SPECIAL EDITION:
EMEUNET SUBGROUPS
AND ACTIVITIES
Dear young rheumatologists and researchers in rheumatology,

We are very happy to present you with a new issue of EMEUNEShorts introducing the EMEUNET subgroups and their activities.

The EMEUNET Working Group represents the EMEUNET community, undertakes the organisational role, and currently has 47 members from 21 of the EULAR countries. The work is divided among 7 subgroups to cover the wide aims of EMEUNET. From education to peer mentoring, from country liaison to social media, EMEUNET subgroups ensure the growth of the EMEUNET community and promote interaction and networking among members.

The call for applications for the EMEUNET Working Group for 2018-2019 is now open! You can apply here, see page 3 of this newsletter for more details. If you have previously applied but have not been selected, this does not preclude you from applying again next year.

In this issue you will also find details about upcoming educational events.

If this is your first contact with EMEUNET, we invite you to explore more and join us via our website (http://emeunet.eular.org). If you are already part of our community, we kindly remind you that sharing is caring. Spread the word about our activities and work and help us reach more young rheumatologists and researchers.

We hope that you enjoy reading this newsletter and would be happy to receive any comments or contributions for future issues.

Richard Conway on behalf of the EMEUNET Newsletter Subgroup
EMEUNET Working Group consists of 40-50 young rheumatologists and researchers who are responsible for the core activities of EMEUNET for a 3-year period.

The Working Group includes 7 subgroups: education, country liaisons, social media, visibility, newsletters, peer mentoring and global affairs. Each Working Group member works within one subgroup but participation in other subgroups is also possible. To have more information on the different activities and on our current working group members check our latest working group newsletter.

To apply for Working Group membership, you must qualify to the following criteria:

1) Registered Member of EMEUNET (register here).
2) Maximum age = 40 (at time of application).
3) Country of residence in one of the member countries of EULAR.
4) Interest in research and/or education in rheumatology as indicated by your letter of motivation in the application form; this letter should also express your views about the future of EMEUNET and its activities.
5) Research active: at least 1 abstract as first author in an international congress or 1 first authorship of a manuscript in a peer-reviewed journal.

The yearly application process for membership into the EMEUNET Working Group is highly competitive. Selection is based on the letter of motivation, scientific merit, prior work as country liaison as well as geographic representation within the Working Group.

Please be aware that if you applied in the past and we could not accept your application due to the limited number of places you can re-apply this year!

Please note that your motivation letter is a highly valued part of your application. You should use it to demonstrate your interest in furthering the aims of EMEUNET and to provide your views about the future directions and specific activities that EMEUNET should develop in the near future.

With the growing EMEUNET activities on Social Media interest/skills in this domain will be also valued.

When applying, please consider that Working Group membership requires that you devote substantial time and energy to further the aims of EMEUNET on a regular basis.

The deadline to send in your application (click here to access the form) is March 7th 2018; please send your completed application form and signed letter of support (scanned) to: emeunet@eular.ch. Candidates will be notified in early April.

We look forward to your applications!
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MD MSc PhD

Sofia is a rheumatology fellow and a senior researcher at the Leiden University Medical Center, Leiden, the Netherlands. Her research focuses on spondyloarthritis, rheumatoid arthritis, imaging, and outcomes research/epidemiology. She did her PhD at the University of Amsterdam on long-term outcomes in ankylosing spondylitis under the supervision of Prof. Robert Landewé and Prof. Désirée van der Heijde. She has done a Master's in Epidemiology at Maastricht University. Sofia comes originally from Portugal and has an appointment at Nova Medical School in Lisbon. Sofia is the Past Chair of EMEUNET.

Elena Nikiphorou
MBBS/BSc MRCP MD(Res)

Elena is a clinical researcher at the Academic Rheumatology Department of King's College London, UK, and a consultant rheumatologist at the Whittington Hospital in London, UK. Her main research interests focus on inflammatory arthritis, including rheumatoid arthritis (RA) and more recently spondyloarthritis, comorbidity, and long-term disease outcomes. She has completed her MD(Res) at University College London, focusing on structural outcomes in RA. Ongoing work focuses on socio-economic aspects of disease, outcomes research, and medical education. Elena is the Chair of EMEUNET.

