Dear young rheumatologists and researchers in rheumatology,
We are delighted to present you with the new issue of EMEUNET News, entirely devoted to the EMEUNET Sub-Committees and their activities. The EMEUNET (The Emerging EULAR Network) is an exciting community that started its activities in 2009, emanating from one of the objectives set by EULAR – “Bring on board high quality, young generation contributors in all EULAR activities”. Since January 2021, EMEUNET has become one of EULAR Committees.
Our work is divided within 6 Sub-Committees (uniting 55 active members from 20 countries) each focusing on a particular aspect of EMEUNET. Current Sub-Committees include Education, Country Liaison, Social Media, Visibility and Global Affairs, Peer Mentoring and Newsletter. EMEUNET Sub-Committees ensure the growth of EMEUNET and promote interaction and networking among members.
The call for applications for the EMEUNET Subcommittees for 2021-22 has just been launched! Stay tuned and apply to become a member of our dynamic team. If you have unsuccessfully applied in previous years, this does not preclude you from applying again this 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 and social media (Facebook, Twitter, LinkedIn, YouTube) 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.

Maddalena Larosa and Mikhail Protopopov, on behalf of the EMEUNET Newsletter Sub-Committee
Dear EMEUNET members,

It is with great pleasure that we share with you some very important news: in January 2021, the new Statutes of the European Alliance of Associations for Rheumatology (EULAR) have been approved by the EULAR Board. This represents a milestone in EMEUNET history, as we have been officially recognised in the EULAR Statute as the EMEUNET Committee. Our general structure will remain the same, however we will adapt to the structure of EULAR’s committees. One of the most relevant news is that the EMEUNET Chairmanship (Chair and Chair Elect/Past chair) is now part of the EULAR Council. This is the organ that provides the scientific guidance to EULAR’s activities. We were really to represent the EMEUNET community at the first EULAR council meeting held on the 1st of March 2021.

As for the actual EMEUNET committee, this will be formed by sub-committee chairs - known before as sub-group leaders - together with the Chairmanship – what we called before Steering Committee. Working group members will be part of EMEUNET sub-committees, represented below, what we knew before as sub-groups. More details on our structure can be found in our freshly published EMEUNET By-laws, but we are also working hard to update our website and we will keep you informed over time.

All in all, our work will continue as before and hopefully this important recognition will give us a boost of energies/enthusiasm which is really needed to get over these difficult times.

Yours,
The EMEUNET Chairmanship
Felice Rivellese, Kim Lauper, Alexandre Sepriano

**EMEUNET sub-committees**

- **Chairmanship**
  - Chair: Felice Rivellese
  - Chair-Elect: Kim Lauper
  - Past Chair: Alexandre Sepriano

- **Education**
  - (8 members)
  - Chair: Tue Kagstrup

- **Peer Mentoring**
  - (8 members)
  - Chair: Silvia Piantoni

- **Social Media**
  - (12 members)
  - Chairs: Lianne Kersley-feet
  - Simone Parisi

- **Country Liaison**
  - (7 members)
  - Chair: Sebastian Rodriguez-Garcia

- **Visibility&Global affairs**
  - (6 members)
  - Chair: Manouk de Hooge

- **Newsletter**
  - (10 members)
  - Chair: Mikhail Propopopov

Total 55 (=working group members); max 15 members/committee
Dear EMEUNET members,

we invite you to apply to become part of the EMEUNET Sub-committees!

Following the recognition of EMEUNET as a EULAR committee in January 2021, this is your chance to get on board and become part of the EMEUNET & EULAR family!

As a member of the EMEUNET sub-committees, you will have a chance to directly contribute to the core activities of EMEUNET & EULAR for 3 years.

We have 6 Sub-Committees (known before as sub-groups): Education, Country liaisons, Social media, Visibility & Global Affairs, Newsletters, and Peer Mentoring. To have more information on the activities of each sub-committee, please check out this newsletter on sub-committees and our website. Not sure which sub-committee you would like to join? Not to worry, you do not need to express a preference now, you will be able to choose later.

To apply, you should meet the following criteria:
1) be a registered EMEUNET member; (not a member? You can register here!)
2) be aged < 40 at the time of the application;
3) be resident in one of the member countries of EULAR;
4) have an interest in research and/or education in rheumatology;
5) be active in research, having at least 1 abstract as the first author in an international congress or 1 first authorship of manuscript in a peer-reviewed journal.

The application process is highly competitive. Selection is based on the motivation letter, scientific merit, prior contribution to EMEUNET activities (e.g. as a country liaison) as well as balanced gender and geographic representation.

Please be aware that if you applied in the past and we could not accept your application, you can re-apply now!

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 valued.

When applying, please consider that being part of an EMEUNET Sub-committee requires the commitment of time and energy on a regular basis.

If you require more info, do not hesitate to contact us at emeunet@eular.org, on twitter (@EMEUNET) or any other social media, or just ask one of the current sub-committees (working group) members or sub-committee chairs.

The deadline to send in your application is April 8th, 2021.

To apply, send the following documents to: emeunet@eular.ch.

1) the application form;
2) a recent 2-page CV including a photo;
3) a signed letter of support from your Head of Department

We look forward to receiving your applications!