

The Emerging EULAR Network - scientific society
for young clinicians and researches

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The Emerging EULAR Network: what is it?

- Organisation set up as part of EULAR in 2009
- Open to rheumatologists and researchers from Europe, age <40 years
- Objectives:
 - To promote and facilitate a comprehensive higher educational platform for all rheumatology trainees
 - To improve networking (and EULAR integration) of young 'academic-oriented' rheumatologists and rheumatology researchers

Mission statement: A EULAR working group of young clinicians and researchers in rheumatology: promoting education, research, widening collaborations and integrating with EULAR activities.

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Organization (cont'd)

Working Group (WG)

- Limited to ~40 persons (max. 3/country)

Rotations

- Term of 3 years, but may be prolonged if playing active role (i.e. steering member, subgroup leader or working on specific EMEUNET project)
- Formal application process yearly in Q1
- In 2019, 55 applications received, 19 places were granted, slots allotted based on scientific merit & country representation

Work

- Mostly emails and TCs for subgroups

Organization (cont'd)

Subgroups (SGs)

- The true working cell
- Subgroup leadership: 1 -2 years

Current subgroups and leaders

- Website – Helga Radner (Austria/USA)
- Education – Sofia Ramiro (Portugal/Netherlands)
- Country Liaison – Anna Moltó (Spain/France)
- Visibility – Anna Engler (Switzerland)
- Newsletters – Xenofon Baraliakos (Germany)
- Peer Mentoring – Suzanne Verstappen (UK)
- Global Affairs – Estibaliz Loza (Spain)

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- ▶ Country liaisons are links of EMEUNET to each EULAR country and a vital pillar of the network, as they contribute to the spread of EMEUNET
- ▶ They provide a strong support to the development of EMEUNET into a well-established network reaching the vast majority of young rheumatologists and researchers across Europe
- ▶ There is one CL per country, which is an EMEUNET Member (that can or not be a member of the EMEUNET Working Group).
- ▶ It is a 1-year position, which cannot be kept for more than 3 years.



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Arthritis Research UK

Arthritis Research UK is the charity leading the fight against arthritis, which funds high class research and provides information on and campaigns against arthritis.
<http://www.arthritisresearchuk.org>

eMedicine

eMedicine is an online free-to-use clinical medical knowledge base. The website is searchable by keyword and covers the majority of medical specialties and diseases. Each article is updated yearly and the date is included in the article.
<http://emedicine.medscape.com>

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Annals of the Rheumatic Diseases

Impact factor 8.727

<http://ard.bmj.com>

Nature Reviews Rheumatology

Impact factor 8.388

<http://www.nature.com/nrrheum/index.html>

Arthritis & Rheumatism

Impact factor 7.866

[http://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/journal/10.1002/\(ISSN\)1529-0131](http://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/journal/10.1002/(ISSN)1529-0131)

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RHEUMATOID ARTHRITIS – RECOMMENDATIONS & GUIDELINES

ACR Recommendations for the use of non-biologic and biologic DMARDs

(Arthritis Rheum 2008;59:762-84)

<http://www.rheumatology.org/practice/clinical/guidelines/recommendations.pdf>

EULAR recommendations for the management of early arthritis: report of a task force of the European Standing Committee for International Clinical Studies Including Therapeutics (ESCISIT)

(Ann Rheum Dis 2007;66:34-45)

<http://ard.bmj.com/content/66/1/34.full>

EULAR recommendations for the management of rheumatoid arthritis with

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ACR Research Funding map

This roadmap is designed to guide fellows and young investigators with an interest in undertaking research as they work to obtain financing to support their investigations.
http://www.rheumatology.org/education/training/fellows/research_funding_roadmap/index.asp

American College of Rheumatology. Research and Education Foundation (REF)

The largest private funding source of rheumatology research and training in the U.S., the REF offers an extensive awards program with research and education opportunities for clinicians, students, health professionals, researchers and academic institutions. These awards are an integral part of REF efforts to ensure the future of rheumatology.

