

Dear Members and Friends,

ASEQ-EHAQ remains steadfast in our mission to secure greater recognition and support for individuals living with Multiple Chemical Sensitivity (MCS). As May is recognized as MCS Awareness Month, your unwavering dedication—whether through participating in our events, spreading awareness, or supporting our initiatives—fuels our progress. Every action you take brings us closer to meaningful change, and for that, we are deeply grateful. Together, we can amplify the voices of those affected and advocate for a healthier, more inclusive world.

RESILIENCE: International MCS Conference – May 1 & 2, 2025

Mark your calendars for this pivotal online event! Hosted via **Zoom**, the conference will explore **resilience** in the face of MCS, with a focus on:

- Advancing scientific understanding and research collaboration
- Improving diagnosis, treatment, and medical education
- Advocating for **policy reform** and **safer environments**

Accessibility accommodations—including **ASL**, **LSQ**, **CART**, **and multilingual captioning**, **simultaneous translation english french**,**french english**—will be provided. <u>Register here</u> to secure your spot.

You're Invited: International MCS Awareness Day

We are delighted to invite you to a pivotal online event on **Sunday, May 12, from 2:00 PM to 4:00 PM (EDT)**, where we will commemorate a groundbreaking achievement for the Multiple Chemical Sensitivity (MCS) community. For the first time, MCS has been formally acknowledged in a report by the United Nations Committee on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (CRPD)—a monumental step toward recognition of MCS as a disabling condition.

During this event, we will explore the far-reaching implications of this UN recognition, including how it can be leveraged to advance healthcare access, safer housing, workplace accommodations, and disability rights for the MCS community. We'll also discuss concrete next steps—how governments, medical professionals, advocates, and allies can work together to ensure MCS is integrated into legislation, accessibility standards, and public health frameworks.



Your presence and participation are vital as we strategize the path forward. Whether you're personally affected by MCS, an advocate, a healthcare provider, or an ally, this event will equip you with the knowledge and tools to contribute to meaningful progress.

Together, we can build on this milestone to create a more inclusive and supportive world for people with MCS. We hope you'll join us for this inspiring and action-oriented discussion.

Your Signature Can Make a Difference – Join 607 Supporters Today!

Time is running out to add your voice to this important initiative! As of April 23, 2025, 607 advocates have already signed our petition – but we need your help to strengthen our collective call for change. The deadline to participate is May 3, so please take a moment now to make your support count.

Quick & Easy Signing Process:

- **1** Click the link to access our petition form
- 2 Complete your details and submit
- 3 Check your inbox for a confirmation email from the National Assembly of Québec
- 4 Click the validation link to finalize your signature

This petition represents a critical opportunity to influence policy changes that will directly impact the lives of people with MCS. Each signature brings us closer to meaningful reform – will you be one of them?

Strength in Unity

Your unwavering support fuels our progress and amplifies our collective voice. Together, we're creating meaningful change. With deep gratitude, we thank you for standing beside us in this important journey.

Warm regards,

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