SPECIAL EDITION:
YOUNG SPECIALISTS ORGANISATIONS

DEVELOPING INTERACTIONS BETWEEN YOUNG EUROPEAN SPECIALISTS
Dear young clinicians and researchers,

We are happy to present to you a special edition of the EMEUNET Newsletter focusing on different young specialists organisations in Europe. Young clinicians and researchers frequently work alongside other medical specialists. While collaboration within the same department is usual, outside clinical or research collaborations are more challenging. Last year, a first cross-disciplinary meeting has been organised at the EULAR Congress, leading to several collaborative projects such as this common newsletter. The idea is to get to know some existing European young specialists organisations, their goals, ongoing projects, activities, and contacts. You will quickly notice that the main objective of all these organisations is to support the development of young clinicians and researchers and their access to the educational and professional opportunities offered by European societies.

We sincerely thank all of the contributors to this common newsletter and we hope you will enjoy reading it. Suggestions or comments are always welcome!

Marie Kostine, Aurélie Najm, John Pauling and Christophe Richez, EMEUNET Global Affairs Subgroup

Richard Conway, EMEUNET Newsletter Subgroup
A FIRST COMMON MEETING DURING EULAR 2016

A dedicated combined meeting with Anna Moltó, the chair of EMEUNET (EMerging EULar NETwork), Pieter Hindryckx, the chair of Y-ECCO (Young-European Crohn’s and Colitis Organisation), Eve Smith, the chair of young PReS (Paediatric Rheumatology European Society), Ana Carina Da Costa Ferreira, the chair of YNP (Young Nephrologists’ Platform) and EMEUNET members was organised as a “Young Rheumatologist” session at the EULAR 2016 Congress.

This inter-disciplinary meeting was a fantastic opportunity to share ideas about our different young organisations and how we could work together in the future.

It was also a first step to develop a collaborative Europe-wide network of young clinicians from different specialities focusing on immune-mediated inflammatory diseases.

Young specialists seek cross-disciplinary ties

Younger clinicians in every specialty face challenges in establishing the connections and the funding required for successful research collaborations. The challenge is doubled when the collaborations cross disciplines.

On Wednesday afternoon, young clinicians from fields outside rheumatology will be sharing their experiences alongside young rheumatologists at “Beyond EMEUNET: development of a European wide network of young clinicians from different specialties focusing on inflammatory disease.”

“One of our main missions is to promote friendship and collaboration in Europe and beyond,” says Dr. Pieter Hindryckx. “Through our network, we’ve been collaborating for many years with rheumatology, but outside collaborations are harder. Y-ECCO acts as a platform for young clinicians and scientists who are interested in inflammatory bowel disease,” Dr. Hindryckx said.

“Partnerships are essential in research, and we need to continue to develop these,” Dr. Anna Carina da Costa Ferreira, the chair of YNP, said. “The idea is to get to know each other, to share ideas at an early stage, and to broaden the network and set up collaborations with other specialties focusing on immune-mediated inflammatory diseases.”

Y-ECCO was formed in 2007, and under Dr. Hindryckx’s recent leadership, the group has been able to focus on inflammatory bowel disease (IBD).

“Getting more basic science in ECCO was one of our biggest achievements in recent years,” he said. “A significant proportion of Y-ECCO members have a basic science background.”

His talk will describe not only the activities of the Y-ECCO group, now 450 members strong, but also the challenges and opportunities that have come from being part of the network.

The Young Rheumatologist

Beyond EMEUNET: development of a European wide network of young clinicians from different specialties focusing on inflammatory diseases

Wednesday 17:00 – 18:30
Capital Suite D

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YOUNG RHEUMATOLOGISTS:
EMerging EUlar NETwork (EMEUNET)

Founded in 2009, EMEUNET is a network of young clinicians and researchers in the field of rheumatology in Europe.

Organisation
EMEUNET is guided by a Steering Committee, comprising the current chair, past chair, and chair-elect.

