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EDITORIAL

Dear EMEUNET friends,

EULAR 2012 is coming and the scientific programme at the congress covers a wide range of topics on clinical innovations, clinical, translational and basic science. We made a selection of what we believe to be the most interesting and “do not miss” presentations at this year’s congress, in Berlin.

We hope you will enjoy this newsletter and that EMEUNET continues to be embraced by the young rheumatology community and more of you become involved in rheumatology education, research and EULAR.

EMEUNET activities are expanding: the EMEUNET website will soon be launched, an EMEUNET Corner was set up at the EULAR congress to facilitate networking. EMEUNET is engaged in several educational activities, including an advanced Epidemiology Course to be held in July 2012, and EMEUNET is more present in all EULAR-countries throughout the country liaisons, a vital pillar of our network.

We envisage EMEUNET to continue to grow and become a successful and influential resource over time that fosters new and long-term collaborative endeavours, maintaining and enhancing excellence in European Rheumatology and EULAR.

Best wishes and have a great Congress!

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(newsletter editor)

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"Do not miss" at EULAR 2012!

In this edition of EMEUNES we would like to draw your attention to what we believe are the most interesting presentations at this year’s EULAR

BASIC RESEARCH I (Mojca Frank)

Mojca Frank, MD PhD, graduated at the Faculty of Medicine, University of Ljubljana (2005) and gained her PhD in Biomedicine, University of Ljubljana in 2010. Since 2011 she works as a postdoctoral research fellow in the Center for Experimental Rheumatology, Zurich, Switzerland.

ORAL PRESENTATIONS:

Wednesday 06.06.2012 18:05
Session: From joint development to osteoarthritis (Room Europa 2)
van den Bosch, M. et al. (Netherlands)
OP0013 - Synovial overexpression of Wnts and Wisp1 induces cartilage damage by skewing of TGF-beta signaling and reduction of the anti-hypertrophic factor Sox9

Wednesday 06.06.2012 18:15
Session: Fibroblasts transforming rheumatology (Room Berlin 2)
Tomok, M. et al. (Czech Republic)
OP0016 - Tibbles homolog 3 mediates the stimulatory effects of TGF-beta on fibroblast activation and dermal fibrosis in systemic sclerosis

Thursday 07.06.2012 11:00
Session: Early pathogenic mechanisms; clues for targeted therapies in arthritis (Room Europa)
Lin N. Y. (Germany)
OP0087 - Autophagy contributes to TNFα-mediated joint destruction

Friday 08.06.2012 10:50
Session: Innate and adaptive immunity (Room Berlin 1)
Rooney, P. et al. (Ireland)
OP0219 - IL22 differentially mediates A-SAA induced pro-inflammatory pathways in rheumatoid arthritis

POSTERS:

Saturday 09.06.2012
Heitzmann, M. et al. (Germany)
SAT0050A - Novel function of functional adhesion molecule-C in regulation of trans-endothelial migration of murine synovial fibroblasts

Saturday 09.06.2012
Klein, K. et al. (Switzerland)
SAT0063 - Functional analysis of the primary cilium in rheumatoid arthritis synovial fibroblasts

BASIC RESEARCH II (Caroline Ospelt)

Caroline Ospelt started her medical studies at the Leopold-Franzens University of Innsbruck, Austria in 1995 and finished in 2003 with her doctorate thesis. Since 2003 she works as a post-doctoral fellow in the Center of Experimental Rheumatology, Zurich, Switzerland.

ORAL PRESENTATIONS:

Thursday 07.06.2012 10:30
Session: Early pathogenic mechanisims; clues for targeted therapies in arthritis (Room Europa 2)
Turesson, C. et al. (Sweden)
OP0084 - Patterns of circulating antibodies in the pre-clinical phase of rheumatoid arthritis suggest epitope spreading in the immune reaction against citrullinated peptides

Thursday 07.06.2012 10:40
Session: Early pathogenic mechanisms; clues for targeted therapies in arthritis (Room Europa 2)
Brink, M. et al. (Sweden)
OP0085 - Multiplex analysis of antibodies against citrullinated peptides in individuals prior to development of rheumatoid arthritis