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8th EULAR On-line Course on Rheumatic Diseases (2-3 year course)

Start on 9 September 2013

http://www.eular.org/index.cfm?framePage=/edu_online_course.cfm

5th EULAR Online Course on Connective Tissue Diseases (CTD)

Start on 16 September 2013

http://www.eular.org/index.cfm?framePage=/edu_online_course_ctd.cfm

3rd EULAR Online Course on Systemic Sclerosis (SSc)

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IMPULSE EFIS-EJI Symposium: August 31st - September 3rd, 2013; Matrahaza (Hungary); Bursaries covering all expenses except travelling are available for young and devoted researchers under 35, who submit an abstract! Abstract Submission Deadline 15th of June; [Info](#)

EULAR Postgraduate Course in Rheumatology November 18th - 21st; Application deadline September 15th 2013; [Info](#) & [Application](#)

EULAR Scientifically Endorsed Course on SLE: September 1st - 6th 2013, Pisa (Italy); [Info](#)

Singapore Society of Rheumatology / Malaysian Society of Rheumatology

-Workshops in Rheumatology: September 27th - 29th 2013, Singapore; [Info](#)

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<p>hassansicca@gmail.com Novice</p>  <p>Joined: Sep 29, 2012 ♂ Posts: 3 Location: Cape Town W Sudan</p>	<p>African Rheumatology Trainees Posted Sep 29, 2012 12:00 AM</p> <p>Dear colleagues all my pleasure is to be among you in this most useful new Eular network. Am Hassan AbdelRahman rheumatology fellow originally from Sudan but doing my training in University of Cape Town soon i will go to WIN with Eular course, anyone plan to go there? hassan</p> <hr/> <p>Hassan</p> 	<p>Quote</p>
<p>sofiaramiro@gmail.com Junior</p> 	<p>Re: African Rheumatology Trainees Posted Oct 1, 2012 12:00 AM</p> <p>Hi Hassan,</p> <p>I will in principle attend the WIN and also the Fellow's Days (Thursday-Friday before WIN). Are you also going to the Fellow's Days? I hope so! Please try to disseminate it among your colleagues, as this will be a nice learning opportunity and also an occasion where to meet young and enthusiastic rheumatologists/researchers. Sofia</p> <hr/> 	<p>Quote</p>

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EDITORIAL

Dear young rheumatologists and researchers in rheumatology, once again the EMEUNET team would like to welcome you to the official EMEUNET newsletter. The topic of the current newsletter is this year's ACR meeting which will take place in Washington. The selection of the possibly most interesting contributors in each topic was performed by EMEUNET members. Our Network for young European rheumatologists is growing further, aiming to foster communication, education opportunities, and widening collaborations with and within EULAR. Beyond the topics of the ACR meeting, we will continue to report and promote EMEUNET activities, such as the EMEUNET guided tour in Washington, the successful Epidemiology course which took place in Berlin in July 2012, under the auspices of EMEUNET and EULAR or the newly designed EMEUNET website. We would be happy if you, as EMEUNET members, disseminate the existence and aims of EMEUNET to anybody who is interested. We hope that you enjoy reading this newsletter.

Best wishes and have a great Congress!

Cécile Gaujoux-Viala (France) and Françoise Sivera (Spain)

on behalf of the Newsletter Subgroup




Newsletter Topic: ACR 2012 Do not miss!

In this edition of EMEUNews, we would like to draw your attention to what we believe could be the most interesting presentations at this year's ACR



BASIC RESEARCH I (genetics, cartilage/synovium, osteoimmunology, animal models)

Serena Bugatti, MD PhD is Lecturer and Consultant Rheumatologist at the University of Pavia School of Medicine, Italy. Her main research interests focus on the pathobiology of inflamed tissues in rheumatoid arthritis (synovium, subchondral bone, lymph node) and on tissue and serum biomarkers in RA.

