

2007 Annual Membership Meeting Agenda

Please Note: Due to circumstances beyond our control, this meeting agenda is subject to change.
(MCCC) Memphis Cook Convention Center

Wednesday, March 21st

Event	Location	Times
NAF Registration	Natchez	6:00PM-9:00PM

Thursday, March 22nd

Event	Location	Times
NAF Registration	Natchez	8:00AM-9:00PM
Early Teen Outing	Grizzlies vs. Lakers	6:30PM -10:00PM
Early Adult Outing	Grizzlies vs. Lakers	7:00PM-10:00PM
Leadership Meeting	Nashville	1:00PM-5:00PM
Internet Group	Nashville	7:00PM-9:00PM

Friday, March 23rd

Event	Location	Time
NAF Registration	Natchez	7:30AM-6:30PM
Breakout Sessions	Various Meeting Rooms	8:00AM-12:00PM
Lunch	On Your Own	12:00 noon
Birds of A Feather	Various Meeting Rooms	2:00 PM - 5:00 PM
Reception	MCCC Ballroom A&B	7:00 PM

Breakout Session Schedule					
TIME	Heritage1	Heritage2	Heritage3	Heritage4	Nashville
8:00 AM	Nutrition	Coping Late On-Set	Caregiver Coping	Exercises & Therapy	Dancing with Ataxia
9:00 AM	Genetics	Coping Early On-Set	Service Dogs	Depression	Adult Siblings
10:00 AM	Nutrition	Coping Late On-Set	Caregiver Coping	Exercises & Therapy	Dancing with Ataxia
11:00 AM	Genetics	Coping Early On-Set	Service Dogs	Depression	Adult Siblings

BIRDS OF A FEATHER: 2:00 - 5:00 PM

Birds of a Feather Informal Groups will meet from 2:00 - 5:00 in scattered areas throughout the Heritage Ballroom and other meeting rooms.

Please check the hall signs for your specific group's location.

PARENTS' BIRDS OF A FEATHER 2:00 - 5:00 PM in the Nashville Room

This Birds of a Feather group time will be used to listen and share experiences. This will be a powerful time for each of us. The session will begin with identifying some expectations of the group members and addressing their issues/concerns.

CAREGIVERS & SPOUSES BIRDS OF A FEATHER 2:00-5:00 PM in the Knoxville Room

This Birds of a Feather will be attended by caregivers to share with other caregivers their experiences and concerns in this most appreciated role.

Saturday, March 24th

Event	Location	Time
NAF Registration	Natchez	7:30AM-5:30PM
General Sessions	MCCC Ballroom A&B	8:00AM-12:00PM
Lunch	On Your Own	12:00 noon
General Sessions	MCCC Ballroom A&B	2:00PM-5:00PM
Silent Auction	MCCC Ballroom A&B Foyer	3:30PM-7:30PM
Catholic Service	Nashville	6:00PM-6:45PM
Nondenominational Service	Chattanooga	6:00PM-6:45PM
NAF Banquet	MCCC Ballroom A&B	7:00 PM

GENERAL SESSIONS:

<u>TIME</u>	<u>SPEAKER</u>	<u>TOPIC</u>
8:00 AM	Arnie Gruetzmacher	Welcome & Opening Remarks
8:30 AM	Michael Wilensky, MD	Managing the Ataxia Patient
9:00 AM	Harry Orr, PhD	Ataxia Research Review
9:30 AM		BREAK
10:00 AM	Laura Ranum, PhD	SCA 8 Research
10:30 AM	Sid Gilman, MD	Sporadic Ataxia
11:00 AM	Henry Paulson, MD, PhD	Update on Spinocerebellar Ataxia Type 3/Machado-Joseph disease
11:30 AM	Q&A Panel	
12:00 PM		LUNCH
2:00 PM	Meri Firpo, PhD	Using Stem Cells as a Model of Human Development
2:30 PM	S.H. Subramony, MD	Uncommon Causes of Ataxia
3:00 PM	Robert Wilson, MD, PhD	Experimental Therapeutics for Friedreich's Ataxia
3:30 PM	Khalaf Bushara, MD	Ataxia and Allergy to Wheat
4:00 PM	Beverly Davidson, PhD	microRNAs in SCA1
4:30 PM	Q&A Panel	

Sunday March 25th

Event	Location	Times
NAF Registration	Natchez	7:30AM-11:00AM
Business Meeting	MCCC Ballroom A&B	8:00 AM-8:30AM
General Sessions	MCCC Ballroom A&B	8:00AM-1:00PM

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<u>TIME</u>	<u>SPEAKER</u>	<u>TOPIC</u>
8:30 AM	Jeremy Schmahmann, MD	The Cerebellum in Behavioral Neurology and Neuropsychiatry
9:00 AM	Mark LeDoux, MD, PhD	Other Movement Disorders in patients with Ataxia
9:30 AM	Susan Perlman, MD	Non-experimental Issues of Diagnosis and Management for Friedreich's Ataxia
10:00 AM		BREAK
10:30 AM	Sara Ying, MD	Eye Movement Abnormalities and Ataxia
11:00 AM	Arnulf Koeppen, MD	Why are the dominant ataxias so different from each other?
11:30 AM	John Day, MD, PhD	Review of What We Have Learned
12:00 PM	Q&A Panel	
12:30 PM	Arnie Gruetzmacher	Closing Remarks