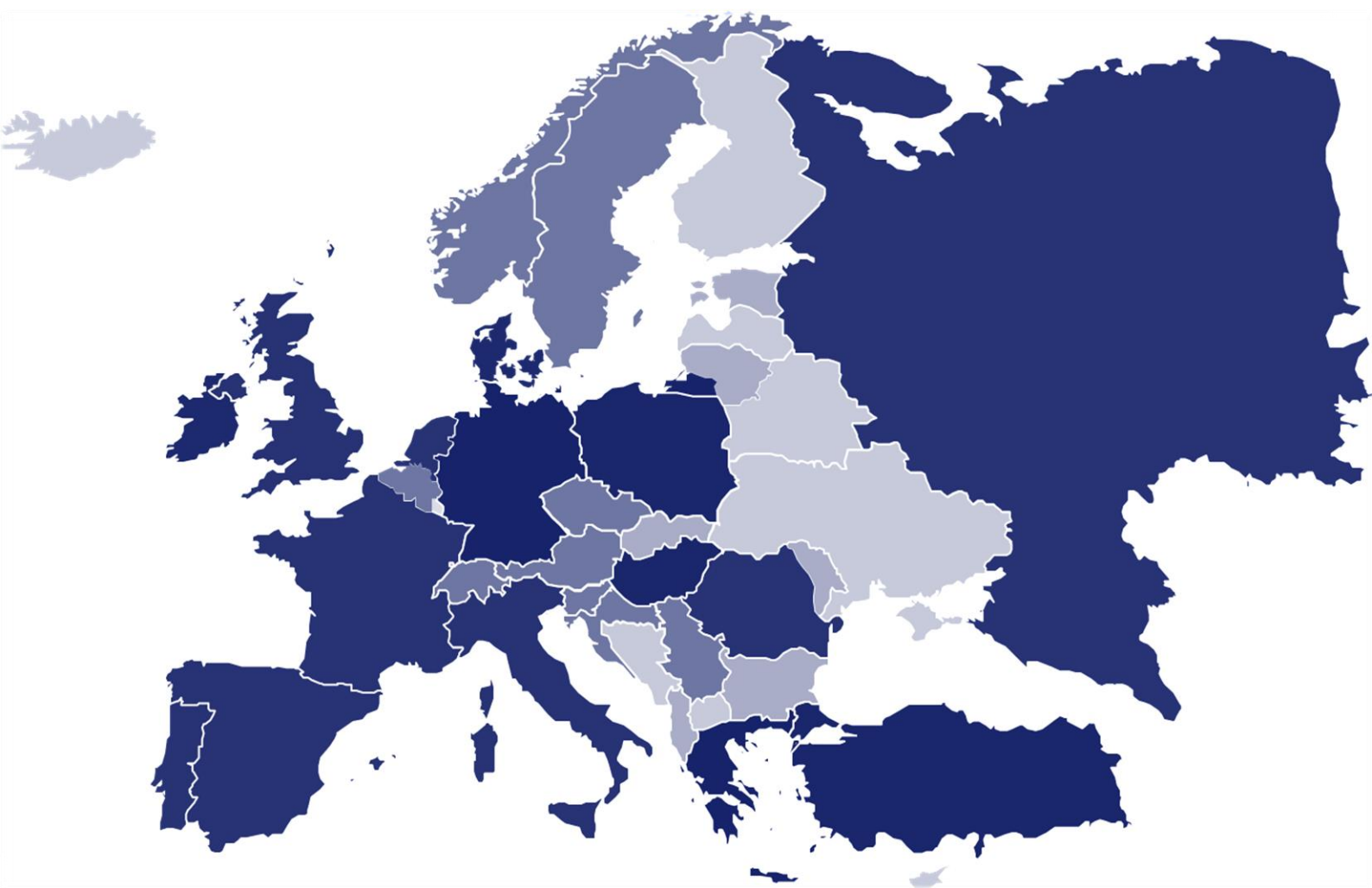


EMEUNNEWS

SPECIAL EDITION
JULY-AUGUST 2016

**ONE YEAR IN REVIEW:
ALL ABOUT EMEUNET
JUNE 2015-JUNE 2016**



Dear young rheumatologists and researchers in rheumatology,

We are happy to present you a new issue of EMEUNews to summarize the activities of EMEUNET over the past year.

The EMEUNET Working Group represents the EMEUNET Community, undertakes the organisational role and is divided among 7 Subgroups to cover the wide aims of EMEUNET. From education to peer mentoring, from country liaison to social media, EMEUNET Subgroups ensure the growth of EMEUNET community and promote interaction and networking among members.

If you would like to join the EMEUNET Working Group and be actively involved in the Subgroups' activities keep an eye on emails from EMEUNET and do not miss next call for application! If you already applied but have not been selected, this does not preclude you to apply again the following year. And while you are a regular EMEUNET member you can certainly also contribute to EMEUNET. Be pro-active and come up with an idea for a project to be undertaken within EMEUNET. Send us your idea, it will be highly appreciated.

If this is your first contact with EMEUNET, we invite you to explore more and join us via our website (<http://emeunet.eular.org>). 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.

Alessia Alunno

on behalf of the EMEUNET Newsletter Subgroup



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THE EMEUNET STEERING COMMITTEE 2016-2017

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Elena Nikiphorou, MBBS/BSc MD(Res)



Elena, MBBS/BSc, MRCP, MD (Res), PGCME, FHEA, is a consultant rheumatologist at Whittington Hospital, UK. Her main interests focus on inflammatory arthritis, the impact of modern treatments and long-term disease outcomes. She has undertaken her MD Research on structural outcomes in Rheumatoid Arthritis at University College London, where she also completed her medical studies and BSc in Physiology (First Class Honours). Elena is a fellow in the EULAR Task Force on data harmonization across observational RA databases. She is the Annals of Rheumatic Diseases (ARD) spokesperson on social media. Elena is currently Chair-Elect for EMEUNET.

Anna Moltó, MD PhD



Anna became a rheumatologist in 2010, and defended this year her PhD thesis on diagnosis and treatment in real life in early axial spondyloarthritis. She is currently a staff Rheumatologist and Clinical/Epidemiological researcher in Pr Dougados Department of Rheumatology in Cochin Hospital in Paris. Her professional and scientific interests focuses on outcome measures, especially in spondyloarthritis and rheumatoid arthritis and pregnancy in rheumatic inflammatory diseases. Anna is the Past Chair of EMEUNET.

We are delighted to share with you some of the main activities from EMEUNET throughout the past year. EMEUNET started in 2009 and since then we have had the privilege of seeing it grow and become a more established group, with a number of ongoing activities and with new projects launched every year. On the one hand and as one can see by screening through this newsletter, it is easy and a privilege to lead such a fantastic group of enthusiastic people, driven and committed to contribute to our shared project, that is EMEUNET. On the other hand, due to the high and increasing number of ongoing activities, it is becoming a real challenge to keep track on everything while maintaining excellence, alongside our clinical and academic activities. Still, the experience is extremely positive and we feel particularly lucky for having this opportunity. It always gives us pleasure to look back and see an important amount of work done and milestones achieved. We hope to now look forward and ensure that at least as much will continue to be done and hopefully more and better. We hope that EMEUNET will continue to be embraced by the young rheumatology community and more and more young rheumatologists and researchers become involved in rheumatology education, research and EULAR, making EMEUNET a successful and influential resource that fosters new and long-term collaborative endeavours and reassures that excellence in European Rheumatology and EULAR is maintained.

