

£100,000

pledge

A PLEDGE of £100,000 has been awarded to the Association to help fund our Whole Genome Scan research project.

The Stavros Niarchos Foundation has made a generous donation to our international MND research initiative. This project aims to narrow the search for genes that contribute to MND by identifying 'hot spots' linked to the disease which can then be carefully searched, letter by letter, for disease related 'spelling mistakes'.

By analysing over 4,000 DNA samples it is hoped that the genetic factors which could predispose people to MND can be identified. Once this link is made then it will provide important clues as to the underlying causes and mechanisms of the disease. This understanding could then allow researchers to pinpoint effective treatment strategies.

The Stavros Niarchos Foundation was created following the death of Greek shipping magnate Stavros S. Niarchos in 1996. The Foundation was established as part of Niarchos' enduring commitment to continue to change the lives of others through health and medicine projects as well as education, social welfare, and arts and culture programmes.