Dear Friends,

On November 14th-16th, Ataxia UK, FARA, FARA Australia and GOFAR are co-hosting the 2019 International Ataxia Research Conference. The focus will be a comprehensive scientific review of new research into ataxias, covering topics from the molecular basis of disease to potential therapeutic treatments and clinical trials. The conference will include Friedreich’s ataxia and other recessive ataxias (e.g. ataxia with oculomotor apraxia), dominant ataxias (e.g. spinocerebellar ataxias, DRPLA, episodic ataxias) and autoimmune ataxias. The meeting is aimed at academic, clinical and industry researchers with an interest in ataxia research and drug development.

To provide the researchers with some real-life insight from those living with ataxia, the conference committee has asked for people of all ages living with ataxia to submit high resolution photos (1MB or higher) and complete the information below. With the submissions from the ataxia community, we will create a slideshow presentation that will be shown throughout the conference. These presentations have been very effective in past conferences. We hope you will consider a submission. Responses should be sent to cscrace@ataxia.org.uk by Monday, September 16th, 2019.

Please answer the following questions and submit along with a high resolution photo. Please only provide information you are comfortable with being displayed on screen at the conference:

1. First name:

2. Age:
3. Location (City, Country):

4. Type of Ataxia:

5. Please choose **ONE** of the following questions and provide a one to two sentence response.
   
   - Tell us about a goal you're currently working towards, and why it is important to you.
   - What do you see as your role in moving research forward?
   - When things get tough, what motivates you?
   - What symptoms are most important for you to have treatment for or relief from?
   - If you were at the conference, what would you say to researchers?