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Dear young rheumatologists and researchers in rheumatology,

the EMEUNET team welcomes you in this new issue of EMEUNews. As the EULAR 2014 Congress is now approaching (Paris, 11-14 June), we think you might be interested in taking a quick look at a selection of oral presentations and posters of potential interest in the various clinical and research areas of our discipline. Such selection is certainly totally personal and thus very limited and incomplete, but it still might be of some help in getting oriented throughout the very busy Congress programme. Furthermore, thanks to the close collaboration between EULAR and EMEUNET, as in previous years, the EULAR Congress will include a number of sessions specifically dedicated to young rheumatologists and researchers in rheumatology. In this issue of EMEUNews, you will find the complete schedule of “The Young Rheumatologist” programme. Also remember that the EULAR Congress in Paris will also be an opportunity to meet and have fun! The traditional EMEUNET Booth will serve as a point of contact for young rheumatologists, and we will enjoy together the beauties of Paris and Paris’ nightlife on Thursday the 12th! For those of you who still don’t know, EMEUNET members can now stay in touch also via Facebook, and you’ll have the big opportunity of winning the EULAR textbook by playing the EMEUNET Facebook Game! Last, the current Newsletter also contains an update on EULAR projects in education and training and a calendar of some upcoming educational events. We hope that EMEUNET will continue to grow and reaches more and more young rheumatologists and researchers over the next years. We would be happy if you, as EMEUNET members, disseminate the existence and aims of EMEUNET to anybody who is interested. We hope that you enjoy reading this Newsletter and would be happy to receive any comments or contributions for future issues.

On behalf of the Newsletter Subgroup, Serena, Russka, Mislav and Xenophon

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**BASIC RESEARCH I**

Genetics, cartilage/synovium, osteoimmunology, animal models

*Diane van der Woude*

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**ORAL PRESENTATIONS**

**Wednesday 11.06.2014 18:15**

Session: Spondyloarthritis: revisiting gut, enthesis and HLA-B27 in the IL23 era (Room 352)

O’Reilly, D.D. et al. (Canada)

OP0018 – Epigenetic study of advanced ankylosis in patients with ankylosing spondylitis

**Thursday 12.06.2014 10:30**

Session: Cytokines and inflammatory mediators (Room 343)

Bertoncelj, M.F. et al. (Switzerland)

OP0106 – The impact of pro-inflammatory cytokines on the expression and function of long noncoding RNA (LNRNA) in rheumatoid arthritis synovial fibroblasts

**Friday 13.06.2014 10:20**

Session: The biology of rheumatoid arthritis (Meridien II (Matisse))

Catrina, A.I. et al. (Sweden)

OP0171 – Characterization of lung inflammation and identification of shared citrullinated targets in the lungs and joints of early RA

**Friday 13.06.2014 10:50**

Session: Emerging concepts in genomics and genetics (Room 342)

Viatte, S. et al. (United States)

OP0190 – Personalized genetic medicine: amino acid positions 11, 71 and 74 in HLA-DRB1 predict disease severity, treatment response and mortality in rheumatoid arthritis; multi-centre prospective cohort studies

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**POSTERS**

**Thursday 12.06.2014 (Poster Tour, Level 3) 12.00**

THU0491 – Genome-wide transcriptional profiling of isolated immune cell populations from SLE patients with different ancestral backgrounds

Sharma, S. et al. (United States)

**Saturday 14.06.2014 (Poster Tour, Level 2 Paris) 10:30**

and **Thursday 12.06.2014 (Poster Session, Poster Area D, Level 4) 11.45**

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Haroon, N. et al. (Canada)

FRI0166 – Ankylosing spondylitis associated ERAP 1 variants alter the unfolded protein response

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**BASIC RESEARCH II**

Immunity, immunology

Alessia Alunno

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**ORAL PRESENTATIONS**

**Thursday 12.06.2014 10:50**
Session: Lupus pathogenesis unraveling (Room 351)
Vitali, C. et al. (Italy)
OP0100 – Indoleamine 2,3 dioxygenase I expression in Sjögren’s sialoadenitis correlates with the local amount of B-lymphocytes and plasmacytoid dendritic cells

**Friday 13.06.2014 10:40**
Session: Translational science in systemic sclerosis and myositis (Room 353)
Palumbo-Zerr, K. et al. (Germany)
OP0237 – Twist1 amplifies canonical TGF-beta signaling in SSc