Sofia Ramiro, Elena Nikiphorou and Anna Moltó

THE EMEUNET WORKING GROUP 2015- 2016

The EMEUNET Working Group represents the EMEUNET Community, undertakes the organisational role and in the **2015/2016** year included **43 people** from most of the 21 EULAR Countries. The work is divided among **7 Subgroups** to cover the wide aims of EMEUNET. EMEUNET Working Group members meet twice a year at EULAR and ACR Congresses where a Business Meeting to discuss the activities and programs of subgroups takes place.

NEW WORKING GROUP MEMBERS

Nationality	Name
Armenia	Valentina Vardanyan
Denmark	Anne Magrethe Troidborg
France	Marie Kostine
Germany	Mike Oliver Becker
Germany	Jan Leipe
Ireland	Richard Conway
Italy	Francesco Carubbi
Italy, UK	Felice Rivellese
Poland	Anna Olewicz-Gawlik
Poland	Joanna Zalewska
Portugal	Tania Santiago
Portugal	Alexandre Sepriano
Sweden	Karin Throarinsdottir
Turkey	Yesim Ozguler
UK	John Pauling

ONGOING WORKING GROUP MEMBERS

Nationality	Name
Austria	Paul Studenic
Austria/Italy	Christian Dejaco
Bulgaria	Russka Shumnalieva
Croatia	Mislav Radic
Denmark	Christian Gytz Ammitzball
France	Christelle Nguyen
France	Christophe Richez
Germany	Christian Beyer
Hungary	Tamas Gati
Ireland	Mary Canavan
Italy	Alessia Alunno
Italy	Barbara Ruaro
Netherlands	Diane van der Woude
Netherlands	Marlies van der Goes
Norway	Ida Haugen
Poland	Marcin Milchert
Portugal	João Alexandre Dias
Portugal	Vasco Romão
Portugal, Netherlands	Sofia Ramiro
Romania	Rucsandra Dobrota
Spain	Victoria Navarro
Spain	W. Alberto Sifuentes
Spain	Lucía Silva Fernandez
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Switzerland	Caroline Ospelt
Turkey	Sibel Aydin
UK	Elena Nikiphorou
UK	Meghna Jani

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Germany	Xenofon Baraliakos
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Italy	Serena Bugatti
Netherlands	Rogier Thurlings
Portugal, UK	Pedro Machado
Romania	Cristina Pamfil
Serbia	Ivica Jeremic
Spain	Estibaliz Loza
Sweden	Aikaterina Chatzidionysiou
Switzerland	Anna Engler
UK	Suzan Verstappen



THE EMEUNET WORKING GROUP 2016-2017

The **2016/2017** EMEUNET Working Group includes **43 people** from most of the 21 EULAR Countries.

NEW WORKING GROUP MEMBERS

Nationality	Name
Belgium, UK	Diederik De Cock
Denmark, UK	Karen Schreiber
France	Aurélie Najm
Germany, Ireland	Michelle Trenkmann
Greece	Antonis Fanouriakis
Russia, Netherlands	Polina Putrik
Slovenia	Katja Lakota
Spain	Javier Rodríguez-Carrio
The Netherlands	Marloes van Onna
Turkey	Fatih Kelesoglu

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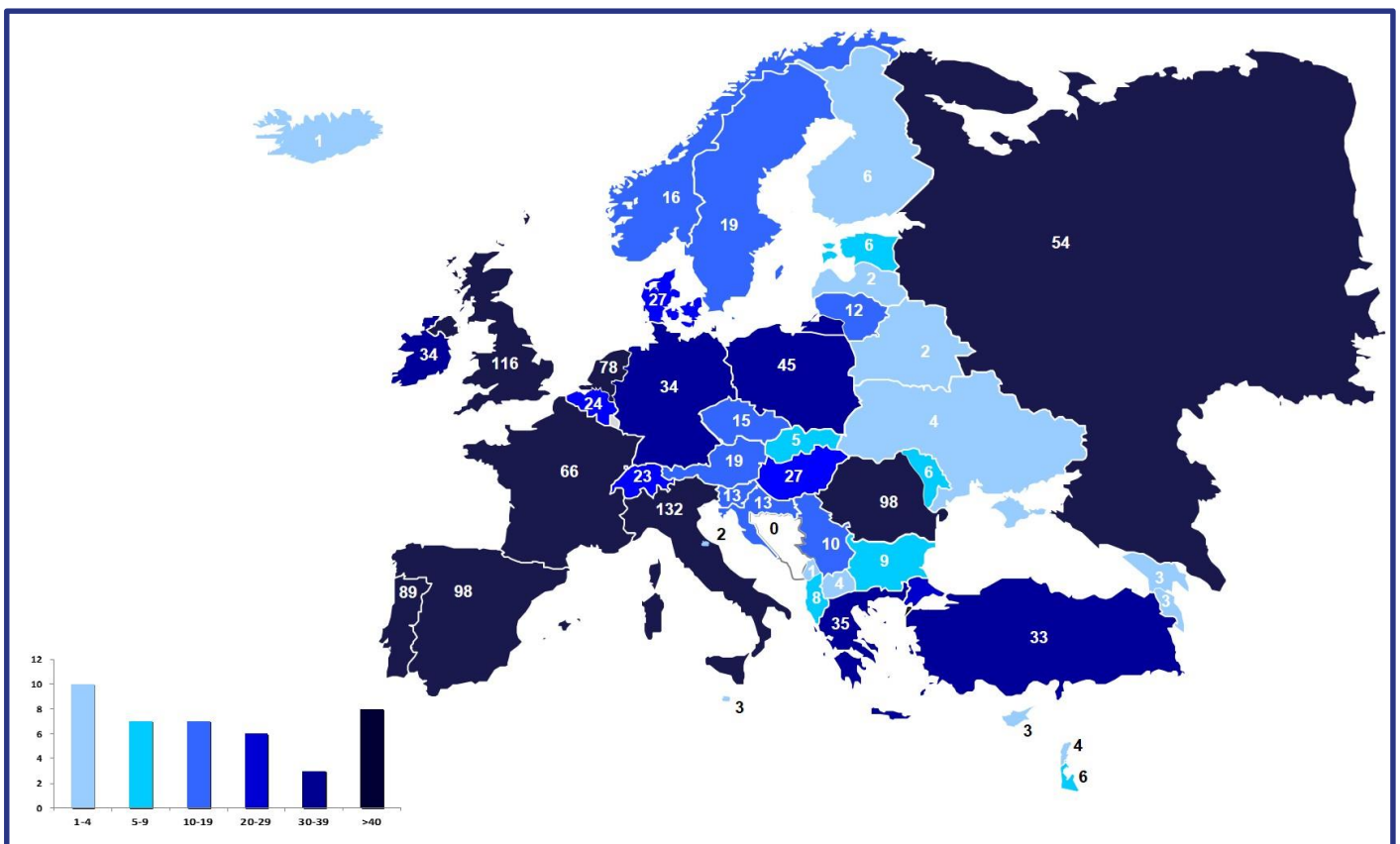
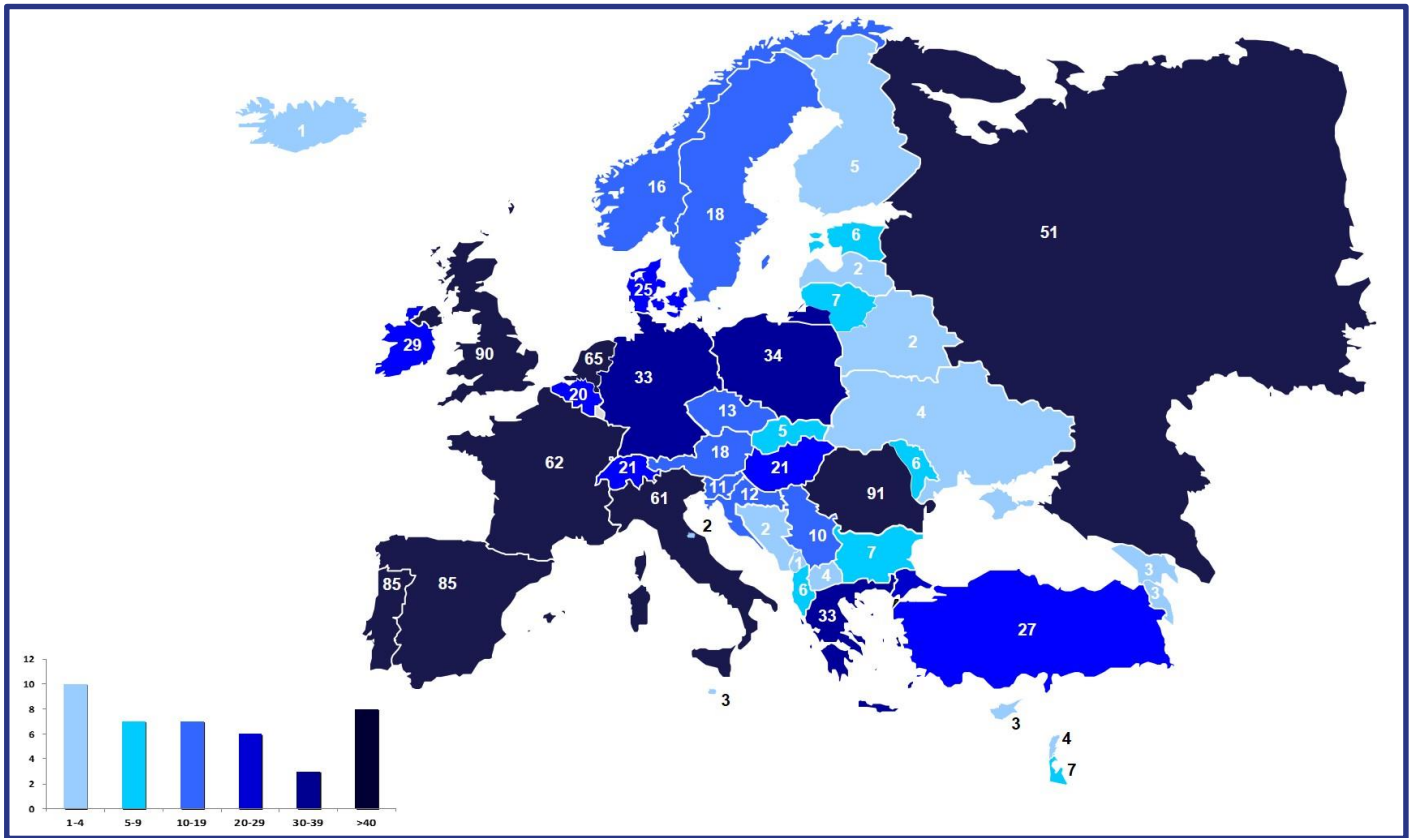


