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EULAR DO NOT MISS
Dear young rheumatologists and researchers in rheumatology,

We are happy to present you a new issue of EMEUNews about the Do-Not-Miss Topics of this year’s EULAR annual meeting.

The EULAR congress is the largest scientific event in Rheumatology. As it is now approaching, we provide a selection of oral presentations and posters that we consider to be noteworthy. Albeit this is a limited way of looking at the numerous scientific releases at EULAR 2015, it might provide an overview of hot topics in each field of Rheumatology.

This current Newsletter also contains details about the “Young Rheumatologist” sessions and other events organized during the Congress.

Do not forget to visit our EMEUNET booth to get additional info and meet up with other young rheumatologists.

EMEUNET is now active in social media hubs such as Facebook and Twitter, while maintaining the traditional website and the important physical (and personal) presence at major Rheumatology scientific events.

If this is your first contact with EMEUNET, we invite you to explore more and join us. 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 you enjoy reading this Newsletter. We always welcome feedback, comments, suggestions and contributions.

We wish you a prolific and successful EULAR 2015

See you at Rome!

On behalf of the Newsletter Subgroup, Russka Shumnalieva, Mary Canavan, Christian Dejaco, Alessia Alunno and Xenofon Baraliakos
BASIC RESEARCH I
Genetics, cartilage/synovium, osteoimmunology, animal models
Russka Shumnalieva

ORAL PRESENTATIONS

Wednesday 10.06.2015 16:20
Session: Basic and Translational Science
Session - Co-stimulation: towards genuine immune modulation (Room 10 I)
Arruda L. et al. (Brazil)
OP0010 Autologous hematopoietic stem cell transplantation increases T-cell PD-1 expression and regulatory mechanisms in systemic sclerosis.

Friday 12.06.2015 10:30
Session: Basic and Translational Science
Session - New insights in osteoimmunology (Room 10 I)
Horváth Á. et al. (Hungary)
OP0272 Effects of anti-TNF therapy on markers of bone homeostasis in rheumatoid arthritis and ankylosing spondylitis.

BASIC RESEARCH I
Genetics, cartilage/synovium, osteoimmunology, animal models
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POSTERS

Thursday 11.06.2015
Poster Tour: Lupus Nephritis - pathogenesis and animal models
Smith E et al. (United Kingdom)
THU0373 Demonstration of an 'excellent' biomarker panel for identifying active lupus nephritis in children.

Saturday 13.06.2015
Poster Tour: Cartilage - Bone - Synovium: life in the joint
Catrina AI et al. (Sweden)
SAT0033 Anti-citrullinated proteins antibodies promote synovial fibroblast migration in rheumatoid arthritis.
BASIC RESEARCH II
Immunity, Immunology
Christophe Richez

ORAL PRESENTATIONS
Wednesday 10.06.15 16:05
Session: Co-stimulation: towards genuine immune modulation (Room I)
Jacquemin C et al. (France)
OP0009 OX40 ligand contributes to human lupus pathogenesis by promoting T follicular helper response.

Thursday 11.06.15 10:45
Session: Adaptive Immunology in rheumatic disease (Hall 8 – Room 8A)
Daïen C et al. (France)
OP0114 A Proliferative Inducing Ligand (APRIL) promotes IL-10 production by human B cells.

Friday 12.06.15 11:20
Session: SpA and PsA Basic and Translational Research (Room I)
Ciccia F et al. (Italy)
OP0205 Gut dysbiosis in patients with HLA-B27+ ankylosing spondylitis is associated with ileitis, down-regulation of tight junction proteins, increased serum levels of LPS and monocytes anergy.

POSTERS
Thursday 11.06.15
Poster Tour: Innate immune mechanism in rheumatic diseases.
Rivellese F et al. (Italy)
THU0024 - Human mast cells stimulated with IL-33 and immune complexes down-regulate monocyte activation in rheumatoid arthritis.

Friday 12.06.15
Poster Tour: APS – etiology, pathogenesis and new treatment approaches.
Moon SJ et al. (Republic of Korea)
FRI0379 Metformin suppresses systemic autoimmunity in roquin+/−/+ mice through inhibition of B cell differentiation into plasma cells via AMPK/mTOR/STAT3 pathway regulation.
Marlies van der Goes 

MD PhD, is rheumatologist in training at the department of Rheumatology & Clinical Immunology of the University Medical Center Utrecht in The Netherlands. Her research focuses on rheumatoid arthritis and glucocorticoid therapy. She is EMEUNET Working Group member.

ORAL PRESENTATIONS

Thursday 11.06.2015 10:35
Session: Epidemiology and Health Services Research (Hall 2)
Lindhardsen J et al. (Denmark)
OP0046 Cause-specific mortality in rheumatoid arthritis - a nationwide cohort study.

Friday 12.06.2015 11:35
Session: RA Prognosis, Predictors, Outcome (Hall 2)
Finckh A et al. (Switzerland)
OP0182 The impact of statin use on structural bone damage in rheumatoid arthritis.

Friday 12.06.2015 10:55
Session: RA Prognosis, Predictors, Outcome (Hall 2)
Goodman SM et al. (United States)
OP0178 Body mass index is an independent risk for not achieving sustained remission in early rheumatoid arthritis: results from the catch observational study.

Friday 12.06.2015 10:55
Session: Comorbidities in RA (Hall 8)
Holmqvist M et al. (Sweden)
OP0162 Acute coronary syndrome in rheumatoid arthritis: are patients diagnosed today also at increased risk?

