MEETING OVERVIEW

Science in Paris stands in the proud tradition of The Marfan Foundation’s prior meetings with national and international researchers and clinicians focused on genetic aortic and vascular conditions. The goal is to enhance collaboration and discovery to ultimately benefit patients and families. This four-day meeting will feature three separate, but connected, meetings. We welcome clinicians (in all disciplines), surgeons, and researchers. Oral presentations, poster sessions, and social events are being planned.

THE THREE MEETINGS ARE:

- **April 25, 2022**  
  DEFY Foundation 5th Scientific Meeting on Vascular Ehlers-Danlos Syndrome

- **April 26–27, 2022**  
  11th International Symposium on Marfan, Loeys-Dietz, and Related Conditions  
  (Aortic Summit Poster Session)

- **April 28, 2022**  
  7th GenTAC Aortic Summit

REGISTRATION

Registration and Abstract Submission opens **January 25, 2022**.  
Marfan.org/Research/Scientific-Meetings
**ACCOMMODATIONS**

*Le Méridien Etoile, Paris, France*

*81 Boulevard Gouvion Saint-Cyr, 75848 Cedex 17, Paris 75017 France | +33 1 40 68 34 34*

Ideally situated in the heart of Paris and facing the Palais des Congrès de Paris, the hotel is located near La Défense business district and walking distance from the Arc de Triomphe and Champs-Elysées. It is also near the Louvre Museum, Eiffel Tower, and Montmartre – all of which make Paris one of the most beautiful cities in the world.

Charles de Gaulle and Orly Airports are only 30-45 minutes from the hotel. The Le Bus Direct shuttle to Charles de Gaulle stops across the street every 30 minutes. The famed Gare du Nord train station is a mere 20 minutes away for those traveling to or from other cities aboard the Eurostar.

The cost of accommodations is 219€ for single occupancy and 239€ for double occupancy and includes breakfast. Hotel reservations must be made by **April 15, 2022**, to guarantee the group rate and availability. Rates will be made available for three days pre-event and three days post-event. Individual reservations can be cancelled up to 21 days before arrival. Deposits for room reservations are required at booking:

- 1 night for any stay of 1 night or 2 nights
- 3 nights for any stay of 3 nights or more

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**IMPORTANT DATES**

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**ABSTRACT GUIDELINES**

1. Abstracts must be submitted electronically by March 9, 2022.
2. Abstract must be written in English.
3. The names of the authors should be listed in the following order: Last name, first name, degree, department, institution, city, state, and country.
4. The presenting author’s name should be underlined.
5. The abstract should be a maximum of 300 words and include the following sections: introduction, objectives, materials and methods, results, and conclusion.
6. Please use 12 pt. Arial, single spaced, and 1” margins.
7. Abstracts must be only 1 page and have no diagrams.
8. There is no limit to the number of abstracts a presenter can submit.
9. All authors will receive notification by March 23 for oral or poster presentation.

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For inquiries, please contact lmay@marfan.org or 516-883-8712
The DEFY Foundation in partnership with The Marfan Foundation and The VEDS Movement invite you to participate in the 5th Scientific Meeting on Vascular Ehlers-Danlos syndrome (VEDS). The one-day in-person meeting will be held on Monday, April 25, 2022, from 8:00 am – 5:00 pm in Paris, France. Registration will be open on January 25, 2022.

**PLANNING COMMITTEE CO-CHAIRS**

- Peter Byers, MD, Collagen Diagnostic Laboratory (CDL), University of Washington
- Hal Dietz, MD, McKusick-Nathans Institute of Genetic Medicine, Johns Hopkins University
- Xavier Jeunemaitre, MD, PhD, Dept. of Genetics, European Hospital Pompidou
- Tony Yasick, MD, DEFY Foundation

The goal of this meeting is to bring together the international VEDS research and treatment communities to enable interaction and networking. Scientists and clinicians will be able to focus on state-of-the-art research using mouse models, natural history experience, critical patient outcome and management issues and start collaborations in order to help encourage participation in upcoming clinical trials.

The meeting will have three to five general session on topics driven by abstract submissions, where young investigators present their state-of-the-art science selected through abstract submission. A poster session will follow the general session to allow interaction and networking.

**CALL FOR ABSTRACTS**

All presentations (in both oral and poster formats) will be selected from the abstracts. Abstracts are welcome in all disciplines aimed at identifying or testing medical or surgical interventions, unveiling molecular mechanisms, insights derived from animal models, innovative technologies, provocative concepts, mutation-specific patient reported natural history, and surgical outcomes for both children and adults.

For inquiries, please contact jgrima@marfan.org or kwright@thevedsmovement.org.