**Friday 13.06.2014 11:10**
Session: The biology of rheumatoid arthritis (Meridien II (Matisse))
Brissler, M. et al. (Sweden)
OP0176 – S100A4 regulates the SRC-tyrosine kinase dependent differentiation of Th17 cells in rheumatoid arthritis

**POSTERS**

**Friday 13.06.2014 (Poster Tour, Room 252) 12:00**
and **Thursday 12.06.2014 (Poster Session, Poster Area D, Level 4) 11:45**
Roeleveld, D.M. et al. (Netherlands)
THU0495 – IL-22 drives the initiation and augmentation of Th17-dependent experimental arthritis

**Friday 13.06.2014 (Poster Tour, Room 252) 12:00**
and **Thursday 12.06.2014 (Poster Session, Poster Area D, Level 4) 11:45**
Bystrom, J. et al. (United Kingdom)
THU0500 – Cytokine production identifies a subset of rheumatoid arthritis patients T lymphocytes that is associated with responsiveness to biologic anti-TNF alpha agents

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**Alessia Alunno, MD,** is consultant rheumatologist and PhD student at the Rheumatology Unit, University of Perugia, Italy. Her main research interest is the role of T lymphocyte subsets in the pathogenesis of connective tissue diseases.
ORAL PRESENTATIONS

Thursday 12.06.2014 10:40
Session: Rheumatoid arthritis: predictors, prognosis and outcome (Meridien I (Renoir))
Van Nies, J.A. et al. (Netherlands)
OP0035 – When does the therapeutic window of opportunity in rheumatoid arthritis close? A study in two early RA cohorts

Thursday 12.06.2014 14:45
Session: Development and implementation of outcome measures (Amphi Bordeaux)
Norton, S. et al. (United Kingdom)
OP0127 – Impact of disease activity and treatment on progression of functional limitation in RA

Friday 13.06.2014 10:20
Session: Epidemiology, Outcomes and Health Services Research (Room 352)
Sundström, B. et al. (Sweden)
OP0195 – High sodium intake among smokers is a risk factor for ACPA positivity in RA

Friday 13.06.2014 11:10
Session: Comorbidity and disease impact in RA (Amphi Bordeaux)
Mantel, A. et al. (Sweden)
OP0168 – Clinical characteristics, case-fatality and risk factors for ischemic stroke in prevalent rheumatoid arthritis

POSTERS

Friday 13.06.2014 (Poster Tour, Level 3) 12:00
and Thursday 12.06.2014 (Poster Session, Poster Area D, Level 4) 11:45
Radner, H. et al. (Austria)
THU0448 – Consistency and usefulness of data items across European rheumatoid arthritis clinical cohorts and registers

Saturday 14.06.2014 (Poster Session, Poster Area D, Level 4) 10:15
Morel, J. et al. (France)
SAT0156 – The Flare-RA (Flare in Rheumatoid Arthritis) questionnaire is able to detect disease activity increase, i.e., flare, occurring between 2 visits to the rheumatologist
Russka Shumnalieva, MD, currently works as a rheumatology fellow and PhD candidate at the Medical University, Sofia (Bulgaria). Her major research work focuses on epigenetic changes and microRNA expression in rheumatic diseases. She is the country liaison for EMEUNET in Bulgaria.

**ORAL PRESENTATIONS & POSTERS EULAR 2014, PARIS**

**RA II**

Anti-TNF and B cell therapies

Russka Shumnalieva

**Thursday 12.06.2014 10:40**

Session: What is new with anti-TNF’s in RA (Room 342)

Clowse, M.E.B. et al. (United States)

OP0067 – Pregnancy outcome after exposure to certolizumab pegol: updated results from safety surveillance

**Thursday 12.06.2014 11:20**

Session: Rheumatoid arthritis: predictors, prognosis and outcome (Meridien I (Renoir))

Emery, P. et al. (United Kingdom)

OP0039 – Early response to etanercept-methotrexate induction therapy predicts sustained remission with reduced-dose combination regimen in the PRIZE study

**Thursday 12.06.2014 11:00**

Session: Novel non-TNF biologics treatment of RA (Room Ternes)

Silva-Fernandez, L. et al. (Spain)

OP0029 – The risk of serious infections in patients receiving rituximab for rheumatoid arthritis

**Friday 13.06.2014 14:35**

Session: Therapeutic drug monitoring (Meridien I (Renoir))

Krieckaert, C. (Netherlands)

OP0252 – Adalimumab serum concentration in patients with rheumatoid arthritis or psoriatic arthritis taking concomitant DMARD therapy

