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P.A.N.D.O.R.A., Inc. Hosting  
4<sup>th</sup> Annual Neuroendocrineimmune Disorders Conference  
*INSPIRING HOPE THROUGH AWARENESS*  
May 14<sup>th</sup>, 2004, 8 a.m.  
Pompano Beach Civic Center

Coral Gables - P.A.N.D.O.R.A., Inc-Patient Alliance for Neuroendocrineimmune Disorders Organization for Research and Advocacy is the only south Florida-based, not-for-profit 501c 3 Organization (ID 550795076) supporting neuroendocrineimmune disorders. P.A.N.D.O.R.A. is proud to announce the 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Neuroendocrineimmune Disorders Conference, "INSPIRING HOPE THROUGH AWARENESS", being held in conjunction with the CFS/FMS Empowerment Groups at Temple Shalom and Memorial Hospital West.

As part of the International Awareness Week for Chronic Fatigue Syndrome (CFS), Fibromyalgia (FMS) and Gulf War Syndrome (GWS), on May 14, 2004, a group of highly-respected experts will gather at the Pompano Beach Civic Center to address the latest research and protocol treatments for people with neuroendocrineimmune disorders. Originally spearheaded by local empowerment groups, this conference has become an annual event.

Pompano Beach Commissioner Kay McGinn will present P.A.N.D.O.R.A., Inc. with a proclamation day letter to honor the event. The Live Monarch Foundation is providing butterflies to be released to nature as a symbolic act of renewal. Native Indian legends say, *"If you have a secret wish, find a butterfly and whisper your wish to it. When you release the butterfly, it will carry your wish to the Great Spirit. By setting the butterfly free, you are helping to restore the balance of nature, and your wish will surely be granted."* ([www.livemonarch.com](http://www.livemonarch.com))

Keynote guest speakers at this year's conference are Nancy Klimas, M.D. and Robert Bennett, M.D., FRCP. Dr. Nancy Klimas, Professor of Medicine at the University of Miami is one of the leading researchers on Chronic Fatigue Syndrome and AIDS in the world. Rheumatologist Dr. Robert Bennett is a Professor of Medicine at Oregon Health Sciences University. He will be lecturing on recent advances in the understanding and treatment of Fibromyalgia.

Also, there will be a panel discussion about managing Chronic Fatigue Syndrome by Rasha Lawrence, M.D.; Jackie Junco, M.D.; and Mary Catherine Segota, Ph.D. Motivation speaker, Dr. Bruce Hoffman, will give a presentation on fear and feelings related to neuroendocrineimmune disorders. Dr. Sharon Clark will address the group on issues related to exercise. Attorneys Alan Ruback and Jodi Fischer will share workshop presentation on disability issues.

The main sponsor is Forest Laboratories, Inc. Other sponsors include Artemis Design Group, Balance Magazine, Whole Foods Market, Viña & Company, The City of Pompano Beach, Net Comp Communications Group Inc., The National Fibromyalgia Partnership, Peak Performance Consultants, Dr. Bernard Burton, The CFIDS Association of America Inc, ProHealth Inc., To Your Health Inc., The National Fibromyalgia Association, Coastal Condominiums and Soul Focused Healing.

Founded in 2002 by Marly McKibben, P.A.N.D.O.R.A., Inc. has co-hosted two annual neuroendocrineimmune disorder conferences in South Florida. Monthly *Chronic Fatigue Syndrome & Fibromyalgia Empowerment Group* meetings are held at Temple Shalom in Pompano Beach and Memorial Hospital West in Pembroke Pines.

P.A.N.D.O.R.A. Inc.'s mission is to be *one strong voice for many* - raising awareness, providing support and educational resources, establishing partnerships, supporting research, encouraging creation of empowerment groups, and organizing conferences. These efforts will assist patients with neuroendocrineimmune disorders and their families in leading productive and fulfilling lives. The Volunteer Help Line number is 954/783-6771.

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