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Netherlands	Diane van der Woude
Portugal	João Alexandre Dias
Spain	Lucía Silva Fernandez
Switzerland	Caroline Ospelt
Turkey	Sibel Aydin

WELCOME TO NEW EMEUNET MEMBERS

The EMEUNET Community is continuously growing and **214 new members** registered over the period from 1 June 2015 to 31 May 2016.



WELCOME TO THE NEW EMEUNET MEMBERS

Aalbers Caroline (Netherlands); **Adamichou** Christina (Greece); **Ahmed** Tazeen (United Kingdom); **Alpizar-Rodriguez** Deshira (Switzerland); **Ansalone** Cecilia (United Kingdom); **Aparicio** Maria (Spain); **Argolini** Lorenza Maria (Italy); **Baba** Vurgun (Turkey); **Baldi** Caterina (Italy); **Baricza** Eszter (Hungary); **Barsotti** Simone (Italy); **Benigno** Carla (Italy); **Bennett** Louise (United Kingdom); **Berghen** Nathalie (Belgium); **Bernardi** Livio (Italy); **Bernardino** Vera (Portugal); **Bertero** Elena (Italy); **Berti** Alvise (Italy); **Bettio** Silvano (Italy); **Birra** Domenico (Italy); **Blanco Caceres** Boris Anthony (Spain); **Boeters** Debbie (Netherlands); **Borbála** Szántó (Hungary); **Borges** Pablo (Spain); **Bottiglieri** Paolo (Italy); **Bruner** Vincenzo (Italy); **Brusi** Veronica (Italy); **Burja** Blaž (Slovenia); **Calmeiro** Maria (Portugal); **Calvisi** Stefania Laura (Italy); **Cambur** Ina (Romania); **Campochiaro** Corrado (Italy); **Capocotta** Domenico (Italy); **Carriero** Antonio (Italy); **Carron** Philippe (Belgium); **Carrozzo** Norma (Italy); **Cartella** Stefania (Italy); **Caso** Francesco (Italy); **Cecco** Serena (Italy); **Chadwick** Laura (United Kingdom); **Chandra Chowdhury** Abhra (India); **Chimenti** Maria Sole (Italy); **Ciechomska** Marzena (Poland); **Ciobanu** Maria (Romania); **Colia** Ripalta (Italy); **Cook** Michael (United Kingdom); **Corsiero** Elisa (United Kingdom); **Costa** Luisa (Italy); **Costello** Ruth (United Kingdom); **Cronin** Owen (Ireland); **De Luca** Giacomo (Italy); **Del Mastro** Andrea (Italy); **Della Torre** Emanuel (Italy); **Di Mario** Clara (Italy); **Di Sante** Gabriele (Italy); **Ditto** Maria Chiara (Italy); **Dorotyya** Nagy (Hungary); **Dorris** Emma (Ireland); **Dospinescu** Paula (United Kingdom); **Dragoi** Silvia (Romania); **Druce** Katie (United Kingdom); **Eliza** Cioca (Romania); **Etienne** Gazaix (France); **Facchinetti** Myriam (Italy); **Falkenburg** Willem (Netherlands); **Fedele** Anna Laura (Italy); **Filippini** Matteo (Italy); **Filkova** Maria (Czech Republic); **Freier** Desiree (Germany); **Friso** Lara (Italy); **Gaillard** Anne-Lise (France); **Garcia-Montoya** Leticia (Spain); **Gavan** Sean (United Kingdom); **Giannitti** Chiara (Italy); **Gigante** Maria Rita (Italy); **Gilio** Michele (Italy); **Ginosyan** Knarik (Armenia); **Girolimetto** Nicolò (Italy); **Gjonbrataj** Juarda (Albania); **Góralczyk** Alicja (Poland); **Grigorescu** Liana-Ioana (Romania); **Gualtierotti** Roberta (Italy); **Guellec** Dewi (France); **Guerra** Miguel (Portugal); **Gul** Hanna (United Kingdom); **Gwinnutt** James (United Kingdom); **Haladyj** Ewa (Poland); **Hansen** Renata (Denmark); **Harty** Len (Ireland); **Henaux** Sophie (France); **Hokstad** Ingrid (Norway); **Howard** Hajnalka (United Kingdom); **Huidiu** Nicoleta (Romania); **Iannuccelli** Cristina (Italy); **Ismajli** Mediola (United Kingdom); **Januskeviciute** Giedre (Lithuania); **Jaszay** Emese (Hungary); **Kelesoglu** Fatih (Turkey); **Kidger** Simone (United Kingdom); **Kleibeuker** Marjolein (Netherlands); **Koszarny** Arkadiusz (Poland); **Kuret** Tadeja (Slovenia); **Kurreeman** Fina (Netherlands); **Kutera** Anna (Poland); **Kuznetsova** Maria (Russian Federation); **La Paglia** Giuliana (Italy); **Lambova** Sevdalina (Bulgaria); **Lanzillotta** Marco (Italy); **Larkin** Louise (Ireland); **Larosa** Maddalena (Italy); **Larsen** Kasper Søtoft (Denmark); **Lataoui** Sadok (Tunisia); **Lazarou** Ilias (Switzerland); **Leineman** Iana (Russian Federation); **Leone** Maria Comasia (Italy); **Lesuis** Nienke (Netherlands); **Lopez-Corbeto** Mireia (Spain); **Lopez-Salguero** Salvador (Spain); **Lorenzin** Maria Grazia (Italy); **Luciano** Nicoletta (Italy); **Marcucci** Elisa (Italy); **Marek** Magdalena (Poland); **Martire** Maria Victoria (Argentina); **Marton** Nikolett (Hungary); **Massaro** Laura (Italy); **Mauro** Daniele (United Kingdom); **Mayán Santos** María D. (Spain); **McKenna** Sean (Ireland); **Melsens** Karin (Belgium); **Mercieca** Cecilia (Malta); **Micheroli** Raphael (Switzerland); **Mirabelli** Giulia (Italy); **Miskovic** Rada (Serbia); **Muñoz Gomez** Maria del Mar (Spain); **Najm** Aurélie (France); **Nalotto** Linda (Italy); **Nerviani** Alessandra (United Kingdom); **Norton** Sam (United Kingdom); **Nuhaj** Lediana (Albania); **Ogrič** Manca (Slovenia); **Ometto** Francesca (Italy); **Onofrei** Roxana Ramona (Romania); **Ordoñez** Ignacios Juan Carlos (Peru); **Ortiz** Ana (United Kingdom); **Ortolan** Augusta (Italy); **Pantano** Ilenia (Italy); **Papalopoulos** Ioannis (Greece); **Parikh** Taral (India); **Perniola** Simone (Italy); **Petri** Timea (Hungary); **Petricca** Luca (Italy); **Pieren** Amara (Spain); **Plasencia Rodriguez** Chamaida (Spain); **Prediletto** Edoardo (Italy); **Pucino** Valentina (United Kingdom); **Puolitaival** Antti (Finland); **Raffiner** Bernd (Italy); **Ramirez** Giuseppe (Italy); **Reynolds** John (United Kingdom); **Riccardi** Antonella (Italy); **Robinson** Danielle (United Kingdom); **Roszkowski** Leszek (Poland); **Rukavina** Krešimir (Croatia); **Sławiński** Jarosław (Poland); **Sabalaiuskiene** Jurgita (Lithuania); **Saccon** Francesca (Italy); **Safaryan** Zaruhi (Armenia); **Salko** Valbona (Albania); **Santos** Marbelin (Dominican Republic); **Sartorelli** Silvia (Italy); **Semiz** Hüseyin (Turkey); **Seskute** Goda (Lithuania); **Shoop** Stephanie (United Kingdom); **Shushanna** Aristakesyan (Armenia); **Siddiqui** Rizwan (United States); **Sikorska** Dorota (Poland); **Silva Riveiro** Alicia (Spain); **Sokolova** Maria (Russian Federation); **Soldano** Stefano (Italy); **Sozeri** Betül (Turkey); **Stamatis** Pavlos (Sweden); **Stroie** Anna Mirela (Romania); **Sunzini** Flavia (Italy); **Symeonidou** Sofia (Cyprus); **Talotta** Rossella (Italy); **Tange** Clare (Switzerland); **Taylor** Christopher (United Kingdom); **ten Brinck** Robin (Netherlands); **Terenzi** Riccardo (Italy); **Terteliene** Egle (Lithuania); **Tharwat** Samar (Egypt); **Tombetti** Enrico (Italy); **Tombolini** Elisabetta (Italy); **Toz** Bahtiyar (Turkey); **Tran** Chung-Nam (Viet Nam); **Tripoli** Alessandra (Italy); **Tufan** Fatih (Turkey); **Tyszka-Walerowicz** Anna (Poland); **Valentini** Valentina (Italy); **van den Bosch** Martijn (Netherlands); **van der Heijden** Eefje (Netherlands); **Van Mechelen** Margot (Belgium); **van Meerendonk** Aniek (Netherlands); **van Wesemael** Tineke (Netherlands); **Vandelli** Enrica (Italy); **Varriano** Valentina (Italy); **Vernerova** Lucia (Czech Republic); **Versteeg** Letty (Netherlands); **Vitiello** Gianfranco (Italy); **Vivarelli** Emanuele (Italy); **Wasyńczuk** Monika (Poland); **Wretowska** Dorota (Poland); **Young** Nicholas (United States); **Zimmer-Satora** Ewa (Poland)





**2016-2017 Co-leader:
Vasco Romão**



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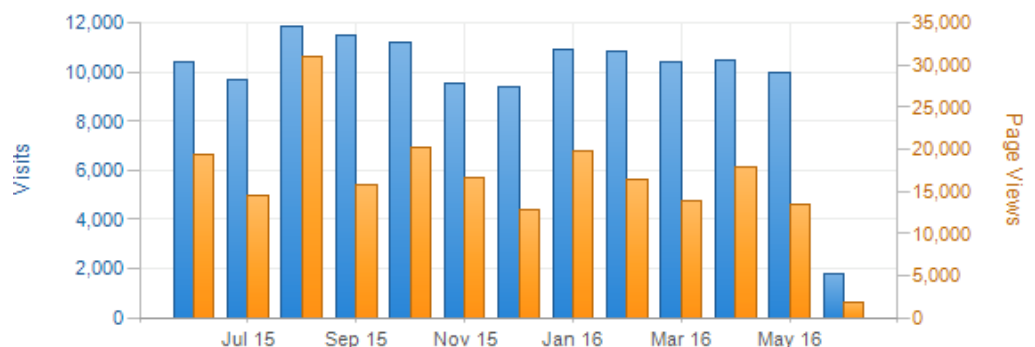
EMEUNET ON SOCIAL MEDIA

Social Media presence impacts visibility of EMEUNET and rheumatology related topics

The different information channels of EMEUNET, the website, Facebook and Twitter have always been working closely together, but have now been merged into one working group underlining the connection and mutual goals of all 3 information channels.