Thursday 07.06.2012 11:10
Session: RA-prognosis, predictors, outcomes (Hall 6.2B)
Ruysen-Witrand, A. et al. (France)
OP0050 - Evolution of the alternative classification of hla-dr1 alleles in rheumatoid arthritis: impact on the production of the anti-citrullinated protein antibodies and structural progression, data from the ESPoir cohort

Friday 08.06.2012 10:40
Session: Innate and adaptive immunity (Room Berlin 1)
El Shih, M. et al. (United Kingdom)
OP0218 - Regulation of auto-antibody production by auto-immune complexes on follicular dendritic cells

POSTERS:

Thursday 07.06.2012
Arumugakani, G. et al. (United Kingdom)
THU0088 - Abnormal memory b-cell reconstitution following anti-CD20 therapy for autoimmune diseases predicts clinical relapse

Saturday 09.06.2012
Lopez-Pedraza, C. et al. (Spain)
THU0044 - Anti-cyctic citrullinated protein antibodies induce inflammation and oxidative stress in monocytes and neutrophils of rheumatoid arthritis patients

EMEUNET Website

Our Website will be launched in June!

Keep an eye on your inbox - the website will be announced soon!

Sign in for EMEUNET! Once the website is launched you can easily register online and get in contact with other young rheumatologists and researchers.

You can also reach us through the following e-mail: emeunet@eular.org.

EMEUNET Corner at EULAR

You will find the EMEUNET corner in the EULAR village (hall 3.2, stand 31) just next to the catering and the cyber area.

At any rate, EMEUNET corner is the ideal meeting place for you and your colleagues, since we have chairs and tables and the catering is just nearby.

See you at the EMEUNET corner!
**RHEUMATOID ARTHRITIS I** (Mette Holland-Fisher)

Mette Holland-Fisher is an MD and research fellow at the Department of Rheumatology, Aalborg Hospital, Aarhus University Hospital in Denmark. Her major research interest is infection risk and prognosis in RA-patients and Patients with Ankylosing Spondylitis.

**ORAL PRESENTATIONS:**

Wednesday 06.06.2012 15:30
Session: EULAR criteria – work to improve rheumatologic care (Room New York 1)
Duru, N. et al. (Netherlands)
OP0006 – EULAR evidence-based recommendations on the management of medium to high dose systemic glucocorticoid therapy in rheumatic diseases

Thursday 07.06.2012 11:20
Session: RA Prognosis, predictors, outcomes (Hall 6.2 B)
Lillegård, S. et al. (Norway)
OP0051 – Joint damage progression in established rheumatoid arthritis: Common and strongly associated with seropositivity

Thursday 07.06.2012 11:20
Session: Epidemiology and Health Services (Room New York 1)
Svendsen, A. et al. (Denmark)
OP0120 – The incidence of rheumatoid arthritis and the impact of smoking

Thursday 07.06.2012 14:50
Session: Soft predictors and hard outcome (Hall 5.2 B)
Scirt, C. A. et al. (Italy)
OP0126 – Early and sustained remission is associated with improved survival in patients with inflammatory polyarthritis: Results from the Norfolk Arthritis Register

**POSTERS:**

Thursday 07.06.2012
Holmquist, M. et al. (Sweden)
THU0067 – Use of cardiovascular drugs in patients with RA, overall and in patients with a history of acute ischemic cardiac events

Friday 08.06.2012
Poster Tour F01: RA prognosis, predictors, outcomes
 Humphreys, J. (United Kingdom)
FR0084 – Obesity is associated with current and future disability in early inflammatory polyarthritis: Results from the Norfolk Arthritis Register

**RHEUMATOID ARTHRITIS II** (Elena Myasoedova)

Elena Myasoedova, MD, PhD is an Assistant Professor at the Department of Internal Medicine and Rheumatology in Ivanovo State Medical Academy (Ivanovo, Russian Federation) and a Research collaborator at the Department of Health Sciences Research at Mayo Clinic (Rochester, MN, USA). Her major research interest is epidemiology of rheumatic diseases and their comorbidities, especially cardiovascular disease.