POSTERS

Thursday 11.06.2015
Poster Tour: RA - prognosis
Manzo A et al. (Italy)
THU0012 – Prognostic significance of residual autoimmune/inflammatory activity for disease relapse upon DMARD suspension in patients with early rheumatoid arthritis in sustained remission after DAS-driven therapy.

Saturday 13.06.2015
Poster Tour: RA - small molecules 2
Dhir V et al. (India)
SAT0215 – Effect of two doses of folic acid on methotrexate toxicity and efficacy- a randomized controlled trial.
Paul Studenic 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.”

**ORAL PRESENTATIONS**

**Thursday, 11.06.2015 11:25**

Session: Emerging concepts in genomics and genetics (Hall 9 - Room 9A)

Tornero J et al. (Spain)

OP0126 A genome wide association study identifies a new locus associated with the response to anti-TNF therapy in rheumatoid arthritis.

**Friday, 12.06.2015 14:45**

Session: New insights in osteoimmunology (Room I)

Horváth A et al. (Hungary)

OP0272 Effects of anti-TNF therapy on markers of bone homeostasis in rheumatoid arthritis and ankylosing spondylitis.

**Friday, 12.06.2015 16:15**

Session: Cost effectiveness of biologics in RA (joint with Clinical Science?) (Hall 1)

Vanier A et al. (France)

OP0280 Step-down strategy of spacing TNF blockers injections for established rheumatoid arthritis in remission: a cost-utility analysis based on the STRASS trial.

**POSTERS**

**Friday, 12.06.2015**

Westhovens R et al (Belgium)

FRI0126 Long term safety of intravenous golimumab and comparison with subcutaneous golimumab in rheumatoid arthritis: results through 2 years

**Friday, 12.06.2015**

Sanmarti R et al. (Spain)

FRI0133 Serum levels of TNF antagonists in rheumatoid arthritis: can we establish an optimal cut-off to identify patients in remission or low disease activity?

**Saturday, 13.06.2015**

Ometto F et al. (Italy)

SAT0147 Self reported flares predict radiographic progression in rheumatoid arthritis patients in remission undergoing etanercept tapering.
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RA III
Other biologics and new drugs beyond biologics

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spondyloarthritis and
biological therapies.

ORAL PRESENTATIONS

Thursday 11.06.2015 10:50
Session: Developments in the treatment of RA (Hall 8)
Smolen J et al. (Austria)
OP0031 A phase 2 study evaluating the
efficacy and safety of subcutaneously
administered ustekinumab and guselkumab in
patients with active rheumatoid arthritis despite
treatment with methotrexate.

Thursday 11.06.2015 11:50
Session: Developments in the treatment of RA (Hall 8)
Dougados M et al. LB001 Baricitinib, an oral
Janus kinase (JAK)1/JAK2 inhibitor in patients
with active rheumatoid arthritis (RA) and an
inadequate response to CDMARD therapy:
results of the phase 3 RA-BUILD study.

Thursday 11.06.2015 11:20
Session: Developments in the treatment of RA (Hall 8)
Burmester G et al. (Germany)
OP0034 Efficacy and safety of mavrilimumab, a
fully human GM-CSFalpha monoclonal
antibody in patients with rheumatoid arthritis:
primary results from the earth EXPLORER 1 study.

Friday 12.06.2015 11:50
Session: RA prognosis, predictors, outcome (Hall 2)
Harrold L et al. (United States)
OP0177 The comparative effectiveness of
tocilizumab as compared to abatacept in those
with prior exposure to anti-TNF agents.

POSTERS

Thursday 11.06.2015
Poster Tour: RA-small molecules 1
Van Vollenhoven RF et al. (Sweden)
THU0178 Relationship between NK cell count
and important safety events in rheumatoid
arthritis patients treated with tofacitinib.

Saturday 13.06.2015
Poster Tour: RA-small molecules 2
Buttgereit F et al (Germany)
SAT0221 Efficacy and safety of PF-04171327, a
novel dissociated agonist of the glucocorticoid
receptor (DAGR): results of a phase 2,
randomized, double blind study
**Christian Dejaco**

MD, PhD is a consultant and Associate Professor at the Medical University Graz. His main research interests are the value of ultrasound in psoriatic arthritis, clinical research on polymyalgia rheumatica and translational research on T lymphocyte senescence in rheumatology. He is the country liaison for EMEUNET in Austria.

**ORAL PRESENTATIONS**

**Wednesday 10.06.2015 18:00**

Session: How to Treat / Manage (HOT) (Room 10 F-G)

Gossec L (France)

SP0035 EULAR recommendation update on the management of PsA

**Friday 12.06.2015 11:50**

Session: Abstract Session: SpA and PsA Basic and Translational Research (Room 10 I)

Wang Sin T (United Kingdom)

OP0208 Synovial immunopathology defines clinical responsiveness to DMARD therapy in early psoriatic arthritis: a pre and post-treatment mechanistic study using a minimally invasive ultrasound-guided synovial biopsy procedure

**Friday 12.06.2015 10:45 and 11:50**

Session: Abstract Session: SpA and PsA Treatment (Hall 3)

Mease P (United States)

OP0175 Two year clinical response to brodalumab, an anti-IL-17 receptor antibody in patients with psoriatic arthritis.

