

18 April 2008

Dear Colleague

RE: CALL FOR NOMINATIONS TO GOLD MANAGEMENT COUNCIL

It is once again time to call for nominations to the Management Council of GOLD. The Annual General Meeting this year will be held on Saturday June 28th from 5.00pm – 6.30pm during the 10th International Symposium on Mucopolysaccharide and Related Diseases, June 26-29, 2008. Vancouver, Canada.

In line with the Articles of Association of GOLD, 4 members of the Management Council members rotate off the board at this meeting. This means that there are 4 vacancies on the Management Council falling due for election this year.

Current Management Council members retiring and offering themselves for re-election are:

Ms Rhonda Buyers, National Gaucher Foundation, USA

Professor Timothy Cox, University of Cambridge, Addenbrooke's Hospital, UK

Dr Roberto Giugliani Hospital de Clinicas de Porto Alegre, Brazil

Dr Maurizio Scarpa, Department of Pediatrics, Centre for Rare Disorders, University of Padova, Italy

Background on governance:

Membership of GOLD is for organisations rather than individuals. There are two classes of members: not for profit members, which includes academic research organisations, clinical groups and patient organisations and commercial members, including pharmaceutical companies.

The Memorandum and Articles of Association, provides that only a not-for-profit organisation can make a nomination and this must be seconded by two further not-for-profit organisations. **Existing Council Members standing for re-election need only be proposed by one not-for-profit organisation – no seconding is necessary.**

Depending on the number of nominations received for the Management Council, it may be necessary to hold an election for the posts available.

Please note that the closing date for nominations is May 16th 2008. Only those individuals nominated using the attached form, received by this date will be considered nominated. Valid forms must be returned by email, fax or post to Dr Ann Hale, Executive Director & Company Secretary by 5pm (UK time) May 16th 2008.

A list of FAQs regarding the nomination process is appended to this letter and nomination form. I am also available to answer your questions about election procedures at Ann.Hale@goldinfo.org.

This information is also posted on the GOLD website (www.goldinfo.org)
Nomination forms can also be downloaded from the website.

Yours Sincerely



Dr Ann Hale
Executive Director