

## HISTORY & ACHIEVEMENTS

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The National ME/FM Action Network assists those afflicted with ME/CFS and FMS through education, advocacy, support, and research.

Being a national organization, we choose projects that will bring widespread awareness and understanding of these illnesses and will benefit patients across Canada.

### NATIONAL ME/FM ACTION NETWORK

## SUMMARY OF ACHIEVEMENTS

1993 – 2011

The National ME/FM Action Network adopted the theme of The Goose Story. The Canada Geese flying in “V” formation have a 71% greater flying range than each bird flying on its own. People who share a common direction and goal can get there more quickly and easily as they are traveling on the thrust of one another. The National ME/FM Action Network follows that course through support, advocacy, education and research.

[READ THE INSPIRING GOOSE STORY HERE >](#)

## THE CORPORATE CREATION

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June 18, 1993 National ME/FM Action Network officially receives charitable status.

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First newsletter published on May 4, 1993.

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Establishment of May 12th as International ME/CFS and FM Awareness Day in Canada.

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February 1, 1994 the bi-monthly newsletter receives its name QUEST.

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Corporate logo created based on The Goose Story.

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Board of Directors formed.

## **THE ACTION BEGINS SUPPORT ISSUES**

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Website launched.

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Facebook communication.

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CFS KnowledgeCenter communication.

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QUEST quarterly Newsletters created of medical and legal significance.

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The Journey added to QUEST to cover treatments and support matters.

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Established relationships with support groups and associations in Canada and around the world for mutual collaboration.

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Resource Books and guides developed for CPP disability pension applications, ME/CFS and FM pamphlets, manual for legal matters and TEACH-ME for Teachers and parents for children and youth with ME/CFS and FM.

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Fall 2010 Unheard Voices: My Story initiative started to collect ME/CFS and FM stories.

## **RESEARCH & MEDICAL ISSUES**

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Established communications with research facilities.

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Established National Doctors' Roster of medical professionals experienced with ME/CFS and FM.

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Surveyed the medical professionals enquiring what they felt was the most important tools they needed to diagnose & treated ME/CFS and FM.

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Expert Medical Panels established in anticipation of reviewing the draft definitions.

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2003 ME/CFS ME/CFS Clinical Working Case Definition, Diagnostic & Treatment Protocols: A Consensus Document published in the Journal of Chronic Fatigue Syndrome.

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2003 Fibromyalgia Syndrome: Canadian Clinical Working Case Definition, Diagnostic and Treatment Protocols – A Consensus Document published in Journal of Musculoskeletal Pain and co-published simultaneously in The Fibromyalgia Syndrome: A Clinical Case Definition for Practitioners.

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Hosting of conferences and meetings.

## **GOVERNMENT ISSUES**

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Communications established with relevant government departments and agencies in Canada.

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Collaboration with the U.S. Centers for Disease Control & Prevention in the drafting of the 1994 booklet “The Facts About Chronic Fatigue Syndrome”.

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## **LEGAL ISSUES**

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Established National Lawyers' Roster of lawyers experienced in ME/CFS and/or FM legal cases and willing to see clients free for initial consultations.

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Communications with the legal establishments.

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Network takes on intervenor status in court cases.

## **MEDIA ISSUES**

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Appointed a media representative to scan the media and follow up on any subjects dealing with ME/CFS and FM for follow up.

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Communications with Health Reporters on ME/CFS and FM matters.

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**THE NATIONAL ME/FM ACTION NETWORK** is the host of the IACFS/ME 10th international clinical and research conference for ME/CFS, FM and related illnesses in Ottawa – September 22nd – 25th, 2011 and a simultaneous patient conference on September 22nd, 2011.

NOTE; For a detailed history of achievements, please see our library.

or

[Learn more about the History & Achievements of our Network:](#)

We are dependent on memberships and donations to carry on our work on behalf of the ME/CFS/FM community. Please join us.

[Membership Application](#)