Alessia Alunno
MD PhD

Alessia is assistant professor of rheumatology at the Rheumatology Unit, University of Perugia, Italy. Her main research interests are the pathogenic role of T lymphocyte subsets and the identification of novel autoantibodies in Sjögren’s syndrome, systemic lupus erythematosus, and rheumatoid arthritis. Alessia is a member of the EULAR Study Group on Sjögren’s syndrome, one of the social media advisors for Annals of the Rheumatic Diseases, and she currently leads the Young Rheumatologist Group of the Italian Society of Rheumatology (SIRyoung). Alessia is the Chair-Elect of EMEUNET.

EMEUNET is a network of young clinicians and researchers in the field of rheumatology in Europe. The main objectives of EMEUNET are to enhance the quality of education and to promote research and create collaborations among emerging rheumatologists and researchers. None of these objectives could be fulfilled without the work and enthusiasm of the people involved in the 7 subgroups that form the Working Group of EMEUNET: Education, Peer Mentoring, Newsletters, Social Media, Visibility, Country Liaisons, and Global Affairs. EMEUNET subgroups are enthusiastically engaged in several activities, and the list of current and upcoming projects has quickly expanded over the past few months. With all these initiatives and activities that are presented in this Newsletter, we hope that EMEUNET will continue to be embraced by the young rheumatology community and more and more young clinicians and researchers in rheumatology will become involved in rheumatology education, research, and EULAR, making EMEUNET a successful and influential resource that fosters new and long-term collaborative endeavours and ensures that excellence in European rheumatology and EULAR is maintained.

Elena Nikiphorou, Alessia Alunno, and Sofia Ramiro
The aims of the Education Subgroup are to:

1) Promote scientific and education exchange and knowledge:
We do this through a number of activities via the website and face-to-face. These include providing educational content for the website including the ‘Links’ section, funding opportunities, as well as our newly launched monthly ‘What is New’ in research section. The annual EULAR-EMEUNET ambassador programme supports 1st time attendees and matches them with an experienced member with similar interests at the EULAR congress. Together with EULAR, we are working on developing a number of exciting initiatives including a EULAR pan-European education portfolio, grant opportunities for early career researchers, and educational webinars (in collaboration with the Social Media subgroup).

2) Promote educational opportunities and support for young rheumatologists/researchers working in the field of rheumatology in Europe and beyond. This is done by obtaining reports for EULAR courses and EULAR-endorsed courses via our ‘Roving Reporters’, to help inform future applicants. The educational calendar on the website, provides a one-stop resource for a variety of courses during the year and is downloadable to your smart phone. We also coordinate bursaries for certain EULAR-endorsed courses e.g. EUREKA certificate for translational medicine.

3) Provide opportunities for EMEUNET members to integrate in EULAR activities. EULAR taskforces often seek EMEUNET members to participate and contribute. Candidates are chosen competitively on scientific merit, coordinated by the education subgroup. Additionally we work closely with the EULAR Standing Committee for Education (ESCET) and the EULAR School of Rheumatology.