**POSTERS**

**Friday 13.06.2014 (Poster Tour, Room 251) 12:00**

and Saturday 14.06.2014 (Poster Session, Poster Area D, Level 4) 10:15

Jani, M. et al. (United Kingdom)

SAT0052 – Influence of immunogenicity and drug levels on the efficacy of long-term treatment of rheumatoid arthritis with adalimumab and etanercept: a UK-based prospective study

**Saturday 14.06.2014 (Poster Tour, Room 252) 10:30**

and Thursday 12.06.2014 (Poster Session, Poster Area D, Level 4) 10:45

Plasencia, C. et al. (Spain)

THU0157 – Comparison of clinical outcomes between rheumatoid arthritis patients under TNF inhibitors using a tapering strategy or standard therapy regimen in daily clinical practice
Other biologics and new drugs beyond biologics

Katerina Chatzidionysiou

**ORAL PRESENTATIONS**

**Thursday 12.06.2014 10:50**
Session: Novel non-TNF biologics treatment of RA (Room Ternes)
Genovese, M. et al. (United States)
OP0028 – Effects of Sarilumab plus MTX on clinical, radiographic, and functional endpoints in patients with moderate-to-severe rheumatoid arthritis: results of a phase 3, randomized, double-blind, placebo-controlled, international study

**Thursday 12.06.2014 10:40**
Session: Novel non-TNF biologics treatment of RA (Room Ternes)
Chopra, A. et al. (India)
OP0027 – Itolizumab, a human anti-CD6 monoclonal antibody, for treatment of rheumatoid arthritis: results of a randomized, placebo-controlled, phase 2 study

**Friday 13.06.2014 11:00**
Session: RA - non biologic and small molecules (Room Ternes)
van Volkenhoven, R. et al. (Sweden)
OP0151 – A phase 2b, 24-week study of VX-509 (decernotinib), an oral selective Janus Kinase 3 inhibitor, in combination with background methotrexate in rheumatoid arthritis

**Friday 13.06.2014 11:30**
Session: RA - non biologic and small molecules (Room Ternes)
Cohen, S. et al. (United States)
OP0154 – Integrated safety analysis of tofacitinib in RA clinical trials with a cumulative exposure of 12,664 patient-years

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**Thursday 12.06.2014 (Poster Session, Poster Area D, Level 4) 11:45**
Mariette, X. et al. (France)
THU0147 – Tofacitinib, an oral Janus Kinase inhibitor: analysis of malignancies across the rheumatoid arthritis clinical programme

**Friday 13.06.2014 (Poster Tour, Level 3) 12:00**
**and Thursday 12.06.2014 (Poster Session, Poster Area D, Level 4) 11:45**
Kremer, J. et al. (United States)
THU0126 – Evaluation of the effect of tofacitinib on measured glomerular filtration rate in patients with active rheumatoid arthritis
PSORIATIC ARTHRITIS

Marharyta Volkava

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Thursday 12.06.2014 10:50
Session: Genes, disease activity and treatment of Psoriatic Arthritis (Room 352)
Abou-Raya, A. et al (Egypt)
OP0076 – Effect of exercise and dietary weight loss on symptoms and systemic inflammation in obese adults with psoriatic arthritis: randomized controlled trial

Thursday 12.06.2014 10:40
Session: New insights into imaging arthritis (Meridien II (Matisse))
Wiemann, O. et al. (Germany)
OP0051 – The extraarticular patterns of ICG-enhanced fluorescence optical imaging in psoriatic arthritis

Thursday 12.06.2014 11.20
Session: Genes, disease activity and treatment of Psoriatic Arthritis (Room 352)
Glintborg, B. et al. (Denmark)
OP0079 – Ustekinumab is effective in inhibiting radiographic progression in patients with active psoriatic arthritis: integrated data analysis of two phase 3, randomized, placebo-controlled studies

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Saturday 14.06.2014 (Poster Tour, Level 2 Paris) 10:30
and Friday 13.06.2014 (Poster Session, Poster Area D, Level 4) 11:45
Ciccia, F. et al. (Italy)
FRI01627 – IL-9 over-expression and Th9 polarization immunologically characterizes the subclinical gut inflammation of patients with psoriatic arthritis

Thursday 12.06.2014 (Poster Tour, Level 3) 12:00
and Saturday 14.06.2014 (Poster Session, Poster Area D, Level 4) 10:15
Mease, P.J. et al. (United States)
SAT0408 – Long-term safety and tolerability of apremilast, an oral phosphodiesterase 4 inhibitor, in patients with psoriatic arthritis: pooled safety analysis of three phase 3, randomized, controlled trials
Paul Studenic, MD, is a medical resident and clinical research fellow at the Division of Rheumatology of the Medical University Vienna in Austria, working on his PhD. His main interests are rheumatoid arthritis, patient reported outcomes, predictors of disease activity and biomarkers. He is currently engaged in the EMEUNET Website Subgroup.

