SPECIAL EDITION: MEET THE EMEUNET WORKING GROUP 2017-2018
Dear young rheumatologists and researchers in rheumatology,

We are excited to present you a new issue of EMEUNews and to introduce the EMEUNET Working Group for 2017-2018.

This group of enthusiastic young volunteers undertakes the organisational role to facilitate the wider aims of EMEUNET. Currently the EMEUNET Working Group has 47 members from 21 EULAR countries.

The application process is competitive and takes place annually in April-May. Applications are scored by the EMEUNET Steering Committee and a decision is made primarily on scientific merit, but also by national representation, age, and prior work done within EMEUNET or in national young rheumatologist’s associations.

If you would like to join the EMEUNET Working Group and be actively involved in our activities keep an eye on emails from EMEUNET and do not miss our next call for applications! If you have already applied but have not been selected, this does not preclude you from applying again the following year.

In this issue you will also find details about upcoming educational events of interest to EMEUNET members.

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

Mike Becker, Antonis Fanouriakis, and Richard Conway, on behalf of the Newsletter Subgroup

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36th Annual Meeting of the European Bone and Joint Infection Society
- When and Where: 7 – 9 Sep 2017, Nantes, France

2017 meeting of European Society for Immunodeficiencies: Autoimmunity & Inflammation in PID; Beyond The Paradox
- When and Where: 11 – 14 Sep 2017, Edinburgh, United Kingdom

PReS 2017
- When and Where: 14 – 17 Sep 2017, Athens, Greece
- Website: [http://www.pres.eu/](http://www.pres.eu/)

Irish Society for Rheumatology Autumn Meeting 2017
- When and Where: 21 – 22 Sep 2017, Galway, Ireland
- Website: [http://www.isr.ie/events/78/isr-autumn-meeting-2017](http://www.isr.ie/events/78/isr-autumn-meeting-2017)

23rd Congress of the Polish Society of Rheumatology
- When and Where: 21 – 23 Sep 2017, Szczecin, Poland

OCTOBER 2017

27th International Musculoskeletal Ultrasound Conference
- When and Where: 15 – 18 Oct 2017, Tel Aviv, Israel
THE EULAR ON-LINE COURSES

All EULAR courses, as electronic ways of continuous medical education in rheumatology, are managed by a scientific course committee responsible for the structure and content of the courses and for ensuring regular quality control and advancement. Teams of expert authors are regularly reviewing and updating the courses to keep up with the newest developments in the field.

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The EULAR On-line Courses on Rheumatic Diseases, CTDs, SSc and US are also available as APP

PARTICIPANT FEEDBACK:

“Ultrasoundography is essential for the training of Rheumatologists and represents a key aspect of patient’s evaluation. The EULAR On-line Introductory Ultrasound Course offers theoretical basic skills on musculoskeletal ultrasound in rheumatic diseases as well as in healthy subjects. The high quality of contents as well as the experience of the Faculty are the two main reasons to join this course. Moreover, the website is straightforward and very easy to use. Upon passing the final examination, EULAR releases a certificate. This course is very useful for Rheumatologists who would like to acquire a basic theoretical knowledge on musculoskeletal ultrasound.”

“I attended the EULAR On-line Introductory Ultrasound Course. It is a well structured basic course on ultrasonography that is divided in different modules according to the different anatomical sites. Each module includes specific exercises and the final test. I found this course very interesting and it provided me with a complete overview of ultrasonography in rheumatology. I would recommend this course as to me it was overall more useful and formative compared to some different on-site courses I previously attended.”
Understanding the immunologic background of autoimmune-mediated rheumatic diseases is a fundamental prerequisite for both clinicians to make wise decisions in complex medical settings and researchers to develop effective and tolerable targeted therapies. The ambition of this course is to bring both parties together for working on challenges in immunology and accelerating the translation of basic findings into clinical practice.

The main goal of the course is to increase the knowledge and skills of young researchers in immunology and stimulate critical thinking in the design of experimental studies. This course is designed as the perfect complement to the EULAR online course on rheumatic diseases and the EULAR postgraduate course, by consolidating your knowledge in immunology in a more interactive way. However, previous participation of these courses is not mandatory.

Furthermore, this course brings together clinicians and scientists, thereby facilitating interaction, discussion, and collaboration in translating basic immunology findings into clinical practice. People participating in this course can enter an immunology and translational rheumatology network to facilitate communication between European groups working in the field of immunology and translational research dedicated to rheumatic diseases.

This is a selective course, with competitive admission, for young rheumatologists and rheumatology researchers with a confirmed interest in immunology. The course is a compact, one and a half day event on immunology and translational research with a special emphasis on hot immunology topics and on the design, interpretation and analysis of basic or translational research projects. The course is designed to facilitate problem- and case-oriented learning to enhance the interactions among participants and between participants and the faculty.

Next EULAR Immunology Course will take place on

6-7 April 2018 in Lisbon, Portugal

REGISTRATION OPENING SOON, TRAVEL BURSARIES ALSO AVAILABLE

For information and to register visit: http://www.eular.org/eular_course_on_immunology.cfm
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 are fellows/residents in rheumatology, clinician scientists in rheumatology, and newly certified rheumatologists, as well as more experienced rheumatologists who need to remain up-to-date in rheumatology and immunology. The EULAR postgraduate course is a unique 3 day refresher, "crash course", in clinical and experimental rheumatology taught by a selected faculty of European experts in a very interactive and cordial environment. Participants have the opportunity to meet experts in an informal setting, and to network with trainees and rheumatologists from all over the world. The course includes a number of interactive workshop sessions and participants can choose which to attend.

Next EULAR Postgraduate Course will take place on

22-25 October 2017 in Belgrade, Serbia

REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN

EULAR will grant 20 bursaries for this course, covering participation as well as hotel cost and all meals – everyone under the age of 40 is welcome to apply.

For more information and to register: http://www.eular.org/edu_course_postgraduate.cfm
The official EMEUNET calendar is now up and running on our website
http://emeunet.eular.org/calendar.cfm

In 2016 EMEUNET launched a new initiative to have a shared calendar of events and deadlines. We decided to use google, as it offers the advantage of allowing synchronization with computers and mobile devices.

The calendar is fully customizable and members can decide to get notifications by email or on the mobile.

To follow this calendar and transfer it into your calendar manager in any device (laptop, tablet, phone), please see the instructions here.

If you are an apple user, we have been informed that in some cases, possibly after a system update), the synchronization is lost. If this happens, you will need to set again the synchronization at this address https://www.google.com/calendar/iphoneselect

Here you can find detailed instructions on how to synchronize apple devices with the google calendar.

The EMEUNET calendar has been up and running for a year, with the aim to ensure that our members would never loose a deadline or a conference! We hope you have found it useful. If you have any comment or suggestion please let us know by sending an email to emeunet@eular.ch
JOIN EULAR TASK FORCES AND COMMITTEES

Young investigators of EMEUNET are 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.

The last call came in August from the EULAR Recommendations for the Diagnosis and Management of Sarcoidosis.

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

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!!!