In the coming weeks, we also plan to launch an EMEUNET education survey to seek your opinion on educational/research needs, so please do watch this space!
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LATEST INITIATIVE – THE WHAT IS NEW SECTION
The Country Liaison subgroup is the bridge between the EMEUNET Working Group and the EMEUNET Country Liaisons, our representatives at national level across Europe. The specific aims of the Country Liaison Subgroup are: 1) To support and maintain an active network of Country Liaisons: the Country Liaisons network is crucial for the promotion of EMEUNET to young rheumatologists and researchers at the national level. 2) To promote EMEUNET and to distribute EMEUNET/EULAR information: we aim to reach and attract young rheumatologists and researchers in Europe to become EMEUNET members and to actively participate in EMEUNET activities. To this aim, we work closely with our Country Liaisons, on whom we rely to distribute information from EMEUNET and to perform all kind of activities and events at the national level aimed to increase the membership and visibility of EMEUNET. 3) To prepare and update EMEUNET advertising materials: we have developed a useful collection of advertising materials (flyers, slides, and posters) to help the Country Liaisons to expand and advertise the EMEUNET network and to easily adapt them to different settings. 4) To advertise and improve the visibility of the Country Liaisons activities: we frequently report the different activities organized by the Country Liaisons on social media and in EMEUNET Newsletters, in collaboration with the EMEUNET Newsletter and Social Media subgroups. We also organize the annual Country Liaison Meeting during the EULAR Congress. 4) To establish closer communication between Country Liaisons and national societies: a collaboration between the Country Liaisons and the national societies is a win-win strategy and a good opportunity for the national promotion of EMEUNET.
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PROMOTION OF EMEUNET AT NATIONAL LEVEL BY COUNTRY LIAISONS

THE 4th COUNTRY LIAISON MEETING AT EULAR 2017
SOCIAL MEDIA

Co-leaders: Paul Studenic, MD
Mary Canavan, PhD
Santiago Rodrigues Manica, MD

The EMEUNET social media team is in charge of representing the agenda and offerings of EMEUNET via different channels; website, emails, Facebook, Twitter, LinkedIn and Youtube. The core of all information is our website, this has been online since June 2012, and ever since has had increasing traffic with an average of 11,000 monthly visitors from around the world, which is nearly double the number of last year’s equivalent time period. In 2014, we also launched our EMEUNET Facebook and Twitter platforms to maximise contact with both members and non-members, providing quick up to date information to the rheumatology community. Our main goals are defined by promoting EMEUNET’s visibility and its goals by reaching out to all rheumatologists and researchers in rheumatology across the world. Furthermore, we collaborate closely with the Annals of the Rheumatic Diseases team of the British Medical Journal (BMJ), supporting the Journal on social media and audio-visual content, aiming to enhance the profile and activity of the journal on these platforms. In October 2016 we launched our profile on LinkedIn, to reach a broader audience, especially those who are not engaged in Twitter or Facebook. Facebook and Twitter are readily accessible platforms, very intuitive, where you can follow all ongoing activities, deadlines, and projects while they are actively taking place! For this reason, we strongly encourage everyone to join and engage in these initiatives. Our aims include reaching out to as many young rheumatologists as possible through our EMEUNET Country Liaisons and rheumatologists/scientists within their respective countries to use Twitter and Facebook for sharing information from national and international conferences and other meetings. Over the last two years we have also provided short videos introducing our subgroups, interviews with authors from top papers, and several rheumatology related

Paul is a clinical fellow in internal medicine and rheumatology, and a research associate at the division of rheumatology of the Medical University of Vienna in Austria. He has a major research focus on outcome measures and disease activity assessment in inflammatory arthritis, particularly patient reported outcomes and biomarkers as well as observational longitudinal and reliability studies. Paul is coordinating the Social Media Advisory Board of ARD.

Santiago is a rheumatology fellow at the Hospital Egas Moniz, CHLO and a researcher at CEDOC (from NOVA University) in Lisbon, Portugal. His main scientific interests are outcomes research and epidemiology in RMDs. Santiago is co-leader of the EMEUNET Social Media Subgroup and a member of the Peer Mentoring Subgroup.

Mary is a postdoctoral researcher in molecular rheumatology in Trinity College Dublin. She completed her PhD in Immunology in Dublin City University and is now completing her second postdoctoral research fellowship. Her research interests include examining immune infiltration, in particular dendritic cells and T cells in inflammatory arthritis, and examining the effects of the joint microenvironment on immune cell activation. Mary is co-leader of the EMEUNET Social Media Subgroup and leader of the ARD-EMEUNET social media collaboration.
What 's going on and connect – More features for our member's database

On our website, Twitter, and Facebook page you will find announcements of interesting conferences, useful courses and exchange programs, updates with information about registrations to conferences and bursaries, links to educational content, a calendar of activities, job offers, and newsletters. As a logged-in member you have full access to all the content of the website, including all newsletters, contacts to EULAR Centres of Excellence, and the members database. It is specially designed for the needs of young rheumatologists/researchers in the field of rheumatology. It's the only webpage collecting and gathering such a broad range of information about rheumatology worldwide. In particular, new features in our member database have been implemented, to make finding potential research collaborators even easier. So login to your profile and update your info to connect!

