2008 MSG Annual Meeting agenda  
*Beaver Hollow Conference Center, Java Center, NY*

**Day 1: Monday, September 15, 2008**

2 – 4 pm    MSG Executive Committee meeting – Rm C (in the Aud building)

4 – 6 pm    CINCH investigators’ meeting – Rm C (in the Aud building)

6:00 – 7:30 pm    Social hour and Introductions – Main Lodge

7:30 pm    Dinner – Room L1 (in the Main Lodge)  
            After dinner speaker – Michael Brooke: “Seven Ages of Academics”

**Day 2: Tuesday, September 16, 2008**

7:00 – 8:00 am    Informal Breakfast Seminar for new members/guests [open to all]: Room L1  
            Investigator Networks –
            “The MSG and TREAT-NMD”  
            Moderator: Robert C. Griggs  
            Speakers: Tawil/Bushby/Korinthenberg

8:10 – 8:15 am    Welcome – Robert C. Griggs - Auditorium

8:15 – 12 noon    Neuromuscular Disease: Bench-to-Bedside - Session I  
            Moderators: Rabi Tawil/Charles Thornton

8:15- 8:45    Facioscapulohumeral dystrophy - Silvere van der Maarel

8:45 – 8:50    Discussion

8:50 – 9:20    Limb girdle muscular dystrophies - Kate Bushby

9:20 – 9:25    Discussion


9:55 – 10:00    Discussion

10 – 10:15    BREAK

10:15-10:45    Molecular therapies for the muscular dystrophies: Status 2008  
            George Karpati

10:45–10:50    Discussion

10:50 -11:10    Myotonic dystrophy type 1: Treatment strategies for the future -  
            Thurman Wheeler

11:10 – 11:15    Discussion

11:15–11:45    Myotonic dystrophy-2 - John Day

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11:45 – 11:50 Discussion

11:50-12:10 Iplex treatment of myotonic dystrophy - Richard T. Moxley, III

12:10-12:15 Discussion

12:15 - 1:30 pm Lunch – Concurrent sessions:

PI’s/Co-I’s: “Mentoring and training strategies for a career in clinical/translational research” - Mallard Room
Karl Kieburtz and Darryl DeVivo

CE’s/Coordinators: “Trial implementation strategies” - Drake Room
Laura Herbelin and Cornelia Kamp

1:30 – 3:30 pm Bench to Bedside - Session II
Moderator: Steve Cannon

1:30 – 2:00 Immunopathogenesis of ALS - Stan Appel

2:00 – 2:05 Discussion

2:05 – 2:35 Ion channelopathies - molecular genetics and therapy - Michael Hanna

2:35 – 2:40 Discussion

2:40 – 3:10 Therapeutic strategies in mitochondrial encephalomyopathies
Michio Hirano

3:10 – 3:15 Discussion

3:15 – 3:30 Cornelia Kamp, Executive Director Strategic Initiatives, Clinical Trials Coordination Center, U. of Rochester

3:30 – 5:30 Free time for informal discussions/meetings/networking

5 – 6 pm HYP HOP Investigators’ meeting – Patty Smith

5:30 – 6 pm Poster Set up (Posters up by 5:45 pm) – Mallard Room

6:00 – 7:00 pm Hors d’oeuvres and 1st Poster Session

6:30 – 7:00 pm Poster discussion - Stan Appel/Steve Cannon/Lud Gutmann/George Karpati

7:00 – 10 pm Dinner – L1
After-dinner speaker - Lord John Walton of Denchant
“Sixty Years in Myology: A Retrospect”
Day 3: Wednesday, September 17, 2008

7 – 8:15 am  Breakfast (in Room L1)
2nd Poster Set-Up (Posters up by 6:45 am) – Mallard Room

7:45 – 8:15 am  Authors by posters – Mallard Room

8:15 – 8:45 am  Highlights/discussion of posters –
Stan Appel/Lud Gutmann/George Karpati

8:45 – 9 am  MSG constitution/Amendments – Rabi Tawil – in Auditorium
Publications/Authorship Policy – Don Sanders
Nominating Process – Steve Greenberg
Financial statement/R. Griggs

9 – 9:45 am  Keynote speaker – Andrew Engel
Title: Sleuthing targets for disease in muscle

9:45 – 10 am  BREAK

10 – 12:00 noon  Trial Design Session: Patient-reported outcome measures
Moderator: Mike McDermott

10 – 10:20  Determinants of QOL - Reza Seyedsadjadi

10:20 – 10:25 Discussion

10:25–10:45  Spinal muscular atrophy - “Quality of Life measures”
Susan Iannaccone

10:45 – 10:50 Discussion

10:50–11:10  Behavioral measures – Veronica Hinton

11:10–11:15 Discussion

11:15–11:45  Patient reported outcome measures in neuromuscular disease
Stefan Cano

11:45- noon  Discussion

12 noon – 1 pm  Lunch (in Room L1):

1:00 – 1:30 pm  Updates from NIH (in Auditorium):

John Porter - Developing Novel Therapeutics for Motor Unit Diseases
John Ferguson – Office of Rare Diseases
1:30 – 3:30 pm  Progress/Status reports (approximately 10 minutes each):

FOR-DMD – Kate Bushby
HYP HOP – Robert C. Griggs
CMT – Michael Shy
*Inflammatory Myopathies – Anthony Amato*
Ocular MG – Michael Benatar
SMA - Petra Kaufmann
MG Thymectomy – Michael Pulley
CINCH – Robert C. Griggs

3:30 – 4 pm  Wrap-up – Robert C. Griggs

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