The activities and organisational structure of EMEUNET is provided by our Working Group. Currently there are 47 Working Group members drawn from the majority of EULAR member countries and selected by an annual competitive process. The Working Group members are divided into 7 subgroups each led by a subgroup leader.

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EMEUNET membership is free and open to all under the age of 40 years, with registration on the EMEUNET website, there are currently 1687 EMEUNET members.
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SOCIAL MEDIA

The different information channels of EMEUNET, the website, Facebook, Twitter, LinkedIn and YouTube provide key updated information about EMEUNET and rheumatology related issues.

NEWSLETTERS

With 12 issues each year newsletters represent the voice of EMEUNET covering topics such as Do not Miss abstracts and Highlights at our Congresses, reviews of the recent rheumatology literature with an accompanying journal club, and details of EMEUNET’s activities.

PEER MENTORING

Peer Review Mentoring

In 2012 EMEUNET began a collaboration with the EULAR journal Annals of the Rheumatic Diseases to train EMEUNET members as peer reviewers under the tutelage of an experienced reviewer. This initiative has been enormously successful and has expanded to include the second EULAR journal RMD Open.

Mentor-Mentee Meetings

The Mentor-Mentee meetings take place every year during the EULAR and ACR Congresses and give mentees the opportunity to discuss about possible career options, their research, and their involvement in EULAR, with leaders in the field in an informal way. The meetings have been a great success with very positive feedback from both mentees and mentors.
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EDUCATION

Participation in EULAR Recommendations
Young investigators of EMEUNET are an integral part of all task forces and committees working on new EULAR recommendations. Participants are selected after a competitive process.

Ambassador Programme for First Time Congress Attendees
International conferences can be daunting for first time attendees. EMEUNET partners help new congress attendees navigate the EULAR and ACR congresses.

VISIBILITY

Networking Events
Opportunities for EMEUNET members to network while experiencing some local culture are organized at the EULAR and ACR Congresses each year. These events are always extremely well attended and enjoyable sessions.

COUNTRY LIAISONS

EMEUNET is represented at national level by a network of country liaisons. These hard-working individuals are responsible for the dissemination of the work and activities of EMEUNET within their countries and are also responsible for facilitating recruitment of new members.

BEYOND EMEUNET

EMEUNET is committed to collaborative interactions beyond the rheumatology community. The newsletter you are reading is the result of one such collaboration. Our Global Affairs subgroup is working on a number of such projects including a collaborative project with rheumatology patient partners (EULAR PARE) on health apps in rheumatology and how patients and rheumatologists can safely use such apps.

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

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The Young Nephrologists’ Platform (YNP) is a body of the European nephrology organisation, the European Renal Association- European Dialysis and Transplant Association (ERA-EDTA), and aims to involve all young professionals with an interest in nephrology in the activities of ERA-EDTA.

It was developed in 2012 by Prof Andrzej Wiecek and formally started its activities in 2013.

**Organisation:**
This platform consists of Ordinary Members (ERA-EDTA members, younger than 40 years age, that apply for the platform - [http://www.era-edta.org/membership/ynp_registration.php](http://www.era-edta.org/membership/ynp_registration.php)), who can benefit from a variety of opportunities, and is lead by the Board Members, 9 people from different countries (6 elected members from the ERA-EDTA members plus 3 *ex-officio* members, winners of the annual “*Stanley Shaldon Award for Young Investigators*”), that work together with the objectives of providing learning materials and research opportunities to young nephrologists.
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YOUNG NEPHROLOGISTS' PLATFORM: YNP

Ongoing projects:
YNP has several ongoing projects, which can be viewed at the YNP website:

http://web.era-edta.org/young-nephrologists-platform-ynp

• The Free Membership Program was created to encourage young nephrologists or other professionals to submit abstracts to the ERA-EDTA congress and to publish in the ERA-EDTA affiliated journals (NDT and CKJ). This is a merit based free membership and is based on two types of accomplishments: the abstract-based type (30 free memberships to the 30 best abstracts submitted by YNP Members to the annual ERA-EDTA Congress) and the paper-based type (a maximum of 20 free memberships for manuscripts published in ERA EDTA journals by YNP members as a 1st or last author). Since its creation, the YNP offered the 30 abstract-based free memberships every year (2014, 2015 and 2016), although the paper-based free memberships were only requested twice in 2014, 3 times in 2015 and once in 2016.