**ORAL PRESENTATIONS:**

Thursday 07.06.2012 11:20
Session: Update on non anti-TNF biologics (Hall 1.1)
Drynda, S. et al. (Germany)
OP0027 – A Single Nucleotide Polymorphism in the MED29 Gene is Associated with the Clinical Outcome of a TNF-Blocker and B-Cell Directed Therapy in RA Patients

Thursday 07.06.2012 11:30
Session: Update on non anti-TNF biologics (Hall 1.1)
Chatzidionysiou, K. et al. (Sweden)
OP0028 – Efficacy of Different Doses of Rituximab for the Treatment of RA: Data from the CERERRA Collaboration

Friday 08.06.2012 10:20
Session: RA anti – TNF (Hall 1.1)
Kriekgaert, G. et al. (Netherlands)
OP0143 – Methotrexate Reduces Immunogenicity in Adalimumab Treated Rheumatoid Arthritis Patients

Friday 08.06.2012 10:30
Session: RA anti – TNF (Hall 1.1)
Strangefield, A. et al. (Germany)
OP0144 – Validation of the RABBIT Risk Score for Serious Infections

**POSTERS:**

Thursday 07.06.2012
Arumugakani G. et al. (United Kingdom)
THU0088 – Abnormal Memory B-Cell Reconstitution Following Anti-CD20 Therapy for Autoimmune Diseases Predicts Clinical Relapse

Friday 08.06.2012
van Dijk A.M. et al. (Netherlands)
FR00142 - TNF-Blocking Therapy Reduces Cardiovascular Disease and Risk Factors in Rheumatoid Arthritis

**PSORIATIC ARTHRITIS** (Anna Molbø)

Anna Molbø, MD, MSc, Rheumatology residency in Hospital Germans Trias i Pujol (Barcelona) 2006-10. Currently: Attending and teaching position in Rheumatology Service B (Pr. Dougdas), Hopital Cochin and Paris Descartes Medicine Faculty (Paris, France). Currently PhD applicant at Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona (Barcelona, Spain). Areas of interest: Spondyloarthritis and outcome measures.

**ORAL PRESENTATIONS:**

Friday 08.06.2012 10:40
Session: Psoriatic arthritis (Hall 5.2 B)
Fagerli, K. M. et al. (Norway)
OP0160 – Response and drug survival of 1st TNF inhibitor in 370 patients with psoriatic arthritis in a real life setting - what is the role of co-medication with methotrexate?

Friday 08.06.2012 11:10
Session: Psoriatic arthritis (Hall 5.2 B)
Di Minno, M. N. D. et al. (Italy)

Friday 08.06.2012 11:30
Session: Psoriatic arthritis (Hall 5.2 B)
Poggenborg, R. P. et al. (Denmark)
OP0162 – Whole-body MRI for assessment of enthesitis in psoriatic arthritis, axial spondyloarthritis and healthy subjects - a comparison with 7 clinical enthesitis indices

Friday 08.06.2012 15:30
Session: Late breaking abstract session (Hall 4.1)
Mease, P. J. et al. (USA)
LB0001 – Effect of certolizumab pegol on signs and symptoms in patients with major psoriatic arthritis; 24 week results of a phase 3 double blind randomized placebo-controlled study (RAPID-PSA)

**POSTERS:**

Saturday 09.06.2012
Castillo-Gallego, C. et al. (United Kingdom)
SAT0289 - MRI assessment of spinal involvement in psoriatic arthritis: extent of disease relates to HLA-527?

Saturday 09.06.2012
Saito, S. Z. et al. (Turkey)
SAT0313 - The link between enthesitis and arthritis in psoriatic arthritis: a switch to a vascular phenotype at insertions may play a role in arthritis development
AXIAL SPONDYLOARTHRITIS (Sofia Ramiro)

Sofia Ramiro, MD MSc, is a Rheumatology fellow at Hospital García de Orta (Portugal) and currently a PhD candidate (research focus on spondyloarthritis) at the Academic Medical Center/University of Amsterdam (Prof. R. Landewé and Prof. D. van der Heijde). Master’s in Epidemiology at Maastricht University.