ORAL PRESENTATIONS:

Monday 12.11.2012 2:30 – 4:00
Session: Rheumatoid arthritis – Animal models (Room 207 A)
 Zhang, X et al (Japan)
 Abstract number 1634 - Delivering mesenchymal stem cells to arthritic joints with nano-fiber scaffold resulted in inhibition of arthritis and joint damage in arthritis models

Monday 12.11.2012 2:30 – 4:00
Session: Genetics and genomics of rheumatic diseases (Room 145 A)
 Boyle, DL et al (United States)
 Abstract number 1610 - The DNA methylation signature in fibroblast-like synoviocytes (FLS) defines critical pathogenic pathways in rheumatoid arthritis (RA)

Tuesday 13.11.2012 4:30-6:00
Session: Biology and pathology of bone and joint: regulation of bone cells (Room 201)
 Mediero, A et al (United States)
 Abstract number 2516 - Adenosine receptors stimulate bone regeneration by targeting osteoclasts

Wednesday 14.11.2012 11:00 – 12:30
Session: Rheumatoid arthritis - Human etiology and pathogenesis II: cellular effectors of rheumatoid arthritis and novel rheumatoid arthritis genome-wide association studies (Room 146 C)
 Neechu, N et al (United States)
 Abstract number 2066 – A link between B cells and bone erosion in RA: RANKL production by memory B cells

POSTERS:

Sunday 11.11.2012
 Sonomoto, K et al (Japan)
 Abstract number 3- Mesenchymal stem cells differentiate into osteoblasts in response to inflammation

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 Catrina, AI et al (Sweden)
 Abstract number 31- Anti-citrullinated protein antibodies from synovial fluid of rheumatoid arthritis patients enhance osteoclastogenesis

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The first EULAR epidemiology course

The first EULAR epidemiology course took place successfully on 6/7 July 2012 in Berlin, Germany, organized by EMEUNET (Laure Gossec, Pedro Machado), in collaboration with the Standing Committee on Epidemiology and Health Services Research (Loreto Carmona, Angela Zink). We are proud to report that all of the participants expressed a high (21%) or very high (79%) overall level of satisfaction with the course in their evaluation form. We are even prouder for having received glowing endorsements from the faculty and course participants. Here is a participant's view of the course:

"The first EULAR epidemiology course was recently held in Berlin, in 6-7th of July where I had the opportunity to participate. The course brought 43 young rheumatologists working as research fellows or trainees from 23 countries together, all of whom had one thing in common: a desire to do clinical research, with the aim of reaching to a high level of science. Clearly the organizers of the course paid particular attention when selecting the participants as all of us had some experience in doing research and some knowledge on epidemiology, but still had a lot of questions in order to move one step ahead. This 'hungry' group of people had a chance to communicate with a prestigious faculty, who are all well-known scientists in their field. The faculty were equally (if not more) excited and motivated as the participants. Combining their willingness to teach with their experience made the course very fruitful. The talks were clearly prepared to answer the needs of the group and the faculty were very keen on replying to all the questions. The topics were delicately chosen in order to focus on facing some major difficulties in research, including handling missing data, planning and conduct of observational cohort studies, measurements of association and risk, problems of non-randomized trials, confounding by indication and longitudinal data analysis. On top of it, there were break-out sessions: to me this was the best part of the course - which allowed a one-to-one discussion by giving an opportunity to interact as 16 participants with 2 faculty for 1.5 hours on specific questions (eg longitudinal data analysis, defining a study question and finding the proper data, reliability and agreement). What major points have I got from the course? I filled some gaps, resolved some specific questions; saw some potential pitfalls that I should avoid; realised to what extent I can do and when I shall be asking for help. On top of these, interaction with the faculty as well as the participants might potentially be the initial steps for future collaborations. Finally I believe that this course made big contributions to rheumatology, as giving some key messages and increasing awareness in epidemiology to a group of people who are likely to increasingly do research in the next years. I would encourage all young rheumatologists who are planning to do clinical research as a part of their career to attend the next course and I am already looking forward to it."

