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NEUROMUSCULAR DISEASES : **Two international congresses in Marseille in May 2008**

In May 2008 the AFM is organising two international scientific and medical congresses on neuromuscular diseases at the Parc Chanot in Marseille.

From 26 to 30 May 2008, Myology 2008, the international congress of myology experts, presided by Thomas Voit, a neuropaediatrician, specialist in diseases of the muscle and medical and scientific director of the Myology Institute in Paris. This third myology congress will bring together nearly 1000 researchers and physicians specialising in the muscle and its diseases, and will continue the dynamic of the turning point for treatments initiated by the AFM. Therapeutic leads are increasing, and some of them are already the subject of trials on humans. Thus, Myology 2008 will be an opportunity to evaluate this medical and scientific revolution – by exchanging ideas, comparing emerging therapeutic leads and sharing first clinical results.

On 30, 31 May and 1 June 2008, the Fifth International Congress of Rehabilitation in Neuromuscular Diseases, presided by Vincent Gauthron, rehabilitation physician at the Saint-Etienne University Hospital. The aim of this congress, which takes place every two years and was last held in Denmark in 2006, is to compare best practices in Europe as regards the clinical management of neuromuscular diseases. It brings together more than 200 physicians and paramedical personnel to evaluate the advances made in this field.

For the first time, these two conferences will take place in France and will share **a day in common, the 30 May**. This will be an opportunity for the exchange of opinions between scientific experts of the muscle, physicians and paramedical personnel about the different scales of evaluation necessary in the therapeutic trials at present being carried out on humans.

For 20 years – and thanks to Téléthon donations – the AFM has been moving forward step by step towards its ultimate objective: cure. These two May 2008 congresses in Marseille will contribute to the success of this turning point of treatments.

**Registration, accommodation, exhibitors,
practical information, submission of posters (for Myologie 2008)...**
All information available at :

www.myology2008.org

www.afm-france.org/ewb_pages/c/congres-international-reeducation2008-mmm.php

Online submission of papers until 6 February 2008
Preferential registration fee until 15 February 2008

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