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O’Reilly, D.D. et al. (Canada)
OP0018 – Epigenetic study of advanced ankylosis in patients with ankylosing spondylitis

**Friday 13.06.2014 11:00**
Session: Treatment of spondyloarthritis: moving forward (Meridien I (Renoir))
Cypers, H. et al. (Belgium)
OP0159 – Microscopic gut inflammation in SpA is a prognostic factor for initiation of anti-TNF therapy in daily practice

**Friday 13.06.2014 16:35**
Session: Axial Spondyloarthritis: new name of an old disease (Meridien I (Renoir))
Ramiro, S. et al. (Netherlands)
OP0262 – A physically demanding job may amplify the effect of disease activity on the development of syndesmophytes in patients with AS

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and **Friday 13.06.2014 (Poster Session, Poster Area D, Level 4) 11:45**
Godfrin-Valnet, M. et al. (France)
FRI0111 – Defining flare in spondyloarthritis: thresholds of disease activity variations

**Friday 13.06.2014 (Poster Tour, Room 253) 12:00**
and **Saturday, 14.06.2014 (Poster Session, Poster Area D, Level 4) 10:15**
Baraliakos, X. et al. (Germany)
SAT0376 – Spinal mobility in the cervical and the lumbar spine correlates with magnetic resonance imaging findings in patients with ankylosing spondylitis – more results from the go-raise trial
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Thursday 12.06.2014 10:20
Session: SLE, Sjögren’s Syndrome – treatment (Amphi Bordeaux)
Powell, M. et al. (United States)
OP0041 – Pregnancy outcomes for Systemic Lupus Erythematosus (SLE) subjects with conception during belimumab intravenous (iv) and subcutaneous (sc) placebo-controlled clinical trials and long term extension trials

Thursday 12.06.2014 10:50
Session: SLE, Sjögren’s Syndrome – treatment (Amphi Bordeaux)
Gordon, C. et al. (United Kingdom)
OP0044 – Effects of atacicept on disease activity in patients with moderate to severe Systemic Lupus Erythematosus: APRIL-SLE randomized trial

Thursday 12.06.2014 11:20
Session: SLE, Sjögren’s Syndrome – treatment (Amphi Bordeaux)
van Vollenhoven, R. et al. (Sweden)
OP0047 – A phase 2, multicenter, randomized, double-blind, placebo-controlled, proof-of-concept study to evaluate the efficacy and safety of sirukumab in patients with active Lupus Nephritis

Friday 13.06.2014 11:00
Session: SLE, Sjögren’s and APS - clinical aspects (other than treatment) (Room 242)
Hirohata, S. et al. (Japan)
OP0215 – Association of cerebrospinal and professional state in Systemic Lupus Erythematosus

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Alexander, T. et al. (Germany)
FRI0394 – The proteasome inhibitor bortezomib ameliorates refractory Systemic Lupus Erythematosus (SLE): a prospective multi-centre observational study

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Reddy, V. et al. (United Kingdom)
FRI0396 – Type2 anti-CD20 antibodies do not rapidly internalise from the surface of B cells from patients with Rheumatoid Arthritis and Systemic Lupus Erythematosus and lyse them more efficiently than rituximab (type 1 anti-20 antibody)
OTHER CONNECTIVE TISSUE DISEASES

Estibaliz Loza

Estibaliz Loza is a rheumatologist and epidemiological researcher from Spain. Her main areas of interests are quality (standards of care and quality indicators) and public health. She is working in the Institute for Musculo-skeletal Health in Madrid, Spain.