• The Advisory Program is a 9 to 12 month duration unique opportunity to exchange experiences and knowledge between two participants, the advisor (an experienced nephrologist, member of ERA-EDTA) and the advisee (a young professional, member of YNP). This program aims to support young professionals to improve and build a successful career in nephrology, and matches the advisor-advisee pair according to the advisee’s interests. So far 8 pairs of advisors-advisees have participated in this project, and the final reports of the interaction were very positive, with papers published in different journals.

• The Annual YNP Courses are offered at a lower fee for YNP Members and there are also 3 travel grants. Every year, the YNP organizes 1 to 2 courses on different topics. These courses began in 2014, with the topic of transplantation (Budapest, Hungary). In 2015, the topic was glomerulonephritis (Istanbul, Turkey). In 2016: we had 2 courses one on pregnancy (Lisbon, Portugal) and the other on interventional nephrology (Wroclaw, Poland). In 2017 the YNP Course will be in October, and the topic will cover acute kidney injury (Dunblane, Scotland).

• The YNP Session at the ERA-EDTA Congress is organized to provide an opportunity to young recognized researchers to show their experiments and results. Each year, the recipient of the Stanley Shaldon Award for Young Investigators is also invited to give a lecture during the YNP session. In 2017, and for the first time, the YNP session will have a young speaker from the American Society of Nephrology (and, in return, ASN will invite a YNP member to speak at their congress).

Throughout the year YNP also offers its members the chance to participate in some leading nephrology courses.

Social media:
YNP maintains a Facebook page: YNP - Young Nephrologists' Platform – (717 members)

and a Twitter account: YNP of ERA-EDTA @YNPtweets

Ana Carina Da Costa Ferreira, on behalf of YNP
The Paediatric Rheumatology European Society (PRES) is a European scientific society for healthcare professionals in the field of paediatric rheumatology. For approximately 20 years, PReS has held an annual young investigators meeting (YIM), preceding the PReS annual congress. This has been a very popular meeting which has increased in size over recent years, bringing together approximately 150 young investigators (clinicians and scientists) from across Europe but also America, Australia, India, Africa etc. It has been a good opportunity for young investigators to have their first international presentation and network with senior faculty to discuss and develop research ideas.

PReS EMERGE is a new group of young paediatric rheumatologists and researchers working together on a number of initiatives to improve opportunities for trainees in paediatric rheumatology. It was set up following the 2016 PReS YIM in Genoa which generated lively discussion and identified a clear desire for such a group to develop and further improve educational and research initiatives.

PReS EMERGE will soon be welcoming new members and details of how to join will be posted on the PReS website soon.
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YOUNG PAEDIATRIC RHEUMATOLOGISTS: PReS EMERGE

The group is working on a number of initiatives:

- **Clinical placements / exchanges**
  PReS EMERGE are looking to facilitate formal exchanges / placements in recognised paediatric rheumatology training centres which can provide appropriate experience to help trainees meet the requirements of the new European Syllabus and Training Programme in Paediatric Rheumatology. Currently these are only arranged individually, often with great difficulty for trainees to organise and financially support. PReS EMERGE are currently putting together plans to identify appropriate pilot training centres, formalise an application process, seek funding to support this initiative, and set up pilot exchanges.

- **Courses**
  We plan to assist with the development of PReS advanced educational courses which will run in parallel to the new European Syllabus and Training Programme in Paediatric Rheumatology to provide trainees with theoretical knowledge and interactive learning opportunities relating to key paediatric rheumatology topics. They will also facilitate networking with senior colleagues, other international trainees, and careers advice. We also hope that more regular sessions can be held through Webinars. These courses will be available for PReS and PReS EMERGE members. We also aim to develop courses for PhD students and basic science fellows working within the field of paediatric rheumatology.