ORAL PRESENTATIONS:
Thursday 07.06.2012 10:20
Session: Spondyloarthritis - translational science (Room Berlin 2)
Podobrany, D. et al. (Germany)
OP0091 – Prediction of radiographic spinal progression using biomarkers in patients with Ankylosing Spondylitis who are at risk for progression
Thursday 07.06.2012 10:50
Session: Spondyloarthritis - translational science (Room Berlin 2)
Nocturne, G. et al. (France)
OP0094 – DKK1 serum level is increased in recent Spondyloarthritis and is associated with higher prevalence of syndesmophytes. Data from the DESIR cohort
Friday 08.06.2012 11:20
Session: Spondyloarthritis - clinical aspects and treatment (Hall 6.2B)
Xenofon, B. et al. (Germany)
OP0172 – Inflammation and fatty degeneration are of similar importance for new bone formation in patients with Ankylosing Spondylitis treated with infliximab or other anti-TNF agents over 5 years
Friday 08.06.2012 14:45
Session: Patient Reported Outcome (PRO) assessment in rheumatology (Hall 5.2B)
Kiltz, U. et al. (Germany)
OP0251 – Development of a health index to assess the burden of disease in patients with Ankylosing Spondylitis – first steps of a global initiative based on the ICF guided by ASAS

POSTERS:
Thursday 07.06.2012
Kroon, F. et al. (The Netherlands)
THU0261 – Continuous NSAID use reverses the effects of inflammatory radiographic progression in patients with Ankylosing Spondylitis
Friday 08.06.2012
van den Berg, R. et al. (The Netherlands)
THU0271 – How much does the Spondyloarthritis research consortium of Canada (SPARC) score of the SI joints change over a 3-month period in patients on non-biologic treatment?

OTHER CONNECTIVE TISSUE DISEASES & VASCULITIS
(Neil Basu)

Neil Basu is a senior clinical lecturer in rheumatology at the University of Aberdeen, Scotland. His principal interests lie in the fields of systemic vasculitis and rheumatic fatigue.

ORAL PRESENTATIONS:
Thursday 07.06.2012 11:20
Session: Lupus and Sjögren’s basics - diagnosis – treatment (Hall 5.1)
Deauvache-Persic, V. et al. (France)
OP065 – Tolerance and efficacy of rituximab in primary Sjögren syndrome (TEARS): results of a randomised controlled trial
Friday 08.06.2012 10:20
Session: Vasculitis (Hall 5.1)
Molloy, D. et al. (Ireland)
OP0179 – Angiogenesis and blood vessel stability in giant cell arteritis
Friday 08.06.2012 11:00
Session: Vasculitis (Hall 5.1)
Abou-Raya, A. et al. (Egypt)
OP 0183 – Rebamipide: a potential useful therapeutic addition in the treatment of recurrent oral ulcers in Behcet’s disease
Friday 08.06.2012 11:00
Session: Clinical and translational scleroderma (Room Paris 2)
Giuseppina, A. et al. (Italy)
OP0229 – Clinical coherence tomography validation: a new quantitative imaging biomarker for affected skin in scleroderma

POSTERS:
Thursday 07.06.2012
Kurita, T. et al. (Japan)
THU0231 – The efficacy of tacrolimus in patients with interstitial lung diseases complicated by polymyositis or dermatomyositis
Friday 06.06.2012
Bejerano, C. et al. (Spain)
FRI0213 – Anti-TNF therapy in refractory uveitis of Behcet’s syndrome. A multicentre study of 63 patients.

SYSTEMIC LUPUS ERYTHEMATOSUS & ANTIPHOSPHOLIPID SYNDROME (Isabel Castrejón)

Isabel Castrejón is a Rheumatologist currently doing research in patient reported outcomes, in particular in rheumatoid arthritis and SLE, under the supervision of Professor Theodor Pincus (Division of Rheumatology, Hospital for Joint Diseases, New York, USA). She was trained in Rheumatology at the Hospital Universitario de La Princesa, Madrid (2007).