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Powel, M. et al. (United States)
OP0041 – Pregnancy outcomes for systemic lupus erythematosus (SLE) subjects with conception during belimumab intravenous (iv) and subcutaneous (sc) placebo-controlled clinical trials and long term extension trials

Friday 13.06.2014 13:30
Session: Getting to the heart of connective tissue diseases (Room Ternes)
Mavrogeni, S. et al. (Greece)
OP0250 – Distinct imaging patterns of heart failure in systemic lupus erythematosus: evaluation using cardiovascular magnetic resonance

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Thursday 12.06.2014 (Poster Session, Poster Area D, Level 4) 11:45
González García, A. et al. (Spain)
THU0364 – Autoimmune manifestations in patients with multicentric Castleman’s disease

Saturday 14.06.2014 10:15
Rashad, S.M. et al. (Egypt)
SAT0217 – High resolution computed tomography as a diagnostic determinant of fibrotic lung changes in connective tissue diseases
IMAGING

Mislav Radić

Mislav Radić, MD, PhD, is an Assistant Professor of Internal Medicine and he is currently working in the Division of Rheumatology and Clinical Immunology, University Hospital Split, Croatia. His scientific and clinical interests are systemic sclerosis, osteoarthritis, vasculitis, epidemiology and imaging tools in rheumatology.

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Thursday 12.06.2014 10:30
Session: New insights into imaging arthritis (Meridien II (Matisse))
Diekhoff, T. et al. (Germany)
OP0050 – Erosion detection on the SI-joints - a comparison between X-ray, low dose CT and MRI including high resolution sequences

Thursday 12.06.2014 11:30
Session: New insights into imaging arthritis (Meridien II (Matisse))
Croft, A. et al. (United Kingdom)
OP0056 – Can we replace temporal artery biopsy with cranial ultrasound for the diagnosis of giant cell arteritis? A retrospective cohort study of the diagnostic utility of ultrasound in routine clinical practice

Thursday 12.06.2014 14:35
Session: Imaging biomarkers in arthritis. Are MRI/US useful tools? (Meridien I (Renoir))
vank der Ven, M. et al. (Netherlands)
OP0123 – Can we replace temporal artery biopsy with cranial ultrasound for the diagnosis of giant cell arteritis? A retrospective cohort study of the diagnostic utility of ultrasound in routine clinical practice

Thursday 12.06.2014 14:45
Session: Imaging biomarkers in arthritis. Are MRI/US useful tools? (Meridien I (Renoir))
Roemer, F.W. et al. (Germany)
OP0124 – MRI-based long term prediction of incident radiographic osteoarthritis

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Saturday 14.06.2014 (Poster Tour, Level 3) 10:30
and Friday 13.06.2014 (Poster Session, Poster Area D, Level 4) 11:45
van Steenbergen, H.W. et al. (Netherlands)
FRI0239 – Subclinical inflammation on MRI of hand and foot of ACPA-negative arthralgia patients at risk for rheumatoid arthritis

Saturday 14.06.2014 (Poster Tour, Level 3) 10:30
and Friday 13.06.2014 (Poster Session, Poster Area D, Level 4) 11:45
Guevara, M.E. et al. (United States)
FRI0247 – Black blood MRI/A for diagnosis of large vessel vasculitis
Lucia Silva, MD, MSc, is a consultant rheumatologist at Complejo Hospitalario Universitario de Ferrol in Spain. She is currently working as a clinical research fellow at the Arthritis Research UK Centre for Epidemiology of the University of Manchester, UK.

**ORAL PRESENTATIONS**

**Wednesday 11.06.2014 16:05**
Session: Gout. Why crystals inflame where they are located and how they may form (Room 352)
Ottaviani, S. et al. (France)
OP0008 – Ultrasound in gout: a useful tool for follow-up with urate-lowering therapy

**Thursday 12.06.2014 16:45**
Session: Changing concepts of gout (Meridien I (Renoir))
Harold, L.R. et al. (United States)
OP0136 – Sex differences in gout characteristics: tailoring care for women and men

**Thursday 12.06.2014 16:35**
Session: Changing concepts of gout (Meridien I (Renoir))
Schlesinger, N. et al. (United States)
OP0133 – Erectile dysfunction is common among gout patients

**POSTERS**

**Friday 13.06. 2014 (Poster Tour, Room 252) 12:00**
and **Saturday 14.06.2014 (Poster Session, Poster Area D, Level 4) 10:15**
Guillen-Astete, C.A. et al. (Spain)
SAT0502 – Comparison between oral or intra-articular corticoids in the management of acute gout flare in patients with chronic renal failure

**Friday 13.06. 2014 (Poster Tour, Room 252) 12:00**
and **Saturday 14.06.2014 (Poster Session, Poster Area D, Level 4) 10:15**
Filippou, G. et al. (Italy)
SAT0510 – Ultrasound versus synovial fluid analysis for the diagnosis of calcium pyrophosphate dehydrate deposition disease: Is it CPPD? Ask us!