Provide important links & tools and a platform for our EULAR-EMEUNET Twitter JC

The website provides important research/clinical links for you, which should simplify your daily life as a rheumatologist or scientist. We have a broad selection of disease specific links, to online tools, funding opportunities, and the all important rheumatology journals. About one year ago we started our new educational initiative with EULAR in cooperation with the Newsletter subgroup – the EULAR-EMEUNET Twitter JC taking place 4 times a year with an implemented tweetfeed on our JC page.

Mailing service

As an EMEUNET member you will receive regular updates (job offers, courses, and many more) and our EMEUNET newsletters (i.e. EULAR and ACR highlights) by mail. You will never miss out on any opportunity!

YouTube – EMEUNET TUBE

In May 2015 we started the YouTube channel EMEUNET TUBE, where you can find interviews with fascinating rheumatologists and short video introductions about our different subgroups to further explore EMEUNET. We are extending our video section constantly, hosting video interviews about research topics and top papers in the field. Also, if you are not sure whether you are interested in our popular mentor-mentee meetings, you will find video reports about these events there.

Twitter Education

In addition to keeping our members up to date on rheumatology news and events we also run a yearly Twitter course in the lead up to EULAR. The course runs over 10 consecutive weekdays. Each day, participants are emailed a short task followed by details of how to complete this task (starting with setting up a Twitter account). These tasks take 5 - 10 minutes so there is no major time commitment. It has proved successful over the last two years with many members using this course to become familiar with Twitter.

To keep it simple....

Our ultimate goal is to set the grounds for EMEUNET’s key concept; to keep every young rheumatologist in the world informed and involved in educational, clinical, and research activities. Through our collaboration with ARD/BJM, we hope to promote high quality clinical and research material and engagement of the wider rheumatology community on social media platforms. If you have any information you think might be interesting for us to publish, please do not hesitate to contact us via any of our social media platforms or by email (emeunet@eular.ch).

We are always happy to receive any comments/suggestions you may have!
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EMEUNET WEBSITE http://emeunet.eular.org

PRESS REVIEW AND JOURNAL CLUB

3rd edition of the Press Review and Journal Club Newsletter
Find here the link to the latest edition of our EMEUNews. You will find a review of current rheumatology literature as well as information about our upcoming Journal Club on the 21st of February at 8:30pm GMT / 9:30pm CET.

The EMEUNET paper of the month
EMEUNET - the emerging eular network at EULAR
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EULAR - European League Against Rheumatism
Zürich Area, Switzerland • 315 €

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EMEUNET paper of the month February 2018
The EMEUNET Social Media Subgroup 2017-2018
EMEUNET Newsletter Subgroup 2017-2018
Mentor Mentee Meeting EULAR 2017

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Felice is a research fellow and honorary clinical fellow at the Department of Rheumatology of Queen Mary University of London, with a research interest in the involvement of mast cells in rheumatoid arthritis and other rheumatic diseases. He is a clinical immunologist and he obtained his PhD in immuno-rheumatology in 2016. Felice is the leader of the EMEUNET Visibility Subgroup and a member of the Education Subgroup.

The Visibility subgroups’ tasks mainly comprise the setting up of the EMEUNET corner at the EULAR annual meeting and the organisation of networking events for EMEUNET members at the EULAR and ACR annual meetings. The EMEUNET corner is the ‘headquarters’ for EMEUNET members at the EULAR meetings, where they can meet, obtain information, and network. EMEUNET networking events are organized in every city where EULAR/ACR meetings take place. Over the years we have expanded our events, involving for example EULAR/ACR exchange participants, young ACR members, and young PReS members. Finally, this year we created a webpage with details of previous EMEUNET chairs.
THE EMEUNET BOOTH AT EULAR 2017 IN MADRID

The EMEUNET booth inside the EULAR village was a focal point of contact for EMEUNET members during the conference.