EMEUNET WEBSITE (<http://emeunet.eular.org>)

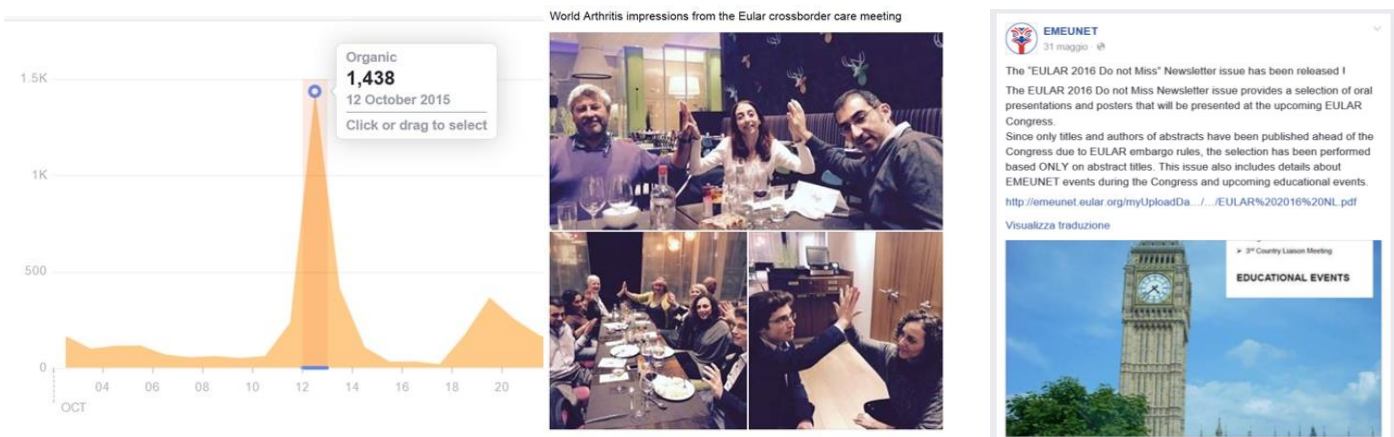
Our website is online since June 2012 and since then it remains the cornerstone for providing information for Rheumatologists and Rheumatology focused researchers, providing not only a large assembly of links to several tools and related websites but also an archive of all newsletters from EMEUNET, current and previous job adverts, courses, bursaries and several initiatives in rheumatology. In the last year, it has been entirely renewed, with a cleaner, fresher look and more and better contents, including new features available for EMEUNET members, such as the EMEUNET calendar or the EULAR Centres of Excellence database, where users can find details about specific high-quality centres throughout Europe and learn about collaboration and working opportunities. In the last year, the website has been busy and a great source of information for the Rheumatology community, adding up for a total of more than **125,000 visits**, **210,000 page views** and over **1,5 million hits!**



EMEUNET ON SOCIAL MEDIA

EMEUNET FACEBOOK PAGE (www.facebook.com/EMEUNET)

Facebook was launched in April 2014 and highlights the latest news for the EMEUNET community and young Rheumatologists. Several reports and pictures (from courses, congresses, meetings, etc), which were uploaded live from rheumatologic events on our Facebook page are steadily gaining popularity. The reports in total brought a significant increase in Likes for our site and in total reached **5270 views**. Facebook as a live reporting tool becomes practically immanent especially at smaller events, to spread the word to a larger community. The activities around the World Arthritis Day brought the highest reach of all reports during the last autumn, highlighting EMEUNET's importance in sharing update news from the yearly EULAR conference in Brussels. By posting the "Do not miss newsletter" of EMEUNET on our Social Media platforms we could reach the largest community so far, with a **reach of 2385 views** and **50 shares** of this content on other sites.



This was a big boost for making also EULAR more visible also perhaps to a different focus group, because 55% of our Facebook visitors are aged between 25 and 34 years and a third ranges between 35 and 44 years. All this led to **1000 Likes** for EMEUNET facebook site during the EULAR congress and our continuous provision of information increased our likes one month after EULAR by another 75.

EMEUNET ON SOCIAL MEDIA

EMEUNET TWITTER PAGE (www.twitter.com/EMEUNET)



EMEUNET launched its Twitter page in September 2014 as a means to quickly and widely distribute rheumatology related news and content to our members. Since its launch our Twitter page has grown and grown and now has **more than 750 active followers**. In May 2015, in the lead up to EULAR, we launched our **10 days of Twitter programme** which we successfully ran in June 2016 again this year. The aim of this programme was in introduce and familiarise EMEUNET members with Twitter basics, help them set up an account and start Tweeting. Each day the participants receive information about aspects of Twitter and have to perform a short task. Over the course of 10 days the participants receive more and more information about how to use Twitter and become more familiar with tweeting. This year we had **42 participants taking part from over 15 different countries**. Our course **hashtag #EMEUN10DoT was used 86 times** over the course and a **potential reach of 13,340 users**.

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10 Days of Twitter


Sign up to our @EMEUNET 10 days of Twitter course & learn all you need to know about using Twitter! Every day you will receive an e-mail to talk you through setting up a Twitter account and making the most of it!

Collect your EMEUNET certificate upon completion at the EMEUNET booth at EULAR and use your new Twitter skills to join in the Twitter conversation at #EULAR2016!

Email your interest to mary.canavan@ucd.ie Today!

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Leader:
Alessia Alunno

NEWS ON EMEUNET NEWSLETTERS

The EMEUNET Newsletter EMEUNEWS is aimed at spreading any information considered useful to young rheumatologists/researchers of the EMEUNET community. Together with EMEUNET’s Social Media, EMEUNEWS can be considered the “voice” of EMEUNET. In September 2015 a new format of EMEUNEWS has been launched: the **“PRESS REVIEW”**: Press reviews are released every three months and the purpose is to summarize the most relevant rheumatology literature over the year.

EMEUNET NEWSLETTERS JUNE 2015-JUNE 2016

EULAR 2015 HIGHLIGHTS
(July 2015)



<http://tinyurl.com/js28buh>

EMEUNET WORKING GROUP
(August 2015)



<http://tinyurl.com/gwp4g2k>

PRESS REVIEW
(September 2015)



<http://tinyurl.com/jcvrhlk>

ACR 2015 DO NOT MISS
(October 2015)



<http://tinyurl.com/gqokwja>

ACR 2015 HIGHLIGHTS
(December 2015)



<http://tinyurl.com/zgkcp98>

PRESS REVIEW
(January 2016)



<http://tinyurl.com/jtuhafz>

EMEUNET SUBGROUPS
(February 2016)



<http://tinyurl.com/jkylq5n>

COUNTRY LIAISONS
(March 2016)



<http://tinyurl.com/zfss2j5>

PRESS REVIEW
(April 2016)



<http://tinyurl.com/grjg39p>

EULAR 2016 DO NOT MISS
(May 2016)



<http://tinyurl.com/jdvoyp2>



2016-2017 Leader:
Alexandre Sepriano

EMEUNET MENTORING ACTIVITIES

ANNALS OF THE RHEUMATIC DISEASES REVIEW COURSE

In 2012 we launched a collaboration between EMEUNET and the Annals of the Rheumatic Diseases (ARD), with the approval of the Editor of ARD, Professor Tore K. Kvien. This collaboration aims to enhance the peer-reviewing skills of EMEUNET members, through supervised paper reviewing.