Sibel Zehra Aydin, MD
 Consultant Rheumatologist
 Medeniyet University, Istanbul/Turkey

EMEUNET tour



As at last year's EULAR meeting in Berlin, also at the ACR meeting in Washington EMEUNET organises a guided tour for its members. On Tuesday, 13th of November, Michael Bonelli will walk with us around the National Mall and explain the most prominent sites of Washington. The evening will end in a bar close by, where we can enjoy ourselves while watching stressed politicians and congressmen. Since the tour is limited to 25 people unfortunately not everybody who applied could join. For the unlucky ones that were too late to register, just meet up in the bar later on!

First EULAR epidemiology course



The course participants at the German Rheumatism Research Center, Berlin (photo courtesy of Olga Vasyannikova, MD, from Russia)

Do not forget: EULAR bursaries and awards

The EULAR 2013 abstract submission system is now open and EULAR travel bursaries and awards can be assigned to qualifying first authors of accepted abstracts. All awards consist of a free registration to the EULAR 2013 Congress and EUR 1000 prize money awarded to the first author of the abstract.

A. EULAR travel bursaries: the age limit for application is 40 years and applications must be submitted via the electronic submission system.

B. EULAR awards: EULAR offers three types of awards for the EULAR 2013 Congress.

B1. EULAR abstract award for undergraduate medical students: this award will be given to the 3 highest scored abstracts submitted by an undergraduate medical student as the first author. The first author must be a university medical student prior to obtaining medical degree or starting specialist training/residency. PhD students do not qualify.

B2. EULAR abstract award: awarded to the first authors of the 6 highest scored abstracts in basic science topics and of the 6 highest scored abstracts in clinical topics. No special application is required.

B3. Health Professionals abstract award: awarded to the 3 highest scored abstracts submitted in the Health Professionals in Rheumatology category. No special application is required.

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EDITORIAL

Dear young rheumatologists and researchers in rheumatology, the EMEUNET team welcomes you in this new issue of EMEUNews. We are happy to provide, once again, a collaborative work of EMEUNET members about some interesting presentations in the upcoming EULAR congress in Madrid. The current Newsletter also contains some reports from events which took place over the last months.

EMEUNET continues its activities targeting young European rheumatologists through cooperation of the different subgroups, in which you all, old and new members, are welcome to join and actively participate.

We would be happy if you, as EMEUNET members, disseminate the existence and aims of EMEUNET to anybody who is interested.

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

See you in Madrid, Serena Bugatti, Xenofon Baralackos and Pedro Machado, on behalf of the Newsletter Subgroup



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Group photo EMEUNET/EULAR Epidemiology course in Berlin 2012
The 2nd edition of this successful course will take place on July 5-6, 2013, again in Berlin, Germany

At this year's EULAR you have plenty of opportunities to meet other EMEUNET members and to get useful information about the sessions and the meeting place, wonderful Madrid!

As usual we have an EMEUNET corner in the EULAR village. Since we got a double booth this year, there will be more information and more space to sit and chat. The tour around Madrid is unfortunately already fully booked, but you still have the opportunity to meet up with the other EMEUNET members on Thursday evening at the Santa Ana square (venue to be announced).

As a novelty we also have a "Meet EMEUNET" corner during the Networking event on Wednesday evening after the Opening Plenary Session.

Come there and see who of your fellow EMEUNETers is also in Madrid!

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Anna Engler, MSc in Molecular Biomedicine, is a PhD student at the Center of Experimental Rheumatology, University Hospital Zurich, Switzerland. Her research focuses on epigenetic changes on regulation of miRNA biogenesis in rheumatoid arthritis

Basic Research II



Serena is Lecturer and Consultant Rheumatologist at the University of Pavia School of Medicine, Italy. Her research focuses on the pathobiology of inflamed tissues in rheumatoid arthritis (synovium, subchondral bone, lymph node) and on tissue and serum biomarkers in RA.

