

MINUTES FROM 1ST ASIA-PACIFIC ALS CONSORTIUM MEETING

The first meeting was held in Brussels, Belgium in conjunction with the International ALS/MND Symposium. The meeting was chaired by Professor Matthew Kiernan and Carol Birks.

- 1. Opening and welcome by Professor Matthew Kiernan**
- 2. Aims discussed:**
 - a. Establish group similar to that in Europe (ENCALS) to represent the Asia- Pacific region.**
 - b. Recognises medical advances require collaboration**
 - c. Build genuine partnerships across universities, with involvement of industry, the not-for-profit sector and the wider community**
- 3. Further action:**
 - a. Register interest through electronic database**
 - b. Develop a model and structure for the group**
 - c. Introduce the initiative in Taiwan ALS/MND meeting in April 2015**