

## National Conference 24<sup>th</sup> September 2011

We are delighted to announce a one-day conference at the Manchester Conference Centre. A highlight will be a report from **Raptor Pharmaceuticals** on the progress towards regulatory approval for the **enteric-coated Cystagon**, which holds such promise to reduce the required dose patients need take, so reducing the side effects of the only treatment for Cystinosis. Another will be **Dr Graham Lipkin's** session entitled '**Best Practice in the Care of Adult Patients with Cystinosis**'.

There will be parallel sessions in the morning (11.00am) so that the needs of Adult and Paediatric patients can be dealt with fully. Our President, **Professor William van't Hoff**, will lead the session for paediatric patients while **Dr Graham Lipkin** will lead the session for adult patients as mentioned above.

The afternoon will focus on research progress with presentations from **Professor Roz Anderson** from Sunderland University who will bring us up to date on the Pro-Drug research the Foundation has sponsored there; **Dr Patrick Harrison** from Cork University will review progress on gene therapy approaches and a representative from *Raptor Pharmaceuticals* will update us, as highlighted as one major feature of the day at the beginning of this letter.

Lunch will be provided and there will be a crèche for the children.

The Manchester Conference Centre is our chosen venue, located in the heart of Manchester City Centre just 300 yards from Manchester Piccadilly Station. Its close proximity to Manchester Airport and Bus Stations makes it one of the best located and easy to find conference, hotel and events facilities within the United Kingdom.

For those who would like to stay a night to spend more time with friends and fellow patients or explore Manchester centre there is a very reasonably priced hotel attached. For more details on the centre visit [www.manchesterconferencecentre.co.uk](http://www.manchesterconferencecentre.co.uk)

We need to confirm numbers of attendees as soon as possible and ask that you complete the simple registration slip and return to us. Alternatively registration can be done on our website.

### Registration Form

Name.....  
Address.....  
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Postcode.....  
Number of adults ..... Number of children.....  
Please return form by June 4<sup>th</sup> to address above.