We had an iPad kindly offered by EULAR to show our newsletters and for registration of new members and a photo booth to celebrate EULAR’s 70th anniversary!

THE EMEUNET NETWORKING EVENT AT EULAR 2017 IN MADRID

THE EMEUNET NETWORKING EVENT AT ACR 2017 IN SAN DIEGO

EMEUNET PAST CHAIRS WEBPAGE
The EMEUNET Newsletter ‘EMEUNEWS’ is aimed at spreading all information considered useful to young rheumatologists and researchers in the EMEUNET community. Together with EMEUNET’s Social Media channels, EMEUNEWS can be considered the “voice” of EMEUNET. EMEUNEWS is released monthly with 12 issues per year. Newsletters promote EMEUNET’s visibility, by introducing Working Group members (September issue) and Country Liaisons (March issue) as well as by showing the different activities of the EMEUNET subgroups (February issue) and a review of EMEUNET’s activities over the last year (May issue). We also publish issues providing a selection of Do not Miss abstracts (May and October issues) and Highlights of abstracts and activities (July and December issues) from the EULAR and ACR annual meetings. All EMEUNEWS issues also include general information about EMEUNET, upcoming events, abstract deadlines, fellowships, courses, grants, and other items of interest to our members.

Recently we have introduced two new formats. The Young Specialists Organisations newsletter in August is a collaborative effort between EMEUNET and groups of young specialists working in other disciplines throughout Europe. Finally, in collaboration with the EULAR School of Rheumatology we have introduced a quarterly Press Review and Journal Club newsletter as part of the EULAR School of Rheumatology – EMEUNET Twitter Journal Club. These issues provide an overview of the recent rheumatology literature as well as a special focus on two papers; those selected by the School of Rheumatology faculty for the Journal Club, and an EMEUNET Paper of the Month voted for by our members and featuring a video interview with one of the paper’s authors.
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EULAR 2017 DO NOT MISS (May 2017)

EULAR 2017 HIGHLIGHTS (July 2017)

YOUNG SPECIALISTS ORGANISATIONS (August 2017)

EMEUNET WORKING GROUP (September 2017)

PRESS REVIEW AND JOURNAL CLUB (September 2017)

ACR 2017 DO NOT MISS (October 2017)

ACR 2017 HIGHLIGHTS (December 2017)

PRESS REVIEW AND JOURNAL CLUB (January 2018)
This EMEUNET subgroup aims to help young rheumatologists have more access and information and to interact with mentors and leading clinicians/researchers in the field of rheumatology. It also encourages the exchange of ideas between peers providing an opportunity to get in touch with rheumatologists with similar research interests.

**Ongoing projects:**

**Peer Review Mentoring Program for Rheumatology Journals:** To train EMEUNET members as reviewers for scientific journals in rheumatology under the supervision of senior reviewers. This program is organised in collaboration with the editorial offices of ARD and RMD Open (click here for details).

**Mentor – mentee meetings at international conferences (ACR and EULAR):** Informal meetings between EMEUNET members and experts in the field of rheumatology to discuss career plans, research options, training etc. (click here for details).

**Research institute glossary:** To promote research collaborations between EMEUNET members and research institutes in Europe. Along with the official list of the EULAR Centres of Excellence, we provide information on a list of various high quality centres around Europe that are available to enable exchange of research projects.
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THE MENTOR-MENTEE MEETINGS AT EULAR 2017

THE MENTOR-MENTEE MEETINGS AT ACR 2017
EMEUNET Peer Review Mentoring for Rheumatology Journals

Since its first edition in 2012, this innovative program has received enormous attention from all the EMEUNET community and has been continuously expanding.

In 2017, we have launched the fourth edition of this program. For the first time, this program was organised in collaboration with the two EULAR/BMJ rheumatology journals: ARD and RMD Open. This brought new top-level mentors and a broader selection of research topics, as well as a higher number of places available.