- **Young Investigators Meetings (YIM)**
  PReS EMERGE will help YIM organisers consider how YIM meetings can be improved to better meet the needs of young rheumatologists and researchers. There will be a particular focus on networking opportunities and collaborations with other professional groups.

- **Research and collaborations**
  PReS EMERGE is keen to support young investigators in research and to stimulate research in paediatric rheumatology. We plan to assist with future ‘Translational Research in Paediatric Rheumatology’ (TRIPR) projects to facilitate early collaboration and research exchanges. We are keen to encourage trainees to be involved in PReS working parties. We are also keen to encourage principal investigators to include young investigators, including from different centres, in international studies.

- **Mentoring**
  We plan to set up a Mentor-Mentee system where mentors will aim to support young investigators with educational opportunities, networking, and research guidance. It is envisaged that these activities would be mentee led but mentors would commit approximately 10-15 hours per year. These activities would largely be through email, telephone, and Skype with the opportunity for face-to-face meetings during conferences.

- **Global affairs and liaison**
  Once we have established a PReS EMERGE membership we will aim to have a PReS EMERGE representative for each country. The representative will then be able to update PReS EMERGE members about current activities in their respective countries. They will also be able to disseminate information from PReS EMERGE and promote PReS EMERGE within their own country e.g. through national conferences.

*Eve Smith, on behalf of PReS EMERGE*
JUNIOR MEMBERS OF EUROPEAN ACADEMY OF ALLERGY AND CLINICAL IMMUNOLOGY (EAACI)

The Junior Member (JM) category was established in 1999 and elected its first board in 2001. It was integrated as an Assembly in the structure of the European Academy of Allergy and Clinical Immunology (EAACI) in 2003.

EAACI JM and the JM board
The JM Assembly represents the largest EAACI Section consisting of more than 4000 clinicians and scientists under the age of 36 years. Since 1999 EAACI has developed specific activities to support and increase the influence of the younger members within the Academy. Therefore, JMs have been enjoying a rising number of benefits including but not limited to:

• Free access to EAACI Educational Resources at www.eaaci.org
• Free online access to EAACI Journals: Allergy (European Journal of Allergy and Clinical Immunology), Pediatric Allergy and Immunology (PAI), and Clinical and Translational Allergy (CTA)
• Reduced registration fees for the Annual Congress, Focused Meetings, and Allergy Schools and waived and reduced fees to publish in EAACI journals

Furthermore, EAACI JM can apply for:

• Positions on the JM board
• Research and Clinical Fellowships
• Mentorship Programme
• Travel grants to attend Allergy Schools and Focused Meetings
• Scholarships to attend the EAACI Annual Congress

The JM board is the representative body of the JM Assembly; it is composed of a Chairperson, a Secretary, and one representative from each of the five EAACI Sections and the six EAACI Interest Groups. ThePast JM Chairperson is also part of the JM board with an advisory role. The mandate of the JM board is for two years and members are elected through an online election system where EAACI JMs have the right to vote for the JM Representative of the Section/Interest Groups they belong to. The Chairperson and the Secretary are elected by the corresponding JM board, and the JM Chairperson is a voting member of EAACI Executive Committee, which is the governing body of the Academy.
Main Goals of the JM board:

- To contribute to the professional, scientific, and academic development of young clinicians and researchers working in the field of allergy and immunology
- To enhance the visibility of JMs within EAACI scientific activities
- To generate networking platforms and scientific interaction among JMs and between JMs and the rest of EAACI membership.