ORAL PRESENTATIONS:
Thursday 07.06.2012 10:40
Session: Lupus and Sjögren’s (Hall 5.1)
Hanly, J. G. et al. (Canada)
OP0061 - Seizures in systemic lupus erythematosus: a prospective study of predictors and outcomes in a large, international, disease inception cohort
Thursday 07.06.2012 10:50
Session: Lupus and Sjögren’s (Hall 5.1)
Rao, K. et al. (United States)
OP0062 - Lupus nephritis histopathology interobserver agreement between local pathologists and an expert panel of nephropathologists in belonging
Thursday 07.06.2012 11:10
Session: Lupus and Sjögren’s (Hall 5.1)
Bertiñas, G. et al. (Greece)
OP0064 - Joint EULAR/ERA-EDTA recommendations for the management of adult and pediatric lupus nephritis

POSTERS:
Saturday 09.06.2012
Van Vollenhoven, R. et al. (Sweden)
SAT0034 - Predictors for SLE flares: baseline disease activity and demographic characteristics from the BLISS trials’ combined placebo groups
Saturday 09.06.2012
Enghard, P. et al. (Germany)
SAT0182 - Urinary T cells identify SLE patients with proliferative lupus nephritis and may be used to monitor treatment response
Saturday 09.06.2012
Law, G. et al. (United States)
SAT0222 - Hydroxychloroquine reduces thrombosis (both arterial and venous) in systemic lupus erythematosus, particularly in antiphospholipid positive patients

IMAGING (Peter Mandi)

Peter Mandi is a Consultant Rheumatologist, currently doing research in autoimmunity and musculoskeletal ultrasonography as a Post-Doctoral Fellow at the Division of Rheumatology, Medical University of Vienna. Peter will serve as Chairperson of EUMEUNET in 2012.

ORAL PRESENTATIONS:
Thursday 07.06.2012 11:20
Session: Spondyloarthritis - Translational Science (Room Berlin 2)
Podobrany, D. et al. (Germany)
OP0097 - Cigarette smoking predicts radiographic progression in the spine in patients with axial spondyloarthritis in a dose-dependent manner
Friday 08.06.2012 10:40
Session: Diagnostics and Imaging Procedures (Room New York 1)
Andersen M. et al. (Denmark)
OP0234 - Association between ultrasound colour doppler activity and synovial pathology in biopsies from small hand joints in patients with rheumatoid arthritis: a cross sectional study
Friday 08.06.2012 11:30
Session: Diagnostics and Imaging Procedures (Room New York 1)
Weber U. et al. (Switzerland)
OP0239 - What constitutes the characteristic fat lesion on MRI of the sacroiliac joints in early spondyloarthritis?
Saturday 09.06.2012 13:05
Session: Clinical Science Session, RA remission: prediction and imaging (Hall 1.1)
Haavardsholm E. et al. (Norway)
OP0274 - Towards imaging remission: determining a MRI inflammatory activity acceptable state in rheumatoid arthritis

POSTERS:
Saturday 09.06.2012
Tanner, I. et al. (Germany)
SAT0033 - In vivo fluorescence-imaging of matrix metalloproteinase activity and response to therapy in an animal model of rheumatoid arthritis
Saturday 09.06.2012
Goulabolchand, R. et al. (France)
SAT0290 - Effect of TNF antagonists on radiographic progression in psoriatic arthritis: systematic review and meta-analysis of randomized controlled trials
**OSTEOARTHRITIS & FIBROMYALGIA**  (Ladislav Senolt)

Ladislav Senolt is a consultant rheumatologist, senior lecturer (Assoc. Prof.) and head of connective tissue research laboratory, Institute of Rheumatology in Prague, Czech Republic.

**METABOLIC & CRYSTAL ARTHROPATHIES**  (Francisca Silveira)

Francisca Silveira, MD, is a Rheumatologist working at the Hospital de Elda (Spain) and has an honorary appointment in the Department of Medicine at Universidad Miguel Hernandez, Elche. Her research interests include crystal arthritis and synovial fluid analysis.

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**ORAL PRESENTATIONS:**

**Wednesday 06.06.2012 15:05**

Session: Meet the ADAM’s family: ADAM, MMPs, ADAMTS (Room Europa 2)

Georgiadis, K.E.  (United States)

SP0019  -  AGG-S23: aggrecanase-selective inhibitor for the treatment of osteoarthritis

**Wednesday 06.06.2012 18:15**

Session: From joint development to osteoarthritis (Room Europa 2)

Lent, P.V. et al. (Netherlands)

OP0014  -  Intra-articular injection of adipose-derived stem cells (ADSCS) inhibits synovial activation and protects against cartilage damage and osteophyte formation in murine experimental osteoarthritis.