Do not miss your opportunity to engage in scientific state-of-the-art discussions with leading experts and receive invaluable training in peer review. We invite you to keep posted on our social media platforms and newsletters and apply to upcoming editions!

For any questions related to this program, please email emeunet.peer.review@gmail.com
GLOBAL AFFAIRS

Co-leaders: Aurélie Najm, MD
Marie Kostine, MD

The aims of Global Affairs subgroup are:

-To interact and collaborate with PARE and Young PARE to better understand the specific views and needs of patients and young people living with musculoskeletal and rheumatic disease. We are currently working together on a project aiming to better understand patient’s habits, views, needs, and preferences for the use of mobile health applications for the self-management of rheumatic and musculoskeletal diseases. This work will involve both quantitative and qualitative approaches and will further address points to consider for the development, evaluation, and implementation of mobile health applications for patient self-management in rheumatology.

-To develop interactions between young specialists organisations, in order to improve our multidisciplinary standard of care of diseases shared between our specialties and to help foster further collaborations in translational research. Together with the Newsletter subgroup, we released in August a common newsletter, aiming to present the different young specialists organisations (the Young Nephrologists’ Platform (YNP), the Paediatric Rheumatology European Society Emerging Rheumatologists and Researchers (PReS EMERGE), and the European Academy of Allergy and Clinical Immunology Junior Members (EAACI JM). We are currently conducting a survey about multidisciplinary approaches in current practice through EMEUNET members and members of other young specialists organisations in order to gain insight in multidisciplinary management across different specialties and countries. These results will further guide us towards developing a European-wide network of young clinicians from various fields and specialties.
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Marie Kostine

Aurélie Najm

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International Society For Clinical Densitometry Annual Meeting 2018
When and Where: 28 Feb – 3 Mar 2018, Boston, MA, USA
Website: https://www.iscd.org/education/annual-meeting/

PRes Advanced Educational Course on Autoinflammatory Syndromes
When and Where: 4 – 7 Mar 2018, Jerusalem, Israel
Website: https://pres.instyle-forms.co.il/menu_links/12

Intensive Course in Applied Epidemiology
When and Where: 5 – 9 Mar 2018, Aberdeen, UK
Website: https://www.abdn.ac.uk/iahs/research/epidemiology/icae-aberdeen-course-158.php

International Cartilage Repair Society World Congress 2018
When and Where: 9 – 12 Mar 2018, Macau, China
Website: https://cartilage.org/icrs2018-world-congress-macau/

BSR Rare Disease Fellowship
When and Where: 12 – 15 Mar 2018, London/Sheffield/Manchester, UK
Website: https://www.rheumatology.org.uk/Professional-Development/Education-Events/Rare-Disease-Fellowship

9th Global Basic to Intermediate Hands-On Musculoskeletal MRI & Ultrasound Conference and Workshop for Radiologists
When and Where: 14 – 17 Mar 2018, Penang, Malaysia
Website: http://www.penangmskrad.com

Musculoskeletal Ultrasound in Rheumatology - Basic Course
When and Where: 15 – 17 Mar 2018, Rome, Italy
Website: https://www.eular.org/myUploadData/files/Programme_Musculoskeletal_Ultrasound_in_Rheumatology_Scientific.pdf

7th Translational Immunology School
When and Where: 15 – 18 Mar 2018, Potsdam, Germany
Website: http://web.dgfi.org/translational-school/2018/program.html
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9th Global Musculoskeletal Ultrasound Course with Basic MRI Correlation for Orthopaedic/Sports Medicine, Rheumatology and Rehabilitation Physicians
When and Where: 18 – 19 Mar 2018, Penang, Malaysia
Website: [http://www.penangmskrad.com](http://www.penangmskrad.com)

Focused course on Doppler modalities and advanced ultrasound techniques
When and Where: 21 – 23 Mar 2018, Copenhagen, Denmark
Website: [https://www.eular.org/myUploadData/files/Copenhagen_Doppler_Course_2018.pdf](https://www.eular.org/myUploadData/files/Copenhagen_Doppler_Course_2018.pdf)

11th European Lupus Meeting
When and Where: 21 – 24 Mar 2018, Düsseldorf, Germany

Bulgarian Association for Musculoskeletal Ultrasound Intermediate Level and Focused Course
25TH EULAR ULTRASOUND COURSES

The aim of this annual multi-level course is to cover the whole spectrum of conditions in which musculoskeletal ultrasound (MSUS) could be used in rheumatology practice and research.