ORAL PRESENTATIONS:

Wednesday 12.06.2013 16:05
Session: B cells in auto-immune response; how do they look and what do they need? (Room N107/108)
Gaugler, B. et al. (France)
OP0008 - Peripheral blood B cell subsets and BAFF/APRIL receptor expression, together with circulating BAFF and APRIL levels, are disturbed in rheumatoid arthritis but not in ankylosing spondylitis

Thursday 13.06.2013 11:10
Session: Translating progress in bone and joint research (Room N115)
Lalguillon, M.C. et al. (France)
OP0125 - Vistafin/NAMPT in Osteoarthritis: a pro-inflammatory adipokine involved in synovium-cartilage and synovium-bone communications

Friday 14.06.2013 14:35
Session: New pathways in spondyloarthritis: the IL23 axis and beyond (Room N107/108)
Ciccia, F. et al. (Italy)
OP0278 - Autophagy, but not the unfolded protein response, regulates the expression of IL-23 in the gut of patients with ankylosing spondylitis and subclinical gut inflammation

Friday 14.06.2013 16:35
Session: Cell-cell interactions and vascular functions (Room N107/108)
Van Lent, P. et al. (Netherlands)
OP0299 - Synovial activation in experimental OA drives rapid suppressive effects of adipose-derived stem cells after local administration and protects against development of ligament damage

POSTERS:

Thursday 13.06.2013
Aradi, B. et al. (Switzerland)
THU0071 Protein tyrosine phosphatase nonreceptor type 2 (PTPN2) is an important regulator of inflammation and autophagy in rheumatoid arthritis

Friday 14.06.2013
de Munter, W. et al. (Netherlands)
FRU0044 Cholesterol accumulation by low density lipoprotein receptor deficiency or a cholesterol-rich diet enhances osteophyte formation during experimental osteoarthritis by activating transforming growth factor-beta

ORAL PRESENTATIONS:

Wednesday 12.06.2013 16:20
Session: Complementopathies - new mechanisms for old diseases (Room N109/110)
Chauhan, A. et al. (United States) OP0009 - CD4+ T cell differentiation by immune complexes and complement

Thursday 13.06.2013 10:30
Session: Pathogenesis of Lupus and Sjogren's syndrome (Room N109/110)
Murray-Brown, W. et al. (United Kingdom) OP0080 - Lesional IL-21 expression correlates with functional germinal center formation and T follicular helper cell infiltration in the salivary glands of Sjogren's syndrome

Friday 14.06.2013 11:20
Session: Innate and adaptive immunity (Room N105/106)
Daridon, C. et al. (Germany) OP0198 - Proliferative lymphoid nodules and not germinal centers are the sites of autoantigen stimulation in human spleen

Saturday 15.06.2013 09:35
Session: Tertiary lymphoid structures in diseases: good or bad for the patients? (Room N105/106)
Olivier, B.J. (Netherlands) SP0165 - Neuronal control of TLR8 in the intestine

POSTERS:

Thursday 13.06.2013
Chung, M.M. et al. (United Kingdom) THU0047 Persistence and memory in a model of tertiary lymphoneogenesis

Friday 14.06.2013
Aringer, M. et al. (Germany) FRI0008 Evidence for increased activity of Interleukin-6 (IL-6) in seropositive rheumatoid arthritis (RA+), and differential tumor necrosis factor (TNF) receptor expression between RA+ and seronegative RA

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Dear young rheumatologists and researchers in rheumatology, the EMEUNET team welcomes you in this new issue of EMEUNETS. We are happy to provide, once again, a collaborative work of EMEUNET members about some interesting presentations at this year's EULAR congress which took place in Madrid. The current Newsletter also contains reports from the EMEUNET observers attending the EULAR Standing Committee meetings but also other interesting topics. EMEUNET continues its activities targeting young European rheumatologists through cooperation of the different subgroups, in which you all, old and new members, are welcome to join and actively participate.

We would be happy if you, as EMEUNET members, disseminate the existence and aims of EMEUNET to anybody who is interested.