**Friday 13.06. 2014 (Poster Tour, Room 252) 12:00**
and **Saturday 14.06.2014 (Poster Session, Poster Area D, Level 4) 10:15**
Juge, P.A. et al. (France)
SAT0535 – Sensitivity and reproducibility of ultrasound in calcium pyrophosphate crystal deposition: a case-control study
**OSTEOARTHRITIS & OSTEOPOOROSIS**

*Misla Radić*

**ORAL PRESENTATIONS**

**Wednesday 11.06.2014 15:59**  
Session: Markers of osteoarthritis: what has it brought and what will it bring us  
(Meridien I (Renoir))  
Beyer, C. et al. (Germany)  
OP003 – Signature of circulating microRNAs in osteoarthritis

**Thursday 12.06.2014 10:20**  
Session: Osteoarthritis clinical aspects  
(Room Maillot)  
Wang, J. et al. (Australia)  
OP0058 – Patellar bone marrow lesions predict patellar cartilage defect progression, cartilage volume loss and knee pain in older adults: a cohort study

**Thursday 12.06.2014 11:10**  
Session: Osteoarthritis clinical aspects  
(Room Maillot)  
Haugen, I.K. et al. (Netherlands)  
OP0062 – The predictive value of magnetic resonance imaging for radiographic progression over 5 years in hand osteoarthritis

**Saturday 14.06.2014 13:05**  
Session: Modern imaging techniques in osteoporosis (Meridien I (Renoir))  
Genant, H.K. et al. (United States)  
OP0292 – Romosozumab administration results in lumbar spine and hip volumetric bone mineral density and content compared with teriparatide

**POSTERS**

**Thursday 12.06.2014 (Poster Tour, Room 252) 12:00**  
and Saturday 14.06.2014 (Poster Session, Poster Area D, Level 4) 10:15  
Orsolini, G. et al. (Italy)  
SAT0415 – Effects of intra-articular clodronate in the treatment of knee osteoarthritis: results of a double-blind, randomised placebo-controlled trial

**Saturday 14.06.2014 (Poster Tour, Room 253) 10:30**  
and Saturday 14.06.2014 (Poster Session, Poster Area D, Level 4) 10:15  
Roux, C. et al. (France)  
SAT0463 – Effect of eight years of denosumab treatment in postmenopausal women with osteoporosis: five-year results from the freedom extension
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Like us till End of EULAR (Saturday, June 14th) -
the winner will be selected by chance and contacted via Facebook
EMEUNET has organized an exclusive boat tour that we hope will create an opportunity for EMEUNET members to get to know each other better in a fun and memorable way. For more detailed information check the emails we previously sent you, including details on the meeting point.

**DRINKS & GET TOGETHER**

EMEUNET drinks & get together at Bistro des Augustins
June 12th at 20:30 p.m.

EMEUNET evening is an excellent opportunity to meet other EMEUNET members and to make new contacts and friends around the world. Do not miss to join us for drinks at the Bistro des Augustins, 39 Quai des Grands Augustins, 75006 Paris.

**EMEUNET BOOTH**

The traditional EMEUNET Booth will this year be located at H11, Level 3, in the EULAR village. As with previous years, this will be a key meeting point for young rheumatologists, where they can receive information on the great work of EMEUNET and can be actively encouraged to sign up. Additionally, it will also serve as a point of contact for existing members to come say hello and meet their fellow members.
**Wednesday 11.06.2014**  
**Session: Basic epidemiology explained**  
15:00 - 16:30  
Chair: Musters, Anne (Netherlands)  
Chair: Ramiro, Sofia (Portugal)  
Speaker: Askling, Johan (Sweden)  
Are RCTs the Holy Grail in rheumatic disease trials?  
Speaker: Carmona, Loreto (Spain)  
SP0016 - ABC of diagnostic and prognostic tests

**Wednesday 11.06.2014**  
**Session: Basic immunology explained**  
17:00 - 18:30  
Chair: Thurlings, R.M. (Netherlands)  
Chair: Studenic, Paul (Austria)  
Speaker: Toes, Rene (Netherlands)  
SP0045 - What you need to know to understand the immune targets in biological rheumatic disease treatment  
Speaker: Leavis, Helen (Netherlands)  
SP0046 - Why it could be relevant to study the microbioma in rheumatic diseases

