Media Kit

For more information about multiple chemical sensitivity, journalists are invited to contact the chair of the Chemical Sensitivity Foundation:

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The two videos at the beginning of the home page provide a good overview of multiple chemical sensitivity. The first one, containing extensive footage of people from all walks of life who have MCS as well as experts in the field, is particularly recommended, but the second one, containing primarily the experts, will give a good overview for those with only a limited amount of time available to watch one of the videos. The transcripts for each film will provide journalists with a convenient way to quote accurately from these videos.

Contact information for the experts who appear in these documentaries is available through Alison Johnson if not readily available online. (Drs. Stephen Levin and Gerald Ross have unfortunately both died of cancer within the last year.)

Johnson can also provide journalists with a list of people with MCS from various areas of the country who would be potential interviewees. She can help you find chemically sensitive people from various occupations or careers, as well as people she wrote about in her book *Amputated Lives: Coping with Chemical Sensitivity*. This book includes stories of people who developed MCS after participating in the *Exxon Valdez* cleanup, serving in the 1991 Iraq War, working or living near Ground Zero after the 9/11 attacks, or living in one of the toxic FEMA trailers after Hurricane Katrina. Click below to read sections of this book:

Introduction

Chapter One: The Struggle to Find a Safe Workplace

Chapter Two: The Elusive Search for a Place to Live

Chapter Three: The Consequences of Disbelief

Journalists will find of particular interest the information reached by clicking on the following articles:

MCS Prevalence

1999 MCS Consensus Definition

Fragrance-Free Workplaces

Housing Issues

Research Bibliography

Perusal of the twelve-page Research Bibliography will show that there has been substantial solid research on the subject of chemical sensitivity in important peer-reviewed journals such as *Toxicology and Industrial Health, Toxicology, Environmental Health Perspectives, International Archives of Occupational and Environmental Health, Oxidative Medicine and Cellular Longevity, International Journal of Immunopathology and Pharmacology, Journal of Occupational and Environmental Medicine, Archives of Internal Medicine, Journal of Toxicology and Environmental Health, Archives of Environmental Health, Psychoneuroendocrinology, Occupational Medicine, American Journal of Epidemiology, and Annals of the New York Academy of Sciences. Many articles in the bibliography are published by researchers from Sweden, Japan, Spain, Italy, and other countries. The Japanese government has provided substantial funds for MCS research.*