

THE 2016 ACR/EULAR EXCHANGE PROGRAM



Participants of the 2016 EULAR/ACR Exchange Program (Washington DC, USA)

Opinion of some participants

“It was a huge experience to take a part in the ACR/EULAR Exchange program and I am very honored I could visit NIH. Lectures from senior researchers were brilliant, very informative and interesting. Also the presentation from exchange program colleagues were versatile, interesting and inspiring. We were also rewarded with a tour around the National Institute of Arthritis, Musculoskeletal and Skin Diseases (NIAMS) at NIH”
(Polona Žigon, Slovenia)

“I consider the ACR/EULAR Exchange program a great opportunity to interact with colleagues from other centers in Europe and USA and to get the chance to establish collaborations. It was a fascinating experience to visit the NIH, get to know the ongoing research and listen to presentations from experts in the field. It was a truly inspiring experience.”
(Katerina Chatzidionysiou, Sweden)

“The ACR/EULAR Exchange program in Washington was a brilliant experience. The team of rheumatology fellows were a great mix of researchers doing clinical, epidemiological and basic research. I found it very easy to interact and got both new ideas and new potential collaborators. Also, the senior hosts and invited speakers were all highly influential researchers but still took their time to sit down and give good advice, and we were even invited for a private dinner. Thanks to the ACR and EULAR for arranging this program”
(Tue Kragstrup, Denmark)

“I would recommend the ACR/EULAR Exchange program to every researcher in rheumatology. Not only you meet the American experts in their field in a formal and informal manner, but you also meet like minded researchers out of Europe! Great and inspiring experience”
(Diederick De Cock, Belgium/United Kingdom)

“A friendly environment where worldwide renowned American senior researchers share their experience with young European colleagues and give them the opportunity to present their own research. I was fascinated by the visit to the National Institute of Arthritis, Musculoskeletal and Skin Diseases (NIAMS) at NIH and I strongly recommend to apply for the program and take the chance to be involved in such an inspiring experience”
(Alessia Alunno, Italy)

“Inspiring, fascinating and contagious research environment, excellent networking opportunity, an opportunity to not miss. If you are a young researcher in rheumatology, try to not miss the opportunity to join the ACR/EULAR Exchange program, even if you need to apply more than once, it's worth it!”
(Sofia Ramiro, Portugal/The Netherlands)