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

Serena Bugatti, Alessia Alunno and Xenofon Baraliakos, on behalf of the Newsletter Subgroup

NEWSLETTER TOPICS:
EULAR 2013 HIGHLIGHTS
REPORTS FROM THE EULAR STANDING
COMMITTEES

In this edition of EMEUNETS, we would like to draw your attention to what we believe could have been the most interesting presentations at this year's EULAR congress.

Furthermore, as all you are aware EMEUNET has observers on most of the Standing Committees of EULAR. This newsletter also contains reports from the observers attending the Standing Committee meetings in Madrid.



Group photo of the old and new EMEUNET working group members at this year's EULAR congress in Madrid!

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EULAR 2013 – Highlights

September 2013

Reports from the EULAR Standing Committees

SCHER – Standing Committee on Epidemiology and Health Services Research
by Helga Radner, contributor also of the EULAR Highlights on Axial Spondyloarthritis, and Anna Molit




Anna Molit is rheumatologist at Hospital Cochin (Paris) and has a teaching position in Paris Descartes Medicine Faculty. Right now she is working on her PhD thesis focusing on early axial spondyloarthritis. Her professional and scientific interests focus on outcome measures, spondyloarthritis and rheumatoid arthritis. She is also currently the EMEUNET Country Liaison Subgroup leader.

Prof Deborah Simmons as new chair thanked Prof Loreto Carmona as past-chair. Following issues were discussed within the meeting:

1. European Union: harmonization project of terminology was initiated, recommending the term "RHEUMATIC AND MUSCULOSKELETAL DISEASES (RMD)"
2. Linkage with non-European countries in order to increase scientific collaborations; countries would become affiliates of EULAR
3. Update EMUSC.NET (European Musculoskeletal Conditions Surveillance and Information Network):
 - new Standard of Care (SOC) for OA & RA were developed – slides available
 - health care quality indicators were developed; research agenda should be how to use these tools, collect data and analyze them in order to improve SOC
 - new Study group Public health will be implemented at EULAR
4. Update Study group on drug registries:
 - EULAR meeting on registries and observational drug studies will be held in Prague (14th – 15th November); agenda: explore collaboration, consider interface with industry, discuss methodological issues
 - Checklist for reporting longitudinal observational drug studies in Rheumatology was developed and could be downloaded from the EULAR website
 - Results of a broad inventory about already existing drug registries will be presented as a poster on EULAR
5. Report on ongoing PRO-Studies:
 - 6 studies were selected after a call last year
 - On EULAR website a library was created including most important outcome measures in rheumatology
6. Other issues discussed
 - Second Epidemiology course will be held in July; topic: Longitudinal data analyses
 - Report on an Health economic course called IVC (International Value Crediting) which could be integrated in an EULAR initiative

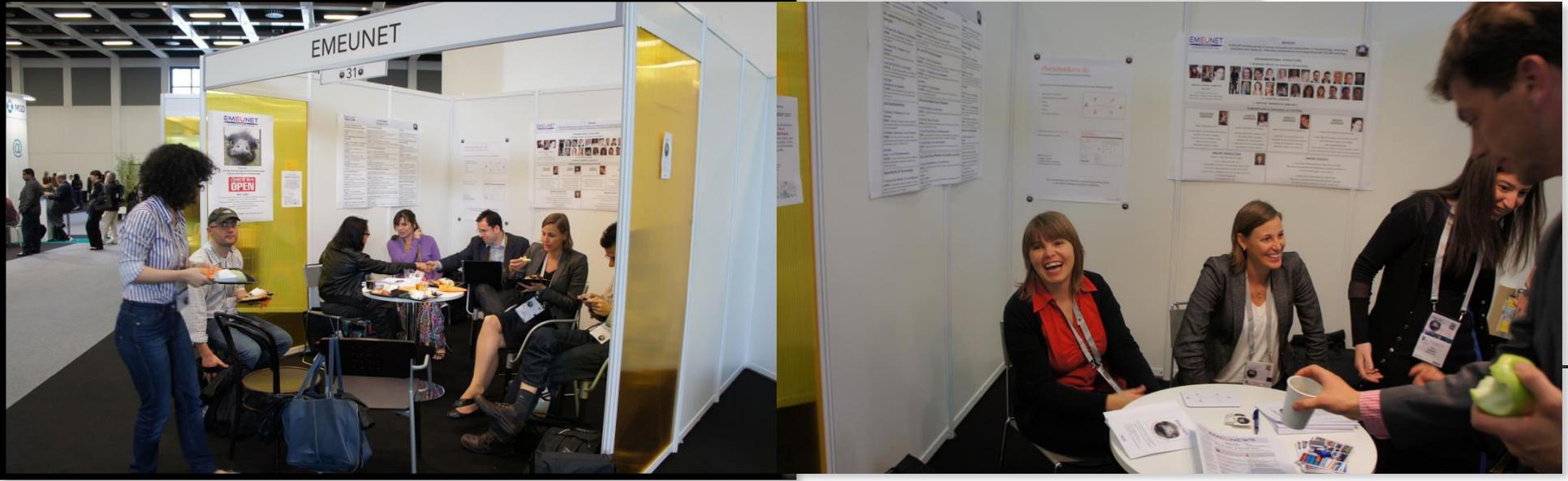
SCMI – Standing Committee on Musculoskeletal Imaging
by Xenofon Baraliakos