2015-2016 Leader:
Ida Haugen

This initiative also provides an outstanding opportunity for EMEUNET members to become familiar with a state-of-the-art peer-review process and to improve their reviewer skills. It also gives them direct access to, and mentoring from top European rheumatologists. Within the framework of the initiative, EMEUNET members (Junior Reviewers) with compatible research interests are assigned to a Senior Reviewer (Official ARD reviewer, Mentor). The Junior Reviewers then participate in the reviewing of a number of ARD manuscripts assigned to the Senior Reviewer.

When the Mentor decides that the review skills of one or more mentees are sufficient for performing a good quality independent review, the training for the mentee(s) can be considered complete and they are issued an EMEUNET certificate indicating their successful completion of the Peer Review Mentoring Course. Currently **27 EMEUNET members** are participating in the initiative (starting date of the current round: March 2016; expected ending date: March 2017). The Senior Reviewers this year are Prof. Philip Conaghan (imaging of arthritis, arthritis therapy, osteoarthritis), Prof. Kevin Winthrop (opportunistic infections, immunosuppressive therapies, RA), Prof. Robert Landewé (epidemiology, outcomes research, spondyloarthritis), Prof. Hendrik Schulze-Koops (basic science, pathogenesis of arthritis, T cells) and Prof. Ingrid Lundberg (inflammatory myopathies, immunology, molecular biology).

EMEUNET MENTORING ACTIVITIES

THE MENTOR-MENTEE MEETINGS

The Mentor-Mentee meetings take place every year during EULAR and ACR Congresses since 2012 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 2015 meetings have been a great success and positive feedback has been collected from mentees as well as from mentors.

EULAR 2015 CONGRESS

Mentors

- Prof. Ingemar Petersson
- Prof. Martin Rudwaleit
- Prof. Johannes Biljsma
- Prof. Francis Berenbaum

Mentees

We received **19 applications** and 17 of them attended the meeting

ACR 2015 CONGRESS

Mentors

- Prof Désirée van der Heijde
- Prof Lars Klareskog
- Associate Prof Daniel Aletaha

Mentees

We received **13 applications**, all applicants attended the meeting but only 10 of them in full.

EMEUNET MENTORING ACTIVITIES

THE GLOSSARY OF INSTITUTIONS

In 2016, we launched the glossary of EULAR Centres of excellences on our [website](#). Currently there are 29 top research centres in Europe approved as EULAR Centres of Excellence. This designation is valid for 5 years. The goal with the registry of EULAR Centres of Excellence is two-fold: 1) To present first-class research centres for active researchers; and 2) To enable exchange of research projects. We have compiled a list for our EMEUNET members containing the current EULAR Centres of Excellence with information about the centres' main focus in research, research possibilities within the centres and contact information. Our members also have the special opportunity to contact first class researchers at these centres for advice regarding e.g. research or carrier.

Currently, there are **14 Centres with available information on the website**:

- Service de Rhumatologie B, Hôpital COCHIN, Université Paris Descartes, Paris, France
- Leeds Institute of Rheumatic and Musculoskeletal Medicine, Leeds, UK
- Center of Experimental Rheumatology, Department of Rheumatology University Hospital Zurich, Switzerland
- Musculoskeletal Research Unit & MRC Lifecourse Epidemiology Unit, University Hospital Southampton NHS Foundation Trust & University of Southampton, UK
- Adults and Children Rheumatology Department, Hôpitaux Universitaires Paris-Sud, France
- Liverpool Health Partners, Aintree University Hospital NHS Foundation Trust, Department of Musculoskeletal Biology, University of Liverpool, UK
- Center for Rheumatic Diseases Institute of Infection, Immunity and Inflammation College of Medical, Veterinary Life Sciences, University of Glasgow, UK
- Pediatria II, Rheumatologia, IRCCS G Gaslini, Dipartimento di Pediatria, Università di Genova, Italy
- Department of Rheumatology, Diakonhjemmet Hospital, Oslo, Norway
- Department of Clinical Immunology & Rheumatology, Academic Medical Center/University of Amsterdam, the Netherlands
- Department of Rheumatology Leiden, University Medical Center, the Netherlands
- Department of Rheumatology and Inflammation Research, Sahlgrenska Academy, University of Gothenburg
- Sahlgrenska University Hospital, Sweden
- Department of Internal Medicine 3 and Institute of Clinical Immunology, Friedrich-Alexander-University Erlangen-Nuremberg, Germany
- Rheumatology Department Ghent University Hospital, Belgium



Leader:
Victoria Navarro

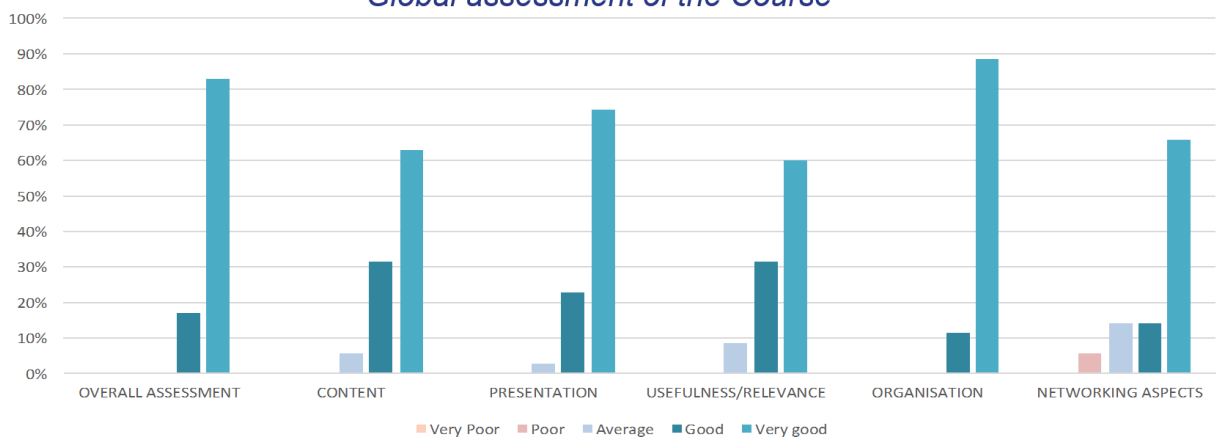
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THE 1ST EULAR IMMUNOLOGY COURSE

The first EULAR immunology course took place successfully on April 1st and 2nd 2016 in Lisbon, Portugal. This course was initiated and designed based on an EMEUNET-survey, which had revealed a need for a translational immunology course for young researchers in the field of rheumatology.