Initiatives developed by the JM board:

- Collaboration with EAACI Communication Channels: the JM board is actively involved in all EAACI communication channels including the website, the social media channels, and EAACI Newsletters. Moreover, upon request of the EAACI Executive Committee the JM board also collaborates with the dissemination strategy of EAACI campaigns and scientific documents.
- JM Collaboration with EAACI journals: in 2011 the PAI collaboration was initiated, and later on the JM board established collaborations with the other two EAACI journals, CTA (2014), and Allergy (2015). Within these collaborations JM must-read articles are selected and highlighted, new scientific articles are disseminated through EAACI social media channels, and webcasted interviews are performed with authors of recent publications in the journals. Moreover, open calls for JM reviewers and Hot Topic Reviews (written by JMs and their mentors) were launched in the setting of the JM-CTA journal collaboration.
- JM Mentorship Programme (MP): since 2011 six rounds of the MP have been launched with the goal of facilitating the interaction between a JM and an EAACI senior member working in her/his field of interest. Each MP round lasts for two years and includes funding opportunities (the MP Awards) for mentees to perform a scientific visit to the mentor’s workplace. The MP also organizes the MP cocktail/informative event during the EAACI Annual Congress to support a first face-to-face meeting between the mentors and the mentees.
- Collaboration with other international societies: the JM board has established collaborations with the junior boards of other international societies in the field of allergy as well as upper and lower respiratory diseases, namely American Academy of Allergy, Asthma and Immunology (2011), European Respiratory Society (2016), and European Rhinologic Society (2016). In the context of these collaborations joint task forces and educational surveys have been developed with the aim of harmonizing the medical care and training across the world.

Ibon Eguiluz Gracia, on behalf of JM EAACI

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YOUNG EUROPEAN CROHN’S AND COLITIS ORGANISATION (Y-ECCO)

Y-ECCO brings together young clinicians and scientists working in the field of inflammatory bowel disease. The group aims to:

- Maintain friendship and collaboration between young clinicians and scientists
- Encourage scientific and clinical development
- Participate in the educational and scientific activities of ECCO

Several workshops are organised by Y-ECCO:

- Career workshop, in order to provide specific material (not included in other educational programmes) for academic and career progression (i.e. how to design a grant funding application)
- Basic science workshop, with invited young basic scientists presenting and discussing their own research with peers and senior opinion leaders (during the ECCO congress)

Y-ECCO also offers an e-learning platform as well as a broad range of educational courses. The e-platform includes interactive case studies and podcasts: [https://e-learning.ecco-ibd.eu](https://e-learning.ecco-ibd.eu)

Participation of young ECCO members in the annual ECCO congress is stimulated with 5 abstract awards.

The Y-ECCO regular literature review includes a short update on the most important IBD papers which were published in the last 3 months; a Y-ECCO member summarises the paper and adds some personal comments. Moreover, in every issue of the ECCO news, Y-ECCO will interview one senior ECCO member about education, career advice, and personal recommendations.

Y-ECCO membership: 526 members (end 2016), below the age of 35 or in training.

Website: [https://www.ecco-ibd.eu/about-ecco/ecco-operational-board/y-ecco.html](https://www.ecco-ibd.eu/about-ecco/ecco-operational-board/y-ecco.html)
EFIM is a federation of different national societies of Internal Medicine in which all internists in training or in the first few years as specialist are considered Young Internists. The group provides opportunities to cooperate, to exchange ideas, and to share experiences.

The Young Internists group is strongly involved in educational activities. Notably the twice-yearly European Schools of Internal Medicine as well as the yearly Young Internists’ Day constitute great educational opportunities to share clinical experience and explore non-clinical skills.

For research, the group serves as an infrastructure for multinational research projects.

A European Exchange Programme is also organised, to promote short internships of one month duration in European specialist training centers in Internal Medicine (the list of which can be found on the EFIM website). This exchange is open for Internal Medicine trainees in their third to fifth/sixth year, and each National Society will select their candidates with a maximum of 5 per country.

On the website, meeting reports are available in different languages, as well as information regarding training in Internal Medicine in other countries (for people considering working abroad, to connect with Young Internists from different countries, or just out of curiosity).