**Saturday 13.06.2015 13:20**

Session: Why psoriasis in arthritis - Basic and Translational Science Session (Room 10 D-E)

Thorarensen S (Iceland)

OP0311 Physical trauma is associated with the onset of psoriatic arthritis among psoriasis patients

**POSTERS**

**Thursday 11.06.2015**

Poster Tour: PsA - outcomes and treatment 1 (Poster Area)

Kavanaugh A. (United States)

THU0411 Secukinumab efficacy in antiTNF-naive anti anti-TNF-IR patients with psoriatic arthritis: results of a phase 3 multicenter double blind placebo controlled study (FUTURE 2)

**Saturday 13.06.2015**

Poster Tour: PsA - outcomes and treatment 2 (Poster Area)

Fiorentino D (United States)

SAT0559 Malignancies in the psoriasis longitudinal assessment and registry (PSOLAR) study: current status of observations
AXIAL SPONDOYLOARTHRITIS

Barbara Ruaro

MD, currently works in the Rheumatology Division in Genoa (Italy).
The main area of interest is systemic sclerosis, microcirculation and musculoskeletal-US.

ORAL PRESENTATIONS

Thursday 11.06.2015 17:00
Session: Axial SpA: disease modification (Hall 8)
Sieper J. et al. (Germany)
OP0145 Continuous versus on demand treatment of ankylosing spondylitis with diclofenac over 2 years does not prevent radiographic progression of the spine-results from a randomized prospective multicenter trial (ENRADAS)

Friday 12.06.2015 10:55
Session: SpA and PsA Treatment (Hall 3)
Varkas G et al. (Belgium)
OP0170 Treatment of axial spondyloarthritis with an optimal dosage of NSAIDS: a 6-week follow up study focusing on magnetic resonance imaging of the sacroiliac joints.

Friday 12.06.2015 10:30
Session: SpA and PsA Treatment (Hall 3)
Sieper J (Germany)
OP0168 Secukinumab significantly improves signs and symptoms of active ankylosing spondylitis: 52-week data from measure 2, a randomized double-blind placebo controlled phase 3 trial with subcutaneous loading and maintenance dosing

Friday 12.06.2015 11:30
Session: SpA and PsA Basic and Translational Research (Room I)
O’Rielly D et al. (Canada)
OP0206 Interactions between smoking and methylation status is highly predictive of radiographic progression in ankylosing spondylitis

POSTERS

Thursday 11.06.2015
Poster Tour: Spondyloarthritis Treatment Arends S et al. (Netherlands)
THU0239 Drug survival and clinical efficacy of 7 years etanercept treatment in patients with ankylosing spondylitis: results from the GLAS cohort

Saturday 13.06.2015
Poster Tour: SpA Clinical Abstracts Wink F. et al. (Netherlands)
SAT0277 Clinical, ultrasound and radiographic evaluation of the hip joints in ankylosing spondylitis patients with active disease
SLE AND APS

Rucsandra Dobrota

MD, began her Residency in Rheumatology in Bucharest, Romania in 2012 and is currently a clinical/translational research fellow within the Division of Rheumatology, University Hospital Zurich. Her main areas of interest are systemic sclerosis and other connective tissue diseases.

ORAL PRESENTATIONS

Thursday, 11.06.2015 10:35
Abstract Session: SLE, Sjögren and APS: Clinical Aspects other than treatment (Room C)
Andreoli L et al. (Italy)
OP0086 EULAR recommendations for women’s health and the management of family planning, assisted reproduction, pregnancy, and menopause in patients with systemic lupus erythematosus and/or the antiphospholipid syndrome

Thursday, 11.06.2015 11:25
Abstract Session: SLE, Sjögren's, APS: Etiology, Pathogenesis, Animal Models (Room D-E)
M. Skwarek et al. (Germany)
OP0083 Explaining low C-reactive protein levels in systemic lupus erythematosus: reduced membrane-bound, increased soluble interleukin 6 (IL-6) receptors

Thursday, 11.06.2015 11:35
Abstract Session: SLE, Sjögren's, APS: Etiology, Pathogenesis, Animal Models (Room D-E)
Raimondo M. et al. (Italy)
OP0084 Oxydation of B2-glycoprotein is strongly associated with the presence of anti-domain I antibodies in patients with antiphospholipid syndrome

Friday, 12.06.2015 10:35
Session: B09 Abstract Session: SLE and Sjögren’s: New Treatment Options (Hall 1)
Isenberg D et al. (United Kingdom)
OP0184 Efficacy and safety of Tabalumab in patients with systemic lupus erythematosus (SLE): results from 2 phase 3, 52-week, multicenter, randomized, placebo-controlled trials

POSTERS

Thursday, 11.06.2015
Poster Tour: Treatment of SLE and Sjögren’s - clinical aspects
Md Yusof MY et al. (United Kingdom)
THU0390 Management of primary and secondary non-response to B cell depletion therapy in systemic lupus erythematosus: 10-year experience at a single centre

Saturday, 13.06.2015
Poster tour: SLE, Sjögren’s, APS - clinical aspects
Györi N et al. (Sweden)
SAT0385 Disease activity patterns over time in patients with SLE – a retrospective descriptive analysis of the Hopkins lupus cohort
OTHER CONNECTIVE TISSUE DISEASES

Including systemic sclerosis, myositis, vasculitis

Mislav Radić

ORAL PRESENTATIONS

Thursday 11.06.2015 10:50
Abstract Session SSc Clinical and Treatment (Hall 1)
Denton C et al. (United Kingdom)
OP0056 Macitentan in patients with dffital ulcers associated with systemic sclerosis: results from the DUAL-1 and DUAL-2 randomized controlled trials

Friday 12.06.2015 10:40
Abstract Session - SSc pathogenesis, etiology and animal models (Room 10 D-E)
Mohit K et al. (Canada)
OP0209 Soluble ephrin-B2 ectodomain contributes to the pathogenesis of systemic sclerosis

Friday 12.06.2015 11:20
Abstract Session Vasculitis (Room 10 H)
Ponte C et al. (United Kingdom)
OP0237 The use of positron emission tomography in patients with giant cell arteritis: analysis of data from the diagnostic and classification criteria for vasculitis (DCVAS) study

Friday 12.06.2015 16:55
Clinical Science Session Treatment and outcome measures in inflammatory myopathies. Update on pharmacological and physical therapy and how to assess (Hall 2)
Pipitone N et al. (Italy)
OP0278 Does MRI provide an added value over serum creatine kinase measurement in myositis?