We received **70 applications** and selected **38 participants from 18 different countries**, after a competitive application process. We selected the candidates according to their experience in immunology (they should have at least some), their age (not too young and not too experienced), their motivation letter and the project they had sent in. Ten of the successful applicants received a bursary from EULAR. The course consisted of several state-of-the-art lectures from our international faculty, and of interactive group discussions in which participants presented their research proposal and got feedback from the audience. Christian Beyer, João Dias, Caroline Ospelt, Christophe Richez and Diane van der Woude designed this course with the help of Anna Moltó and Sofia Ramiro. All of the participants expressed a **very high (82.8%) or high (17.1%) overall level of satisfaction** with the course in their evaluation form. They would recommend this course to others and would be happy to participate in a new edition, if the content is different. We also received glowing endorsements from the faculty. After this very successful first endeavour in 2016, we propose to repeat the course in 2018. We have deliberately chosen for a two-year pattern to maintain the competitive character of the application process, and thereby ensure the quality of participants and thus the course.

Global assessment of the Course

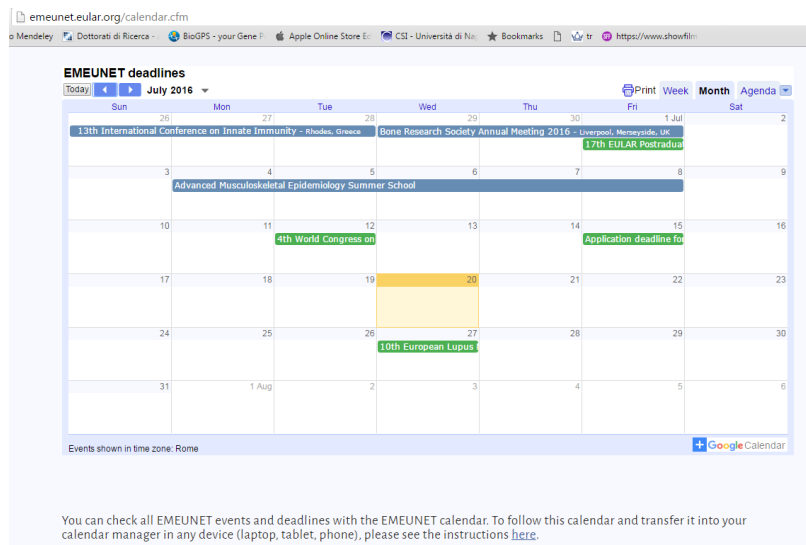


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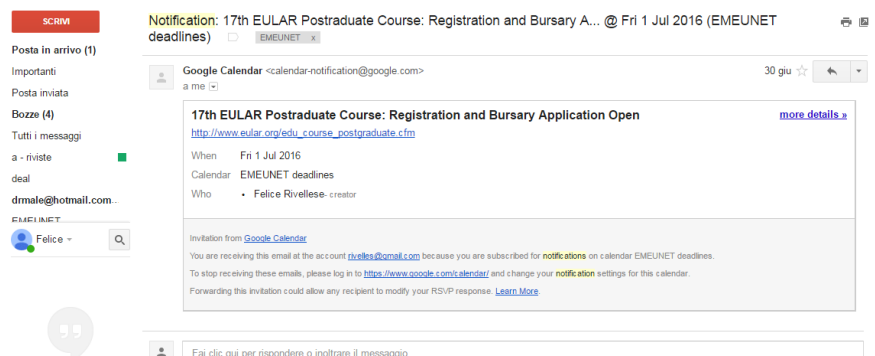
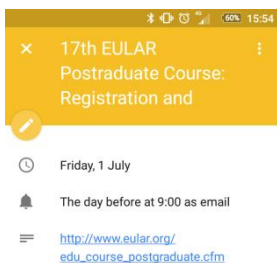
THE EMEUNET CALENDAR

The first 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.



All events can be synchronized with mobile phones so that our members will never miss an important deadline and will be always up to date on all major rheumatology-related events worldwide!

EMEUNET AND EDUCATION

EMEUNET MEMBERS IN EULAR RECOMMENDATIONS 2015-2016

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. Two calls were launched between June 2015 and June 2016:

1. Update of the EULAR Recommendations for the Management of Early Rheumatoid Arthritis (Convenors: Bernard Combe and Robert Landewé):

- Call on September 2015
- Number of applicants: 17
- EMEUNET selected members: Lucía Silva and Richard Conway

2. EULAR Recommendations for Rheumatoid Arthritis (Convenors: Josef Smolen and Robert Landewé):

- Call on September 2015
- Number of applicants: 17
- EMEUNET selected members: Christophe Richez and Meghna Jani

3. EULAR recommendations for the management of foot and ankle conditions in rheumatology (Convenor: Anthony Redmond)

- Call on April 2016
- Number of applicants: 20
- EMEUNET selected members: Lucía Silva and Peggy Jaques

AMBASSADOR PROGRAMME FOR FIRST TIME ATTENDEES AT EULAR 2015 CONGRESS

The EULAR-EMEUNET Ambassador Programme for first time attendees was established in 2015 by Meghna Jani and Christian Beyer on behalf of the Peer-Mentoring and Education subgroups. EULAR conference veterans from EMEUNET provided congress mentorship to people attending for the first time the largest European Rheumatology Congress on how to make the most of the time. The mentoring process was very informal and participants learned how to master the clinical and scientific EULAR programme and were offered the chance to participate in the EMEUNET networking activities.

The first **30 people** who expressed their interest were selected to participate and were matched with **6 ambassadors** who volunteered to participate (Pedro Machado, Christophe Richez, Ida Haugen, Marlies van der Goes, Sofia Ramiro, Francesca Faustini). The programme was a success with lots of positive feedback from those who had the opportunity to take part.



2016-2017 Leader:
Felice Rivellese

EMEUNET VISIBILITY

The visibility Subgroup's tasks mainly comprise the setting up of the EMEUNET corner at the EULAR annual meeting with posters, flyers and printed EMEUNET Newsletter issues, and to organize networking events for EMEUNET members at EULAR and ACR annual meetings.

EULAR 2015 CONGRESS

EMEUNET BOOTH

The EMEUNET booth has been a key meeting point for young rheumatologists to receive information on EMEUNET and collect a printed NL issue. It was also a point of contact for existing members to meet each other. EMEUNET Working Groups rotated to ensure constant personal presence at the booth to welcome people.

NETWORKING EVENT

30 enthusiastic EMEUNET members participated to the networking event that started with a a bicycle tour of Rome to experience the stunning beauties of the eternal city and after the tour, EMEUNET members met at a local pub for dinner.



2015-2016 Leader:
Caroline Ospelt

ACR 2015 CONGRESS

NETWORKING EVENT

EMEUNET organised two networking events at ACR 2015. On Sunday evening **25 EMEUNET members** met at Portsmouth Square Plaza, one of the birthplaces of San Francisco, where the walking tour started. The guide, told everything about the exciting founder time of San Francisco and the notorious gold rush. The evening ended in the 'Comstock Saloon' to enjoy some food. On Monday we had an open event (no registration needed) and we met at the cable car turntable on Market Street, where San Francisco's famous cable cars are still pulled around by manpower, took place. The group then met in Pier 39 in the Bubba Gump Shrimp Co. restaurant.



Leader:
Rucsandra Dobrota

EMEUNET AT NATIONAL LEVEL

EMEUNET Country Liaisons are a community of enthusiastic young clinicians and/or researchers in rheumatology who have taken upon themselves to actively support the aims of EMEUNET and to represent EMEUNET in their countries. Through them, the information and educational opportunities offered by EULAR / EMEUNET finds its way to the ones it is targeted for: the young fellows.