**Thursday 12.06.2014**  
**Session: Career development**  
13:30 - 15:00  
Chair: Ospelt, Caroline (Switzerland)  
Chair: Nikiphorou, Elena (United Kingdom)  
Speaker: Schett, Georg (Germany)  
Essential competencies for the emerging leader  
Speaker: Allaart, Renée (Netherlands)  
SP0081 - Investigator-initiated clinical trials – how to be successful  
Speaker: Klareskog, Lars (Sweden)  
European Union research grant: how to write, apply and succeed  
Abstract: Christian, Beyer (Germany)  
OP0133 – Educational needs of young clinicians and researchers working in the field of rheumatology – results from the EMEUNET/ESCET survey  
SP0046 - Why it could be relevant to study the microbioma in rheumatic diseases
Thursday 12.06.2014  
15:30 - 17:00  
Session: E-Health

Chair: van Tubergen, Astrid (Netherlands)  
Chair: Gossec, Laure (France)  
Speaker: de Wit, Maarten (Netherlands)  
Online monitoring of patient reported outcomes - patient perspective  
Speaker: Visser, Benjamin (Netherlands)  
Medical Apps in daily practice  
Speaker: van de Laar, Mart (Netherlands)  
SP0109 - Quality of care and telemonitoring  
Abstract: Sarah, Masefield (United Kingdom)  
OP0141 - Development and evaluation of an online course on key skills in influencing healthcare

Friday 13.06.2014  
13:30 - 15:00  
Session: What we have learnt - from exchange visits and educational research projects I

Chair: Boumpas, Dimitrios (Greece)  
Chair: Shumnalieva, Russka (Bulgaria)  
Speaker: Notarstefano, Chiara (Italy)  
A similar prevalence of germinal-centre like structures characterise the ACA+ vs ACA-subset of pSS patients” AND “Clinical and histopathological study of anti-centromere antibody positive primary Sjögren’s Syndrome”  
Speaker: Rosca, Corina (Romania)  
Angiogenesis changes induced by treatment in rheumatoid synovitis - correlation between power doppler ultrasound findings and proinflammatory cytokines  
Speaker: Rivelles, Felice (Italy)  
Crosstalk of human basophils and mast cells expressing IL-33 receptor ST2 with monocytes/macrophages in rheumatoid Arthritis patients  
Speaker: Ghergke, Ana Maria (Romania)  
Association of radiographic damage with physical function in patients with rheumatoid arthritis – results from the rapid trials  
Speaker: Stanciu Denisa (Romania)  
High-frequency ultrasound evaluation of musculoskeletal hand involvement in systemic sclerosis: a comparison study with the videocapillaroscopic patterns

Friday 13.06.2014  
15:30 - 17:00  
Session: What we have learnt - from exchange visits and educational research projects II

Chair: Lundberg, Ingrid (Sweden)  
Chair: Dobrota, Rucsandra (Romania)  
Speaker: Santiago, Tania (Portugal)  
Identification of morphological and mechanical changes in soft tissue in Systemic Sclerosis  
Speaker: Sumova, Barbora (Czech Republic)  
STAT3 in fibrosis  
Speaker: Bellan, Mattia (Italy)  
Vitamin D metabolism impairment in Rheumatoid Arthritis: implications for pathogenesis and treatment  
Abstract: Ziad, Farah (United Kingdom)  
OP0271 - To aspirate or not to aspirate: a trainee doctor’s dilemma  
Abstract: Carlos, El-Haddad (Australia)  
OP0272 - Online trust and health information - a randomised controlled trial
Saturday 14.06.2014  
08:30 - 10:00  
**Session: Funding of research**  
Chair: Lundberg, Ingrid (Sweden)  
Chair: Tas, Sander W. (Netherlands)  
Speaker: Tak, Paul-Peter (Netherlands)  
Partnership between public and private sources from a pharma and EFPIA perspective  
Speaker: Smolen, Josef S. (Austria)  
Collaboration with industry – trials, grants and more from an academia perspective  
Faculty Discussion

Saturday 14.06.2014  
12:00 - 13:30  
**Session: Marketing rheumatology: Spreading the gospel**  
Chair: Mandl, Peter (Austria)  
Chair: Connolly, Mary (Ireland)  
Chair: Kosanovic, Marija (Serbia)  
Speaker: Betteridge, Neil (United Kingdom)  
SP0218 - Making the case for rheumatic diseases (RMDs) at the EU level  
Speaker: Bijlsma, Johannes W.J. (Netherlands)  
Breaking the online barrier in rheumatology  
Speaker: Kvien, Tore K. (Norway)  
Online journals and the future of “paper” in rheumatology  
Speaker: Chapman, Christine (United Kingdom)  
Exploiting the online and social media to get your message across

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**EULAR PROJECTS IN EDUCATION AND TRAINING**  
*Room 351*