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Friday 12.06.2015
Poster Tour: SSc pathogenesis and etiology
Avouac J et al. (France)
FR10438 Treatment with abatacept prevents experimental dermal fibrosis and induces regression of established fibrosis in a preclinical model of systemic sclerosis

Friday 12.06.2015
Poster Tour: Vasculitis
Gilio M et al. (Italy)
FR10252 Behcet’s disease and pregnancy: what is the relationship?
Estibaliz Loza, MD, is a researcher and currently works in the Institute of Musculoskeletal Health. Her main area of interest is public health and quality, in particular the development of standards of care and quality indicators.

**IMAGING**

Estibaliz Loza

**ORAL PRESENTATIONS**

**Wednesday 10.06.2015 15:00**
Session: Training of rheumatology across Europe (Room 10 C)
Senabre JM et al. (Spain)
OP0012 Use of musculoskeletal ultrasound among young rheumatologists in Europe.

**Wednesday 10.06.2015 17:00**
Session: What is the impact of imaging on the management of rheumatoid arthritis? (Hall 8)
Sahbudin I et al. (United Kingdom)
OP0015 Ultrasound-defined tenosynovitis is a strong predictor of early rheumatoid arthritis

**Friday 12.06.2015 10:30**
Session: RA prognosis, predictors and outcome (Hall 2)
Lamers-Karnebeek F et al. (Netherlands)
OP0181 Ultrasonography as predictor for flare in rheumatoid arthritis patients with low disease activity: nine month results from the POET-US study.

**Friday 12.06.2015**
Poster Tour: New insights in diagnostic and prognostic markers in rheumatic diseases
van der Ven M et al. (Netherlands)
FR10562 Ultrasound enthesis in primary care psoriasis patients with musculoskeletal complaints.

**POSTERS**

**Friday 12.06.2015**
Poster Tour: Imaging rheumatic diseases: what’s new?
Ten Cate D et al. (Netherlands)
SAT0587 Additional value of baseline ultrasonography in early RA to predict failure to reach DAS28 remission after 1 year of tight-control treatment.
Lucía Silva MD, MSc, is a consultant rheumatologist at Complexo Hospitalario Universitario de Ferrol in Spain. Her main research interests are early arthritis, biologic therapies and systemic lupus erythematosus.

METABOLIC AND CRYSTAL ARTHROPATHIES

Lucía Silva

ORAL PRESENTATIONS

Friday 12.06.2015 11:25
Session: Cytokines and inflammatory mediators (Room 9A)
Campillo-Giménez, L. et al. (France)
OP0261 Four different types of calcium pyrophosphate crystals differentially induced IL-1β production by THP-1 cells.

POSTERS

Thursday 11.06.2015
Frallonardo P. et al (Italy)
THU0438 – Role of calcium crystals in inflammation. Synovial fluid analysis by scanning electron microscopy in patients with knee osteoarthritis. Clinical and laboratory investigations in different phases of the disease

Friday 12.06.2015
Nuevo J. et al (Spain)
FRI0343 Evaluation of the impact of current treatment on serum urate profile, gout flares and tophi in patients with gout in France, Germany, United Kingdom and the United States

Saturday 13.06.2015
Wennemers AM et al (The Netherlands)
SAT0306 Real life gout efficacy data: over 80% of crystal-proven patients in an academic setting are cured by SUA level targeted treatment including step-up two modes of action combination therapy

Saturday 13.06.2015
Tausche AK et al (Germany)
SAT0307 Lesinurad monotherapy in gout patients intolerant to xanthine oxidase inhibitors (LIGHT): a randomized, double-blind placebo-controlled, 6-month phase III trial

Saturday 13.06.2015
Vela P et al (Spain)
SAT0311 The shape of calcium pyrophosphate crystals determines their intensity of birefringence
OSTEOARTHRITIS AND OSTEOPOROSIS
Ida Haugen

ORAL PRESENTATIONS

Thursday 11.06.2015 11:25
Session: Osteoarthritis: Clinical aspects (room H)
Kashevarova N et al. (Russian Federation)
OP0108 Risk factors for progression of knee joint osteoarthritis (5 year prospective study)

Damman W et al. (Netherlands)
OP0109 Synovitis and bone marrow lesions on MRI associate with radiographic progression after two years in hand osteoarthritis

Neuprez A et al (Belgium)
OP0110 Assessment and determinants of aesthetic discomfort in hand osteoarthritis: the Liège hand osteoarthritis cohort (LIHOC)

Saturday 13.06.2015 13.05
Session: Treatment and prognosis for OA beyond the knee (Hall 2)
Park JK et al. (Republic of Korea)
OP0303 Efficacy and safety of GCSB-5 for hand osteoarthritis treatment: a placebo controlled double blind randomized trial

Saturday 13.06.2015 13.15
Session: Treatment and prognosis for OA beyond the knee (Hall 2)
Basoski N et al. (Netherlands)
OP0304 Efficacy of hydroxychloroquine in primary hand osteoarthritis: a randomized, double blind, placebo controlled trial.