Xenofon Baraliakos, MD, is a consultant in the Rheumatology Center Heme, Ruhr-University Bochum, Germany and already trained as an orthopaedic surgeon. His research focus is the diagnosis, imaging and treatment of spondyloarthritis

The SCMI business meeting at EULAR 2013 was opened by the Chair, Maria Antonietta D'Agostino, who gave a short summary of the former and the current activities. Many popular activities are organized, endorsed or supported by the SCMI. For education, the SCMI has been organizing the EULAR Sonography Courses, the Teach the Teachers course, the "Online Introductory ultrasound course" the Ultrasound Courses scientifically endorsed by EULAR, and the Ultrasound Practical skills sessions that take place during the EULAR meeting. For MRI, the MRI

EMEUNET Corner at EULAR, Berlin



EMEUNET Walking Tour at EULAR - Madrid



Country Liaisons- What's that?

- ❖ Country liaisons are links of EMEUNET to each EULAR country and a vital pillar of the network, as they contribute to the spread of EMEUNET.
- ❖ They provide a strong support to the development of EMEUNET into a well-established network reaching the vast majority of young rheumatologists and researchers across Europe.
- ❖ There is one CL per country, which is an EMEUNET Member (that can or not be a member of the EMEUNET Working Group).
- ❖ It is a 1-year position, which cannot be kept for more than 3 years.

Country Liaisons- Duties

1. Disseminate information prepared by EMEUNET (eg. newsletters, website) within their country among young rheumatologists (trainees included, rheumatologists < 40 years old) and researchers in rheumatology;
2. Promote and disseminate EMEUNET within their country – attract young rheumatologists and researchers to become EMEUNET members;
3. Keep updated mailing lists of trainees, young rheumatologists and researchers in rheumatology within their country in order to efficiently deliver information received by EMEUNET;
4. Give feedback and suggestions to the EMEUNET working group members /Steering Committee;

Country Liaisons Subgroup -What are we planning to do?

- To adopt tailored strategies within each country to reach as many emerging rheumatologists/researchers as possible.
- To ensure each CL has an exhaustive mailing list of all young rheumatologists/researchers within their country.
- To create a calendar gathering all national meetings.
- To provide more material for **Active** Country Liaisons to present EMEUNET or even EMEUNET survey results at their national meetings.
- To create a Country Liaisons Newsletter with up to date information about the CLs actions and initiatives and the EMEUNET experience in different countries.

OBJECTIVES:

1. To develop a mentor/mentee network
2. To generate a mentor/research institutions glossary
3. To provide information about European Mentoring programs
4. Collaboration with ARD to train and involve WG Members as reviewers for the journal under the supervision of senior reviewers

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Thank you for your attention!

I would like to thank the EMEUNET community for the information provided for the presentation



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