



Dear Professor Bravo,

EDS UK and the Ehlers-Danlos National Foundation, in alliance with the EDS consortium in Ghent and medical professionals internationally, are very proud to announce an EDS International Symposium in New York City during May 2016. The primary goal is to reclassify the diagnostic criteria for all the types of Ehlers-Danlos syndrome. The symposium is also purposed with producing guidelines for medical professionals to use once a diagnosis has been reached as a universal guide for management.

We are excited to be working on a project that will change the lives of those with EDS. Updated diagnostic criteria, published in medical journals, will increase and improve diagnosis, and the management guidelines will ensure that there is an internationally agreed-on treatment plan. Finally our community will have the foundations we need to ensure more research, funding and recognition.

It is with great pleasure that we would like to invite you to join this important project as a member of the Beighton criteria working group.

You will find included a full project plan with all the details, including objectives, a timeline and the commitment required. Please get back to us at your earliest convenience to let us know if this is something you would like to commit to **ASAP**.

There is much to do between now and May 2016, but we are tremendously excited about the enormous good this symposium can do for the EDS community. Please help the EDS International Symposium change the future. Full logistics for May 2016 will be sent out ASAP.

Many Thanks

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