POSTERS

Thursday 11.06.2014
Mathiessen A et al. (Norway)
THU0450 Ultrasound-detected osteophytes predict incident radiographic hand osteoarthritis and pain five years later

THU0484 Prevalence and characteristics of hand osteoarthritis in Korean farmers: influence of farming activity on hand osteoarthritis
**PEDIATRIC RHEUMATOLOGY**

Suzanne Verstappen

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**ORAL PRESENTATIONS**

**Thursday 11.06.2015 17:05**

Session: Innovation in healthcare-can you google it? (Room 10A)

Tapping P. (United Kingdom)

OP00157-HPR "This feeling": can a new iPad app help children with juvenile idiopathic arthritis communicate their pain experiences? Feasibility, usability and acceptability

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**POSTERS**

**Friday 12.06.2015**

Ruperto N et al. (Italy)

FRI0502 Long-term safety of adalimumab treatment in pediatric patients with polyarticular juvenile idiopathic arthritis and enthesitis-related arthritis.

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**Friday 12.06.2015**

Tappeiner C et al. (Germany)

FRI0510 Uveitis risk in the first years of juvenile idiopathic arthritis.

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**Friday 12.06.2015**

Scardapane A et al. (Italy)

FRI0504 TNF-alfa gene polymorphisms and juvenile idiopathic arthritis: influence on disease outcome and therapeutic response.
Training of rheumatology across Europe

Chair Ramiro Sofia (Netherlands)
Chair Sivera Francisca (Spain)

Speaker Bijlsma Johannes W.J.(Netherlands)
THE PERSPECTIVE OF EULAR

Speaker Cikes Nada (Croatia) SP0020 THE PERSPECTIVE OF UEMS
RHEUMATOLOGY SECTION AND BOARD

Presenter Iorgoveanu Vasilia (Romania) INVOLVEMENT OF SALIVARY GLANDS IN PRIMARY SJÖGREN’S SYNDROME. ELASTOGRAPHIC ASSESSMENT AND CORRELATIONS WITH ULTRASONOGRAPHIC FINDING

Abstract Sivera Francisca (Spain) OP0011 RHEUMATOLOGY TRAINING EXPERIENCE-EUROPEAN SURVEY AMONG RHEUMATOLOGY TRAINEES AND NEWLY QUALIFIES SPECIALISTS

Abstract Senabre Gallego Jose Miguel (Spain) OP0012 USE OF MUSCULOSKELETAL ULTRASOUND AMONG YOUNG RHEUMATOLOGISTS IN EUROPE

Science bites: 10 Arthritis abstracts + 10 Systemic inflammation abstracts selected by score

Chair Radstake Timothy R. (Netherlands)
Chair Moltó Anna (France)

Abstract Generaal Ellen (Netherlands) THU0303 BIOLOGICAL STRESS SYSTEMS, ADVERSE LIFE EVENTS AND THE ONSET OF CHRONIC MULTI-SITE MUSCULOSKELETAL PAIN: A SIX-YEAR COHORT STUDY

Abstract Volkmann Elizabeth (United States) SAT0444 CYCLOPHOSPHAMIDE VERSUS MYCOPHENOLATE FOR SYSTEMIC SCLEROSIS RELATED INTERSTITIAL LUNG DISEASE

Abstract Bosello Silvia (Italy) SAT0445 NT-PROBNP AND TROPONIN T IN SYSTEMIC SCLEROSIS: PROGNOSTIC BIOMARKERS OF CARDIAC INVOLVEMENT.

Abstract Mortada Mohamed (Egypt) FRI0546 MULTIPLE VERSUS SINGLE ULTRASOUND GUIDED SUPRASCAPULAR NERVE BLOCK IN TREATMENT OF FROZEN SHOULDER IN DIABETIC PATIENTS.

Abstract Chinchilla Sandra (Spain) FRI0309 SERUM MAGNESIUM LEVELS IN PATIENTS IN RELATION TO DIURETIC TREATMENT

Abstract Ferreira Joana (United Kingdom) FRI0155 RITUXIMAB ASSOCIATED LATE ONSET NEUTROPAENIA: SAFETY OF RETREATMENT RITUXIMAB THERAPY IN 900 PATIENTS
(continued)

Abstract Ferrari Mathieu (United Kingdom) FRI0103 SYNOVIAL SPECIFIC PRODRUG FOR THE NEXT GENERATION OF ANTI-TNF THERAPY IN RHEUMATOID ARTHRITIS

Abstract Zhao Jiuliang (China) FRI0383 LONG-TERM OUTCOMES AND PREDICTORS OF MORTALITY IN SYSTEMIC LUPUS ERYTHEMATOSUS-ASSOCIATED PULMONARY ARTERIAL HYPERTENSION: A SINGLE CENTER COHORT STUDY

Abstract Silvagni Ettore (Italy) FRI0384 USEFULNESS OF BRAIN MRI IN EARLY LUPUS: HOW THE MORPHOLOGICAL IMAGING CHANGES AT ONSET OF THE DISEASE AND AFTER FOLLOW-UP

Abstract Groot Noortje (Netherlands) SAT0392 THE CHILL-NL STUDY: VERY LONG TERM OUTCOME OF CHILDHOOD-ONSET SLE: DISEASE ACTIVITY, DISEASE DAMAGE AND QUALITY OF LIFE

Abstract Orlova Evgeniya (Russian Federation) THU0591 COMPARATIVE EFFICACY OF TWO EXERCISES PROGRAMS IN PATIENTS WITH EARLY RHEUMATOID ARTHRITIS: 6-MONTH RANDOMIZED CONTROLLED TRIAL

