can support some great charities, including the Lyme Disease Association of Australia.

[Further details are available here.](#)



[Lyme Ed: Ask The Doctor - Special Edition](#)

This month we bring you a special edition of *Ask the Doctor series*. [Dr Yeoh](#) has prepared a small list of online resources* to assist both patients and readers. Some of the resources you may already be familiar with, some you may not.

- [The Better Health Guy Website](#) – This is a community page where you can explore articles, information, read and participate in blogs on Lyme disease and Chronic illness.
- [The Lyme Less Live More Website](#) – A site to access downloadable material covering all sorts of interesting topics about Lyme disease and chronic illness recovery. Please note some of the resources are free while there are costs associated with others.

Missed an installment? Readers can access all the [previous installments here!](#)

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[The May Lyme Project 2015](#)

A change is coming in 2015! The Lyme Disease Association of Australia is proud to announce our new annual event *The May Lyme Project* (TMLP).

As many in our community are aware, we've partnered with or sponsored the Worldwide Lyme Project (WWLP) in 2013 and 2014 with Karen Smith, Janice Foster and teams from around Australia ([see past Awareness Events here](#)). This year Karen felt drawn to focus on international awareness and handed the baton (so to speak) for the Australian May awareness campaign to the LDAA.

All past WWLP event holders were invited and a small planning group formed to plan the future. We wanted to build on past successes and to make the event systems and outcomes even stronger going into the future. Out of this planning group in combination with community collaboration, The May Lyme Project was born. We are proud and excited to partner with the Lyme community to represent and support Lyme patients with this powerful campaign.

Stay tuned for further announcements, posters, flyers and other support to assist in helping to build awareness of Lyme disease in Australia. If you're eager to connect now, simply [contact us](#) and we'll see how we can be of assistance to you! Lyme awareness truly saves lives.

[Coming Up: Early Schedule of Events for 2015](#)

There's some events already booking for next year - here's a snapshot:

Dr Ritchie Shoemaker, M.D. Chronic Inflammatory Response Syndrome *public* Seminar - March 7th 2015:

[Dr. Shoemaker M.D.](#), is holding an all-day public information session in Brisbane on Saturday 7th March 2015 and a one and a half day Physician's only seminar in Sydney on 14-15th March 2015.

All details and registration information is available [here](#).

KMF International Tick Borne Diseases Conference March 7th and 8th 2015:

[The Karl McManus Foundation \(KMF\)](#) is holding the 3rd International Tick Borne Disease conference entitled "*The Way Forward*" on 7-8 March 2015.

The event is being held at the [Kerry Packer Education Centre](#), Royal Prince Alfred

Hospital, Camperdown, Sydney.

For more information visit the [KMF website](#).

**Dr Ritchie Shoemaker, MD Chronic Inflammatory Response Syndrome
Physician-only Seminar - March 14th and 15th 2015:**

[Dr. Shoemaker M.D.](#), is holding a one and a half day Physician's only seminar in Sydney on 14-15th March 2015.

All details and registration information is available [here](#).

Environmental Sensitivities Symposium (Online event) March 23rd to 30th 2015:

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Bee's 4x4 Adventures Annual Charity Weekend - March 28th and 29th 2015:

[Bee's 4x4 Adventures](#) Annual Charity Weekend is hosting a Lyme fundraiser at the [Bylong Creek 4x4 park](#).

It's gearing up to be a great weekend for all the family. Keep up with the latest about this event by joining the official [Facebook Event Page](#) or you can email [Janice](#).

We're recruiting!

Being a Lyme volunteer is a deeply rewarding and vital job. So much progress has been made and yet, we have such a long way to go. If you're an authentic and passionate person with some skill sets to share, let us know.

The LDAA is currently seeking more volunteers to fill the following voluntary positions:

1. **Social Media** - Are you a twitter king or queen and would like to volunteer some time to build Lyme awareness? We need you! [Contact us here](#).
2. **Medical Copywriter** - Do you have medical or science copy writing or even research experience? We've got some exciting things happening and we need

your help, [contact us here](#).

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Lyme patients!

[A Word From The Committee](#)

Wow, what an exciting, yet tumultuous time to be a part of building Lyme Awareness in Australia. As the reality of the 'not quite enough advancement for Lyme patients from the CACLD' hits home for many, we continue our campaigns for awareness and change for the many sick and suffering Lyme patients and their families.

The May Lyme Project

One of the major vehicles to have achieved the most awareness in the past has been the national collaboration of Lyme patients during the Worldwide Lyme Projects in 2013 and 2014. We're excited to continue that push and momentum this year with The May Lyme Project. Our theme this year will focus on the looming yet unseen public health threat that Lyme disease is for every day Australians.

I mean really, I think you would join me in resounding agreement, that ONE more Lyme patient, whether adult or child, is ONE too many.

Welcome to the team

We'd like to welcome Yvonne Webster-Evans and Amber Beilharz to the team. Yvonne comes with an extensive CV in Project Management and you'll be hearing from her as we ramp up our activity for *The May Lyme Project*. Amber is the new Secretary for the LDAA and she's already made herself invaluable in a very short period of time. As Lyme patients, we're ALL incredibly fortunate to walk with them, side by side, as part of the Lyme awareness team.

Thank you for your ideas

We are regularly contacted by members of the community with ideas to assist with affecting change for Lyme patients in Australia. We are incredibly grateful. As you know, we are a small team of volunteers, so we can't action all of them, but please know, we understand and appreciate the intention.

Yours in Green,

Sharon Whiteman | President
Michelle Kelly | Newsletter Editor.

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