**Thursday 07.06.2012 11:00**

Session: Osteoarthritis (Hall 6.2 A)

Wittek, R. et al. (Belgium)

OP0033  -  Radiographic follow-up data of a one-year open-label extension study of treatment with adalimumab in erosive osteoarthritis of the IP joints

**Friday 08.06.2012 11:10**

Session: From epidemiology to effective practice (Hall 4.1)

Häuser, W. et al. (Germany)

OP0192  -  Comparative efficacy of pharmaceutical and non-pharmaceutical interventions in fibromyalgia

**POSTERS:**

**Friday 08.06.2012**

de Lange-Brokaar, B. et al. (Netherlands)

FR0030 - Degree of synovitis on MRI is correlated with histological and macroscopic features of synovial tissue inflammation in knee osteoarthritis.

**Friday 08.06.2012**

Lindsley, H.B. et al. (United States)

FR0004 - Treatment of knee osteoarthritis with intra-articular infliximab improves total WOMAC score. High baseline levels of synovial cellularity predict improvement.

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**OSTEOPOROSIS & METABOLIC BONE DISEASE**  (György Nagy)

György Nagy MD, PhD is a consultant rheumatologist and scientist at the Department of Rheumatology, Semmelweis University, Budapest Hungary. His main research interest: studying the role of nitric oxide in the pathogenesis of rheumatoid arthritis and systemic lupus erythematosus.

**ORAL PRESENTATIONS:**

**Thursday 07.06.2012 10:40**

Session: Osteoporosis (Hall 5.2 B)

Dharnaut, A. et al. (Norway)

OP0035  -  Increased porosity in hand bones is strongly associated with distal radius fracture in elderly women

**Thursday 07.06.2012 10:50**

Session: Osteoporosis (Hall 5.2 B)

Kikuji, A. et al. (Japan)

OP0040  -  Dynamic in vivo imaging of Th17-mediated control of osteoclast function in live bones by using intravital multiphoton microscopy

**Thursday 07.06.2012 11:10**

Session: Osteoporosis (Hall 5.2 B)

Giminsky, M. S. et al. (United States)

OP0042  -  Increased modeling-based bone formation and decreased bone resorption on endocortical surfaces in male cynomolgus monkeys treated with sclerostin antibody

**Thursday 07.06.2012 11:20**

Session: Osteoporosis (Hall 5.2 B)

Sengal, A. et al. (United States)

OP0043 - Hip fracture in the extreme elderly: the last frontier of a growing public health problem

**POSTERS:**

**Friday 08.06.2012**

Payet, J. et al. (France)

FR0037 - Clinical characteristics and vitamin D insufficiency in a population of 54 adults with osteogenesis imperfecta

**Saturday 09.06.2012**

Chapurlat, R. et al. (France)

SAT0032  -  Treatment of postmenopausal women with osteoporosis for six years with denosumab: three-year results from the freedom extension

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**EULAR 2012 FELLOWS SESSIONS**

**Do Not Miss Them - Always in HALL 5.1**

**Wednesday 06.06.2012 15:00 - 16:30 (EMUNET Session)**

Beginning and succeeding as a clinical academic researcher

**Wednesday 06.06.2012 17:00 - 18:30**

From bench to bedside versus in pediatric rheumatology

**Thursday 07.06.2012 13:30 - 15:00**

EULAR Scientific Training Bursaries - an opportunity to win

**Thursday 07.06.2012 15:30 - 17:00**

Dealing with journalists

**Friday 08.06.2012 13:30 - 15:00**

Writing for and publishing in a journal; a lesson from the editor

**Friday 08.06.2012 15:30 - 17:00 (EMUNET Session)**

Making mentoring effective

**Saturday 09.06.2012 12:00 - 13:30 (EMUNET Session)**

Neuroendocrine immunology explained

**ACR/EULAR exchange programme**

There is still time to apply! - deadline 1st of June

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