Abstract Huntgeburth Michael (Germany) FRI0444 RIOCIQUAT FOR THE TREATMENT OF RAYNAUD'S PHENOMENON: A SINGLE-DOSE, DOUBLE-BLIND, RANDOMIZED, PLACEBO-CONTROLLED CROSS-OVER STUDY (DIGIT)

Abstract Denton Christopher (United Kingdom) FRI0445 EFFICACY AND SAFETY OF RIOCIQUAT IN PATIENTS WITH PULMONARY ARTERIAL HYPERTENSION (PAH) ASSOCIATED WITH CONNECTIVE TISSUE DISEASE (CTD): RESULTS FROM PATENT-1 AND PATENT-2

Abstract Del Papa Nicoletta (Italy) SAT0446 AUTOLOGOUS FAT TRANSPLANTATION HAS A LONG TERM EFFICACY ON SCLERODERMA SKIN FIBROSIS: RESULTS FROM A CONTROLLED STUDY VERSUS HYALURONIC ACID FILLER

Abstract Vettori Serena (Italy) FRI0446 SEVERE HEART DISEASE IN SYSTEMIC SCLEROSIS: PREVALENCE, RISK FACTORS AND CURRENT TREATMENT. A EUSTAR-DESCRIPTER STUDY.

Abstract Vladimirov Sergey (Russian Federation) FRI0310 RADIOGRAPHIC PROGRESSION OF KNEE OSTEOARTHRITIS IN PATIENTS WITH DIFFERENT CLINICAL TYPES OF CALCIUM PYROPHOSPHATE DEPOSITION DISEASE VS PATIENTS WITH OSTEOARTHROSIS (PRELIMINARY DATA)

Abstract Miner Jeffrey (United States) FRI0311 COEVOLUTION OF A URIC ACID TRANSPORTER AND URICASE: IMPLICATIONS FOR GOUT

Abstract Perez-Ruiz Fernando (Spain) FRI0312 RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN SYNOVIAL INFLAMMATION AND ULTRASOUND URATE DEPOSITS IN PATIENTS WITH GOUT
THE YOUNG RHEUMATOLOGIST SESSIONS (3)

Thursday 11.06.2015
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International experience

Chair Navarro-Compán Victoria (Spain)
Chair Sodin Semrl Snezna (Slovenia)

Speaker Radner Helga (Austria) SP0086 EXPERIENCE IN THE US

Speaker Lundberg Karin (Sweden) SP0087 LONG TERM BENEFITS FROM INTERNATIONAL EXCHANGE

Presenter Marques Raquel (Portugal) SP0088 JUVENILE DERMATOMYOSITIS COHORT BIOMARKER STUDY AND REPOSITORY (UK & IRELAND)

Presenter Nikolett Marton (Hungary) SP0089 STUDYING THE ROLE OF IMMUNE COMPLEXES AND EXTRACELLULAR VESICLES ON OSTEOCLASTOGENESIS

Presenter Valea Ramona Adriana (Romania) SP0090 ULTRASOUND FINDINGS IN PATIENTS WITH ASYMPTOMATIC HYPERURICEMIA

Thursday 11.06.2015
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Being a researcher in the rheumatology world

Chair de Hair Marjolein (Netherlands)
Chair Klein Kerstin (Switzerland)

Speaker Fearon Ursula (Ireland) HOW TO BRING YOUR RESULTS FROM THE BENCH TO BEDSIDE

Speaker Scheel-Toellner Dagmar (United Kingdom) SP0116 LOST IN TRANSLATION - HOW TO UNDERSTAND WHAT CLINICIANS TALK ABOUT

Speaker Toes Rene (Netherlands) CAREER OPPORTUNITIES IN A CLINICAL ENVIRONMENT

Abstract Perez-Sanchez Carlos (Spain) OP0156 IN VITRO TREATMENT WITH ANTI-CARDIOLIPIN AND ANTI-DSDNA ANTIBODIES MODIFIES THE EXPRESSION OF MICRORNAS RELATED TO CARDIOVASCULAR DISEASE IN PATIENTS WITH ANTIPHOSPHOLIPID SYNDROME AND SYSTEMIC LUPUS ERYTHEMATOSUS
THE YOUNG RHEUMATOLOGIST
SESSIONS (4)

Friday 12.06.2015
13:45-15:15

Evidence based medicine. To design and understand clinical trials and meta-analysis
Chair Alunno Alessia (Italy)
Chair Chatzidionysiou Katerina (Sweden)
Speaker Silva-Fernández Lucía (Spain) SP0151 OBSERVATIONAL STUDIES
Speaker Avina-Zubieta Juan Antonio (Canada) META-ANALYSIS PRESENTATION, INTERPRETATION AND RELEVANCE
Speaker LeBars Manuela (France) SP0152 THE PHASES OF CLINICAL TRIALS AND THEIR RELEVANCE FOR DRUG APPROVAL
Abstract Lindström Ulf (Sweden) OP0275 BIRTH CHARACTERISTICS AND CHILDHOOD INFECTIONS PREDICT ANKYLOSING SPONDYLITIS. A NATIONAL REGISTER BASED NESTED CASE-CONTROL STUDY.
Abstract Tarp Simon (Denmark) OP0276 RISK OF SERIOUS ADVERSE EFFECTS ASSOCIATED WITH DIFFERENT BIOLOGICAL AND TARGETED SYNTHETIC DISEASE-MODIFYING ANTI-RHEUMATIC DRUGS IN PATIENTS WITH RHEUMATOID ARTHRITIS: A SYSTEMATIC REVIEW AND META-ANALYSIS OF RANDOMISED TRIALS