Wednesday 11.06.2014  
17:00 - 18:30  
**Session: Educational activities within EULAR ESCET (EULAR Standing Committee for Education and Training)**  
Chair: Bourmpas, Dimitrios (Greece)  
Chair: Machado, Pedro (Portugal)  
Speaker: Lundberg, Ingrid (Sweden)  
What is ESCET (overview of EULAR activities to support education and training)?  
Speaker: Hachulla, Eric (France)  
SP0047 - Novel learning through the EULAR Online Courses in Rheumatology  
Speaker: Iagnocco, Annamaria (Italy)  
SP0048 - What can EULAR offer to teach rheumatologists how to use ultrasound in clinical practice?  
Speaker: Ospelt, Caroline (Switzerland)  
EMEUNET - educational support to young rheumatologists
**ARTICULUM FELLOWSHIP**

**Deadline for application: 31st of July 2014**

www.articulumfellowship.com

- The Fellowship will be undertaken at the research facility of those ARTICULUM members who have previously agreed to host a Fellow.
- Funding will be in an appropriate amount to provide salary support for Fellows to undertake a 6-12 month research project.
- The applications will be evaluated by an ARTICULUM Committee, who will make the final decision as to which centre the chosen Fellows will be assigned to.

**Applicants Must:**
- Be no more than 40 years of age.
- Have an MD degree.
- Be enrolled in a postgraduate training programme with at least 1 year of specialty training in rheumatology, musculoskeletal medicine, orthopaedic surgery or acute/chronic pain management.
- Demonstrate a strong career interest in arthritis and pain.

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**ASAS FELLOWSHIP**

**Deadline for application: 1st of July 2014**

http://www.asas-group.org/education.php?id=06

**Purpose of the ASAS Fellowship:**
- To make young investigators not yet involved in the field of SpA enthusiastic for clinical research in SpA.
- To establish a new contact between a fellow in SpA in one ASAS centre with another ASAS expert center in SpA research
- Aim: 3 ASAS fellowships / year
- Programme started in 2011

**Requirements:**
- Task: to perform clinical or clinical/epidemiological research project in another ASAS member center

**Guidelines:**
- Objective: to encourage up to 3 young clinicians, preferably rheumatologists (in training) to perform research on Spondyloarthritis (not on Psoriatic Arthritis) at another institute of an ASAS member, preferably in another country
- Directed to young clinicians in training/clinical rheumatology fellows (but not for full ASAS members) with an interest in SpA
- <= 40 years of age, Fluent in English or in the language of the hosting country
- Duration: 6-12 months
- Stipend: max €30,000 for a full 12 months period, including traveling and research costs, Research project should start after granting the fellowship
- Application: Online application (ASAS webpage): applicant and host center including research proposal
- Selection by Executive Committee after review by at least two members of the Advisory Board
- Presentation of results during annual ASAS workshop
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EDUCATIONAL EVENTS JUNE – JULY 2014

JUNE 2014

International Consensus Conference to Develop Improvement Criteria for Juvenile Dermatomyositis and Adult Dermatomyositis and Polymyositis: Workshop to Define Minimal Clinical Improvement and Major Clinical Response
June 9-10, 2014, La Defense, France

21st EULAR Ultrasound Course
June 8-11, 2014, Paris, France
Basic course and intermediate course are now fully booked – please contact eular.usc2014.reg@mci-group.com to be put in the waiting list.

EULAR Congress 2014
June 11-14, 2014, Paris, France

ESTI 2014: European Society Of Thoracic Imaging
2nd Annual Scientific Meeting
June 12-14, 2014, Amsterdam, Netherlands
http://www.myesti.org/

ESSR 2014: Annual Scientific Meeting of the European Society of Musculoskeletal Radiology
June 26-28, 2014, Riga, Latvia

JULY 2014

6th International Workshop on Advances in the Molecular Pharmacology and Therapeutics of Bone Disease
June 28 - July 2, 2014, Oxford, UK
http://www.oxfordbonepharm.org

American College of Rheumatology (ACR) Annual Meeting 2014
Deadline for abstracts: June 24, 2014
http://www.acrannualmeeting.org/abstracts/

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Deadline for applications: July 1st, 2014
http://www.asas-group.org/education.php?id=06

European Orthopaedic Research Society
July 2-4, 2014, Nantes, France
http://eors2014.org/

3rd EULAR Course on Epidemiology
July 4-5, 2014, Berlin, Germany
http://www.eular.org/myUploadData/files/Epid%20Course%20Flyer%202014%20v2.pdf

ARTICULUM Fellowship
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