The advanced course (for up to 50 participants with considerable experience in MSUS) focuses on difficult issues within MSUS and emerging research fields in MSUS (contrast enhanced, 3D, quantification of inflammation). This includes time for discussion with expert rheumatologists and radiologists in MSUS.

The intermediate course (for up to 50 participants with some experience in MSUS) aims at consolidating standardised MSUS scanning methods according to EULAR guidelines, as well as describing and identifying musculoskeletal lesions/abnormalities by US and knowing the role of MSUS in different musculoskeletal pathologies (inflammatory, degenerative and/or traumatic). The standardised approach in the study of the various anatomic regions as well as the future development of US technique and its role as a research tool is discussed.

For colleagues interested in taking the basic level ultrasound course, please note that it is a EULAR recommendation to first complete the EULAR Online Introductory Ultrasound Course which provides the basic knowledge in form of a 7 module online course including video clips and a final exam. A new online course starts each September.

The EULAR Ultrasound Course

will take place on

10-13 June 2018 in Amsterdam, The Netherlands, prior to EULAR

REGISTRATION OPEN

COURSE BURSARIES ALSO AVAILABLE

For information and to register visit:
https://www.eular.org/edu_course_ultrasound.cfm
The aim of this intensive and interactive course is to provide all participants with an update on the power of the safe and non-invasive nailfold videocapillaroscopy (NVC) technique in the field of rheumatic diseases, in particular for the early diagnosis of scleroderma spectrum diseases, its predictability and prognostic value, as well as its role as a tool for therapeutic follow up.

The EULAR course on NVC first ran in 2004 and has been successfully tested for both beginners and already trained operators in microcirculation investigations, by over 740 total participants from almost 52 different countries. Participants will be fully involved in interactive theoretical and practical capillaroscopic sessions. Updated clinical sessions concerning the diagnostic/prognostic value of NVC in diseases such as systemic sclerosis will be presented. Links between capillaroscopic patterns and biomarkers such as autoantibodies will also be discussed. In particular, reading and scoring (manual and automated systems) of videocapillaroscopic images of living patients will be discussed and their predictive value to identify possible clinical complications (i.e. digital ulcers in systemic sclerosis, lung involvement etc.) will be analyzed.

New sessions on practical evaluation of peripheral blood flow by laser doppler and LASCA imaging have been introduced. Lessons and practical sessions on skin ultrasound (US) evaluation will be also available and will be combined with the severity of the videocapillaroscopic images (patterns) in living patients.

At the end of this excellent course that is delivered by a faculty formed by many of the world experts in this area, the participants will be able to use capillaroscopy for their day-to-day assessment and follow-up, in particular of patients affected by scleroderma spectrum diseases.

The next EULAR Capillaroscopy Course
will take place on
13-15 September 2018 in Genova, Italy
REGISTRATION OPEN
COURSE BURSARIES ALSO AVAILABLE
For information and to register visit: https://www.eular.org/edu_course_capillaroscopy.cfm
SHARE YOUR IDEAS!

Over the years EMEUNET has developed several projects covering different topics and areas of interest. However, we appreciate any suggestions and welcome new ideas to expand on what we currently offer to EMEUNET members. Make your voice heard and share your ideas with us!

It is easy, just write down some lines to summarize your proposal and send it either via email at emeunet@eular.ch or through our website (http://emeunet.eular.org/contact_us.cfm). Don’t forget to provide your contacts so we can come back to you for additional details!

We look forward to hearing from you!!!

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