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PRELIMINARY PROGRAM AGENDA
Le Méridien Etoile, Paris, France
Tuesday – Wednesday, April 26 – 27, 2022
8:00 am – 5:00 pm

MEETING OVERVIEW
The 11th International Research Symposium on Marfan, Loeys-Dietz (LDS), and Related Conditions is a 2-day state-of-the-art meeting where new cutting-edge research in diagnosis, treatment, and pathogenesis of Marfan, LDS, and related conditions will be presented and discussed. The goal is to bring together young and senior investigators in both clinical and basic research to investigate mechanisms by which mutations are translated to phenotype, recognition of the broad clinical range of the aneurysm related syndromes, identification of genes that harbor mutations, and investigation of effective therapies. All research and management issues in major disciplines -- including cardiology, surgery, orthopedics, genetics, and ophthalmology -- are encouraged. Young investigators are encouraged to submit their research for review and state-of-the-art science will be selected for oral presentation through abstract submission. A poster session will follow the general session to allow interaction and networking.

PLANNING COMMITTEE
• Alan Braverman, MD, Washington University
• Catherine Boileau, PhD, Hôpital Bichat
• Julie DeBacker, MD, Ghent University
• Hal Dietz, MD, Johns Hopkins University
• Guillaume Jondeau, Hôpital Bichat
• Josephine Grima, PhD, The Marfan Foundation
• Mark Lindsay, MD, PhD, Massachusetts General Hospital
• Bart Loeys, MD, PhD, University of Antwerp
• S. Chris Malaisrie, MD, Northwestern Medicine
• Shaine Morris, MD, Texas Children’s Hospital
• Daniel Rifkin, PhD, NYU Langone Health
• Sherene Shalhub, University of Washington

CALL FOR ABSTRACTS
All presentations (in both oral and poster formats) will be selected from the abstracts. Submissions are welcomed in state-of-the-art research and management in cardiology, pulmonology, ophthalmology, and orthopedic issues; new imaging and biomarkers, genotype/phenotype/modifiers, groundbreaking technologies, challenging concepts, and development of therapeutic options, animal models, and pathogenesis; pregnancy; exercise; and quality of life.

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GenTAC Aortic Summit
PRELIMINARY PROGRAM AGENDA
Le Méridien Etoile, Paris, France
Poster Session: Wednesday Afternoon, April 27, 2022
Oral Presentations: Thursday, April 28, 2022

MEETING OVERVIEW
The agenda of the GenTAC Aortic Summit meeting focuses on clinical science in the field of genetically triggered thoracic aortic aneurysms. The goal of the Aortic Summit is to recognize the similarities and differences, as well as the critical management and surgical issues, facing patients with thoracic aortic disease. Key sessions include presentations on the following topics by experts in the field:

PLANNING COMMITTEE
- Sherene Shalhub, MD, Co-Chair, University of Washington
- Bart Loeys, MD, PhD, Co-Chair, University of Antwerp
- Marion Hofmann-Bowman, MD, Co-Chair, University of Michigan
- Simon Body, MD, Boston University
- Kim Eagle, MD, University of Michigan
- Josephine Grima, PhD, The Marfan Foundation
- Shaine Morris, MD, Texas Children’s Hospital
- Toru Suzuki, MD, University of Leicester

CALL FOR ABSTRACTS
Submissions are welcome addressing the similarities and differences and the critical management and surgical issues facing patients with thoracic aortic disease, natural history of disease, and patient outcomes.

Familial Aortopathy
1 - The Current Genetic Library & Likely Prospects
2 - Gene-Specific Decision-Making Using Imaging
3 - Gene-Specific Decision-Making Using Surgical Cut Points
4 - Gene-Specific Management in Pregnancy

Bicuspid Aortic Valve
1 - The Search for Genetic Underpinnings
2 - Phenotypic Variations - The Valve
3 - Phenotypic Variations - The Aorta
4 - Pediatric Controversies, including Exercise and Sports
Should the Surgical Cut Point for BAV be the Same or Different from Non-Genetic Aortopathies?
5 - Pro Opinion
6 - Con Opinion
7 - Debate and Discussion

Turner Syndrome
1 - Advances in Genetic Understanding
2 - Pearls in Managing Patients

Acute Aortic Syndromes
1 - Current Classification Schemes
Should We Operate on Ascending Intramural Hematoma?
2 - Pro Opinion
3 - Con Opinion
4 - Debate and Discussion
Should We Stent Stable Type B?
5 - Pro Opinion
6 - Con Opinion
7 - Debate and Discussion
8 - How to Use Biomarkers Acutely & Chronically

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