Friday 12.06.2015
15:45-17:15

The art of writing
Chair Machado Pedro (Portugal)
Chair Studenic Paul (Austria)
Speaker McInnes Iain (United Kingdom) HOW TO IMPROVE A PROPOSAL FOR GRANT APPLICATION
Speaker van Vollenhoven Ronald (Sweden) SP0182 HOW TO WRITE AN OUTSTANDING ORIGINAL PAPER
Speaker Carmona Loreto (Spain) SP0183 TO PUBLISH OR PERISH: HOW TO REVIEW MANUSCRIPTS AND GRANT PROPOSALS
Speaker Bucala Richard (United States) SP0184 HOW TO CHOOSE THE BEST JOURNAL FOR SUBMITTING YOUR PAPER
The Young Rheumatologist Sessions (5)

Saturday 13.06.2015
8:30-10:30

Strategic decision in a career
Chair Nikphorou Elena (United Kingdom)
Chair Maurer Britta (Switzerland)

Speaker Machado Pedro (Portugal) SUCCESSFULLY TRANSITIONING FROM TRAINEE TO PROFESSIONAL

Speaker Rednic Simona (Romania) SP0214 THE CONSULTANT’S ROLE IN STRATEGIC CAREER DECISIONS FOR RHEUMATOLOGY TRAINEES

Speaker Boupas Dimitrios (Greece) SECRETS OF SUCCESS

Presenter Lepri Gemma (Italy) SP0215 PROSPECTIVE CORRELATION OF ANGIOPATHOGENETIC FACTORS, MICROVASCULAR ABNORMALITIES, ORGAN INVOLVEMENT IN SYSTEMIC SCLEROSIS

Presenter Ruiz Maria (Spain) PREDICTION OF ADVERSE PREGNANCY OUTCOME IN SYSTEMIC LUPUS ERYTHEMATOSUS AND ANITPHOSPHOLIPID ANTIBODIES POSITIVE PATIENTS USING A RISK SCORE MODEL

Saturday 13.06.2015
12:00-13:30

The art of teaching rheumatology
Chair Vassilopoulos Dimitrios (Greece)
Chair Beyer Christian (Germany)

Speaker Sivera Francisca (Spain) SP0245 THE EUROPEAN STATUS QUO AND THE EDUCATIONAL NEEDS OF YOUNG RHEUMATOLOGISTS

Speaker Siaton Bernadette (United States) SP0246 THE US EXPERIENCE

Speaker Hafler Janet (United States) SP0247 HOW TO CREATE A RICH LEARNING ENVIRONMENT

Abstract E1 Miedany Yasser (Egypt) OP0312 SIMULATED TEACHING IN RHEUMATOLOGY: ASSESSMENT OF AN INTERACTIVE E-LEARNING POSTGRADUATE RHEUMATOLOGY TEACHING MODULE

Abstract Nikphorou Elena (United Kingdom) OP0313 THE USE AND IMPACT OF SOCIAL MEDIA IN MODERN RHEUMATOLOGY PRACTICE BASED ON A SURVEY BY THE EMERGING EULAR NETWORK (EMEUNET)

All sessions will be held in room 10C
CYCLING TOUR

EMEUNET Sightseeing tour of Rome by bicycle

Thursday 11 June, 6pm

EMEUNET has organized a wonderful cycling tour around Rome, to see the beautiful sites including the Colosseum, the Orange Garden and some beautiful views overlooking Rome.

DRINKS & GET TOGETHER

EMEUNET drinks & get together at Shamrock Pub
Thursday 11 June, after the cycling tour

EMEUNET evening is an excellent opportunity to meet other EMEUNET members and to make new contacts and friends around the world. Join us at the Shamrock Pub, Via Capo D’Africa 26, 00184, Rome (10 min walk from Colosseum)

EMEUNET BOOTH

The traditional EMEUNET Booth will this year be located at V25 in the EULAR village (Hall 5). 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.
THE MENTOR MENTEES MEETINGS AT EULAR 2015

EMEUNET offers you an unique opportunity to discuss about possible career options, your research and your involvement in EULAR with leaders in the field in an informal way. Sign up for the mentor-mentee meetings at EULAR 2015, ROME. As you all know, one of the missions of EMEUNET is increasing the mentor-mentee interaction. Previous mentor-mentees meetings at EULAR and ACR have been very interactive and were scored very satisfactory by mentees. The next mentor-mentee will take place on Friday morning and will last approximately 30-45 min. The number of mentees will be limited to 4-6 for each group to enhance interaction. Here are the professors that will guide as mentors:

PROFESSOR: Ingemar Petersson  
AREA: Epidemiology  
Day-Time for meeting: Friday 12th of June, 9:30 – 10:30 am

PROFESSOR: Johannes Bijlsma  
AREA: Osteoarthritis & RA  
Day-Time for meeting: Friday 12th of June, 9:30 – 10:30 am

PROFESSOR: Francis Berenbaum  
AREA: Basic Science, Osteoarthritis  
Day-Time for meeting: Friday 12th of June, 9:30 – 10:30 am

PROFESSOR: Martin Rudwaleit  
AREA: Spondyloarthritis  
Day-Time for meeting: Friday 12th of June, 10:00 – 11:00 am

YOUR OPINION IS IMPORTANT!

If you are one of the mentees that will participate to the meetings give us your feedback after the event and it will be included in next Newsletter issue!
THE EULAR-EMEUNET AMBASSADOR PROGRAMME FOR FIRST TIME ATTENDEES

Attending the largest European Rheumatology congress for the first time can be a daunting experience! Without a plan or a strategy, it is almost impossible to master one of the largest conventions in medicine: The annual EULAR meeting welcomes more than 15,000 clinicians and scientists who discuss clinical management and new scientific findings in an overwhelming number of sessions, which run in parallel, start early in the morning and end late at night. A myriad talks, posters and workshops share the latest information in rheumatology. And finally, not to forget: networking with colleagues/friends and the sightseeing of Europe’s most beautiful cities.