Aims of the Country Liaison Subgroup are:

- To promote EMEUNET and to distribute EMEUNET/EULAR information
- To encourage and support the country liaisons and keep the Country Liaison network active
- To prepare and update EMEUNET advertising materials
- To increase the visibility of the Country Liaisons and their actions

EMEUNET Country Liaisons meet once a year during EULAR Congress. At EULAR 2015 Congress in Rome **15 Country Liaisons attended the 2nd Country Liaison meeting** together with the members of the Country Liaison Subgroup and the EMEUNET Steering Committee. During the meeting Sara Monti from Italy, Camille Souffir from France and Mojca Frank-Bertoncelj from Slovenia offered a very interesting feedback and ideas on expanding the network at a national level and on reaching both clinicians and basic researchers.

Thanks to the work of Country Liaisons, **EMEUNET was advertised at 15 National Congresses** from June 2015 to June 2016 (Denmark, France, Georgia, Germany, Ireland, Italy, Lebanon, Netherlands, Poland, Portugal, Spain, Romania, Slovenia, Switzerland, UK).

2015-2016 COUNTRY LIAISONS

Nationality	Name	Nationality	Name
Albania	Ledio Collaku	Latvia	Julija Zepa
Armenia	Vahan Mukuchyan	Lithuania	Diana Karpec
Austria	Christian Dejaco	Macedonia	Maja Bojadziovska
Belarus	Anastasia Tushina	Malta	Karen Cassar
Belgium	Ellen de Langhe	Moldova	Elena Deseatnicova
Bosnia and Herzegovina	Samir Mehmedagice	Montenegro	Dusan Mustur
Bulgaria	Russka Shumnalieva	Netherlands	Diane van der Woude
Croatia	Marko Baresic	Norway	Elisabeth Lie
Cyprus	Antigoni Grigoriou	Poland	Marcin Milchert
Czech Republic	Ladislav Šenolt	Portugal	Vasco Romão
Denmark	Anne Troldborg	Romania	Rucsandra Dobrota
Estonia	Sandra Tälli	Russia	Irina Starodubtseva
Finland	Tuomas Rannio	San Marino	Stephania Volpinari
France	Camille Souffir	Serbia	Ivan Jeremic
Georgia	Nino Gobejishvili	Slovakia	Richard Imrich
Germany	Axel J Hueber	Slovenia	Mojca Frank Bertoncelj
Greece	Antonis Fanouriakos	Spain	Francisca Sivera
Hungary	Tamás Németh	Sweden	Johan Karlsson
Iceland	Gunnar Tomasson	Switzerland	Florian Klett
Ireland	Eimear Linehan	Turkey	Hakan Emmungil
Israel	Doron Rimar	United Kingdom	Sonia Panchal
Italy	Sara Monti	Ukraine	Iuliia Biliavska
Lebanon	Nelly Ziadé		

TOP 10 RECRUITERS 2015

- Italy
- United Kingdom
- Poland
- Netherlands
- Spain
- France
- Romania
- Turkey
- Portugal
- Switzerland



Leader:
Christophe Richez

BEYOND EMEUNET

A european network of young clinicians from different specialties and young patients with RMDs

The two main objectives of the Global Affairs subgroup are:

- ✓ To interact with **Young PARE**, a subgroup of PARE (People with Arthritis/Rheumatism in Europe) aiming to communicate the specific needs of young people with rheumatic and musculoskeletal diseases;
- ✓ To develop **interactions between other Young Specialists Organisations** for improving the management of our patients and gathering our strengths for a better translational research on diseases shared by our specialties.

We had the opportunity to meet during the last EULAR congress few representatives of young PARE. We decided to develop strong interactions in the next future, especially in social media and eHealth fields.

We also met, during a dedicated meeting organised by EULAR:

- Peter Hindryckx, chair of Y-ECCO (**Young-European Crohn's and Colitis Organisation**)
www.ecco-ibd.eu/index.php/about-ecco/ecco-operational-board/y-ecco.html
- Eve Smith, chair of the young PRES (**Paediatric Rheumatology European Society**)
www.pres.eu
- Ana Carina da Costa Ferreira, chair of the **Young Nephrologists' Platform**
www.era-edta.org/page-19-117-0-117-youngnephrologistsaplatformynp.html

During this one-and-a-half-hour meeting, we exchanged about our different organisations, the content of our working groups, our interaction with our mentors, and how we could work together in the future. We believe that we could extend our interests, collaboration and programmes far beyond.

In the next few months, we plan to discuss with other young organisations (Young internists, Young Oncologists Committee and Young European Academy of Allergy and Clinical Immunology), to create a survey in order to identify our common objectives, and therefore, to **develop a European-wide network of young clinicians from various fields and specialties.**

COMPLETED PROJECTS 2015/2016

✓ EULAR 2015

- Do Not Miss/Highlights Newsletters
- ACR-EULAR exchange
- Proposals for EULAR Young Rheumatologist sessions
- Ambassador Programme
- EMEUNET booth
- Mentor-mentee meetings
- Country Liaisons Meeting
- Working Group Business Meeting
- Subgroups Meeting
- EMEUNET Networking Event

✓ ACR 2015

- Do Not Miss/Highlights Newsletters
- ACR-EULAR exchange
- Mentor-mentee meetings
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- EMEUNET Networking Event

✓ EULAR 2016*

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✓ OTHER PROJECTS

- EMEUNET engagement on social media platforms
- Launch of EMEUNET YouTube channel
- Press Review Newsletter Issues
- 2015-2016 Country Liaison Newsletter Issues
- Introducing 2015-2016 EMEUNET Working Group Newsletter Issues
- EMEUNET Subgroups and Activities Newsletter Issues
- 1st EULAR Immunology Course
- 2015/2016 Annals of the Rheumatic Diseases Review Course
- EMEUNET members participation in EULAR task forces on recommendations
- The EMEUNET calendar

* Details about EMEUNET at EULAR 2016 can be found in the «EULAR 2016 Highlights» Newsletter issue (Link: <http://tinyurl.com/hcem873>). Further information will be included in the next «One year in review» Newsletter issue.

ONGOING PROJECTS

✓ ACR 2016

- Do Not Miss/Highlights Newsletters
- ACR-EULAR exchange
- Mentor-mentee meetings
- Working Group Business Meeting
- Subgroups Meeting
- EMEUNET Networking Event

✓ OTHER PROJECTS

- 2nd EULAR Immunology Course
- 2016/2017 Annals of the Rheumatic Diseases Review Course
- Introducing 2016-2017 EMEUNET Working Group Newsletter Issue
- September 2016 Press Review Newsletter Issue
- EMEUNET members participation in EULAR task forces on recommendations
- To expand EMEUNET activities on social media (clinical cases, quizzes...)
- EMEUNET podcasts and webinars
- Country Liaisons survey
- Expert selection of the top research of the year
- The "EMEUNET Glossary of Centres of Excellence"
- The European Portfolio in Rheumatology

NEXT EMEUNET NEWSLETTER ISSUE WILL MARK THE BEGINNING OF THE NEW YEAR AND WE WILL INTRODUCE YOU IN MORE DETAIL THE NEW EMEUNET WORKING GROUP MEMBERS FOR 2016/2017. KEEP AN EYE ON EMAILS FROM EMEUNET!



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