SPECIAL EDITION: THE COUNTRY LIAISONS

Dear young professionals in rheumatology,

We are delighted to present the 2021 edition of the EULAR | EMEUNET Country Liaisons Newsletter. The Country Liaisons (CLs) are our representatives at the national level. Their work, in close collaboration with our team in the Country Liaisons Sub-Committee, makes it possible to maintain an active network able to reach a substantial number of young rheumatologists, researchers, and allied professionals within the field.

The CLs are the bridge between the EULAR | EMEUNET working group and the members of our community in different countries as well as national rheumatology societies. As such, they are a crucial pillar that supports our initiatives contributing not only to the success of our network but also to that of our members at an individual level by bringing them opportunities for research, training and working across Europe.

In this issue, we will introduce new CLs who have recently joined our team and acknowledge the work of the ongoing as well as those leaving the position. We will also highlight the performance of CLs who excelled in their role.

We are aware of the difficulties experienced by most of our members coping with the successive waves of the current pandemic. Therefore, we would like to thank all our CLs who resolutely managed to keep our activities going on. I would also like to acknowledge the work of my colleagues within the CL subcommittee for their compromise.

We hope you enjoy reading our Newsletter and please feel free to reach us for any comments or questions!

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