This year, for the first time, EULAR conference veterans from EMEUNET will disclose the secret to you! We invite 30 fellows who are first or second-time attendees to the conference to be part of our EULAR/EMEUNET ambassador programme and receive congress mentorship on how to make the most of your time. The details are as follows:

• Applicants will be selected on a first-comes-first-serves basis
• Participants will be allocated to one of six groups, each with a senior mentor from EMEUNET.
• Your ambassador will get in contact with you prior to the meeting.
• Participants will meet the mentor at one of the first days of the meeting.
• Participants will learn how to master the clinical and scientific EULAR programme.
• Participants will be offered the chance to participate in the EMEUNET social activities.
• The mentoring process will be very informal.
• The programme is for free for EMEUNET members and non-members.

YOUR OPINION IS IMPORTANT!

If you are one of the participants to the programme give us your feedback after the event and it will be included in next Newsletter issue!
THE 2ND COUNTRY LIAISONS MEETING AT EULAR 2015

The Country Liaisons are the ambassadors of EMEUNET in the EULAR countries. They are the ones in charge of advertising and expanding the EMEUNET Network at a national level. Through them, the educational and career development opportunities offered by EMEUNET/EULAR find their way to the young Rheumatology fellows/researchers, both members and non-members of EMEUNET alike.

In the Country Liaison Subgroup, division of the EMEUNET Working Group, we work together with the 45 current EMEUNET Country Liaisons. Last year, we organized the first Country Liaison Meeting during the EULAR Congress in Paris. This was a first opportunity to meet in person many of the Country Liaisons and to discuss about their experiences in promoting EMEUNET. It was a lively and productive talk, during which various points were raised and exciting ideas were shared, which we did our best to develop during the past year.

After the success of the first meeting, the second Country Liaison Meeting is going to take place during the upcoming EULAR Congress in Rome. **On Friday, June 12th, from 17:15h to 18:15h, we invite once again the EMEUNET Country Liaisons to group together!** We will review the highlights of the past year and invited Country Liaisons will share their experience in promoting EMEUNET in their home countries. We count on your participation for an exciting discussion and feedback!

**EMEUNET Country Liaisons everywhere, book the date: Friday, June 12th, 17:15 – 18:15h, Room Palatino, EULAR Congress Venue – Fiera di Roma**

See you in Rome!

*your Country Liaison Subgroup*

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If you are one of the CLs that will participate to the meeting **give us your feedback** after the event and it will be included in next Newsletter issue!
THE EULAR POSTGRADUATE COURSE IN RHEUMATOLOGY

With its postgraduate course, EULAR seeks to update the professional knowledge of young rheumatologists from around the world, whilst giving the participants the opportunity to meet and exchange ideas and experiences.

Target participants
Fellows/residents in rheumatology (particularly those preparing for certifying examinations and those who are registered for the on-line EULAR course)
Clinician scientists in rheumatology
Newly certified rheumatologists as well as more experienced rheumatologists who need to remain up-to-date in rheumatology and immunology

Course description
A unique 3 (Sunday lunchtime through Wednesday lunchtime) refresher, "crash course", in clinical and experimental rheumatology taught by selected faculty of European experts in a very interactive and cordial environment. Participants have the opportunity to meet the experts in an informal setting and network with trainees and rheumatologists from all over the world.

Interactive workshop sessions
Participants may choose between the following workshops (1 choice)
How to design a clinical trial in rheumatic diseases
How to study adverse events of new therapies
How to design a study to understand risk factors
How to design a study to define critical molecular pathways in a rheumatic disease
And can sign up for these 2 workshops
How to review an abstract
How to write a paper

Next EULAR Postgraduate Course will take place in Prague 18-21 October 2015

The registration process has started and attendees can also apply for a EULAR bursary to attend this course.
JOIN THE TASK FORCES AND COMMITTEES

Young investigators of EMEUNET are from now on an integral part of all task forces and committees working on new EULAR recommendations. This is a wonderful chance for EMEUNET to increase its visibility and for you to accelerate your academic career.

Last call came from Prof. Rinie Greenen to join the EULAR Task force for pharmacological pain management.

Take a look at emails from EMEUNET and find the opportunity most suitable for you!

SESSION PROPOSALS FOR EULAR 2016

EMEUNET WG members have the chance to submit their ideas for the Fellow's sessions at EULAR 2016.

Session proposals will be discussed within EULAR scientific committee and that if your session proposal is accepted, you also be suggested as the session Chair at EULAR. This could be an exciting opportunity to chair a session! Last year, twelve proposals were accepted. You will have the chance to enjoy these sessions in Rome.

If you would like to join the EMEUNET WG and be actively involved in such activities keep an eye on emails from EMEUNET and do not miss next Call for application!

More information about EMEUNET can be found in http://emeunet.eular.org

You can also reach us through the following email emeunet@eular.ch

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www.facebook.com/EMEUNET
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THE NEW EMEUNET WEBSITE

EMEUNET website has recently changed and we invite you all to have a look!

Browse the pages to gather all the information you need and if you wish give us a feedback!
Follow @EMEUNET on twitter. Tweet a tweet with the #EULAR2015 hashtag and @EMEUNET handle included. Win the EULAR textbook on rheumatic diseases.

Facebook Contest

Like us on Facebook and share a picture of your EULAR experience in Rome with us in the comments below.

We pick a random winner of the EULAR textbook on rheumatic diseases.