Finally the Young Internists group is active on social media:
Facebook: Young Internists of Europe (1347 members)
Twitter: @Young Internists

Website: http://www.efim.org/young-internists
The Young Oncologists Committee (YOC) is part of the European Society for Medical Oncology (ESMO) and aims to create and implement educational and scientific programmes relevant to young oncologists in their daily practice and/or research activities. YOC activities are open to all young medical oncologist members of ESMO.

Notably, YOC is developing the Young Oncologist Track during the annual ESMO congress with Masterclass, Breakfast sessions, Forums, an evening cocktail event and other networking activities.

The group also developed E-news on a regular basis and is involved in preceptorship meetings offered with travel grants (programme available on ESMO website).

Last year, YOC decided to have two prize draws to recognise the young oncologists who had contributed to the Image of the Month (every month since 2013, online, to test your knowledge) and Journal Club initiatives (articles written by fellow Young Oncologists).

Website: [http://www.esmo.org/About-Us/Who-We-Are/Young-Oncologists-Committee](http://www.esmo.org/About-Us/Who-We-Are/Young-Oncologists-Committee)
SEPTEMBER 2017

36th Annual Meeting of the European Bone and Joint Infection Society
o When and Where: 7 – 9 Sep 2017, Nantes, France
o Website: http://ebjis2017.org/

2017 meeting of European Society for Immunodeficiencies: Autoimmunity & Inflammation in PID; Beyond The Paradox
o When and Where: 11 – 14 Sep 2017, Edinburgh, United Kingdom
o Website: http://esid2017.kenes.com/

PReS 2017
o When and Where: 14 – 17 Sep 2017, Athens, Greece
o Website: http://www.pres.eu/

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

23rd Congress of the Polish Society of Rheumatology
o When and Where: 21 – 23 Sep 2017, Szczecin, Poland
o Website: http://www.termedia.pl/Konferencje?Intro&e=612&p=4156

OCTOBER 2017

27th International Musculoskeletal Ultrasound Conference
o When and Where: 15 – 18 Oct 2017, Tel Aviv, Israel
o Website: https://www.musoc.com/musculoskeletal-ultrasound-conference.html
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.

REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN

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

PARTICIPANT FEEDBACK:

“Ultrasonography 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](http://www.eular.org/edu_course_postgraduate.cfm)
From at least 2,000 years the Mediterranean area with the connected Black and Red Sea populations has been the “CRIB” of the culture, science and good life. What means good life? Good life mean an acceptable style of life, even modest but healthy, and of course, it includes good food and good climate! Today, we recognize that, among the multiple risk factors involved in the development of several diseases, environmental and nutritional components play an important role. The rheumatic diseases are among the most common diseases in the general population and the effects of wrong diets and non healthy environment/style of life, are recognized as important promoters for their development. Correct diet represents also part of a correct management of the Rheumatic & Musculoskeletal Diseases. Already from the beginning, the Mediterranean Congress of Rheumatology has presented the experiences regarding the characteristics of the Rheumatic Diseases in such area, and comparing their epidemiology among the European countries. This 2018 edition of the Congress will focus about the effects of the diet and the climate on the most frequent Rheumatic and Musculoskeletal Diseases, including their early diagnosis and advanced therapies. The Congress topics will be discussed in sequential sessions and will include appropriate presentations on nutritional and environmental factors that will integrate the clinical and drug treatment lectures. Of course, participants will have the occasion to taste personally in spring time, the therapeutical effects of the Mediterranean diet and climate “available” for all participants during the Congress that will be held in the Old Harbour of Genoa. For more information go to http://www.mediterraneanrheuma.com/

Maurizio Cutolo
Congress Chairman
On behalf of the Board of the Mediterranean Congress of Rheumatology and of the Italian Society of Rheumatology
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/iphoneeselect
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 lose 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 July from the EULAR Recommendations/Points to Consider for the generic core competencies of Health Professionals in rheumatology.

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!!!