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## Annual European Congress of Rheumatology EULAR 2017

### EULAR factsheet

#### About EULAR

The European League against Rheumatism (EULAR) is the European umbrella organisation representing scientific societies, health professional associations and organisations for people with RMDs. EULAR aims to reduce the burden of RMDs on individuals and society and to improve the treatment, prevention and rehabilitation of RMDs. To this end, EULAR fosters excellence in education and research in the field of rheumatology. It promotes the translation of research advances into daily care and fights for the recognition of the needs of people with RMDs by the EU institutions through advocacy action.

#### The EULAR RheumaMap

The RheumaMap, which has been designed as a 'research roadmap', was researched and put together by EULAR drawing on the expertise of the European RMD community, from scientific societies to health professional and patient organisations.

#### The 18<sup>th</sup> Annual European Congress of Rheumatology EULAR 2017

This year's Annual Congress takes place at the IFEMA, Feria de Madrid, Spain, and is set to be the biggest rheumatology event in Europe with around 14,000 delegates in attendance from more than 120 countries. More than 4,850 abstracts were submitted to the most recent congress in Madrid and more than 180 sessions and poster tours are on offer.

The aim of the EULAR 2017 is to provide a forum of the highest standard for scientific, educational and social exchange between professionals involved in rheumatology and to liaise with patient organisations in order to achieve progress in the clinical care of patients with rheumatic diseases.

The congress' scientific programme covers a wide range of topics from clinical, translational and basic science to the diagnosis and general management of rheumatic patients. Complementing this are meetings and events organised by EULAR's patient organisation PARE\*, by its "Health Professionals in Rheumatology" (HPR) branch and by other health care providers.

Over the years, the EULAR congress has gained the reputation of being the key platform for showcasing innovation in rheumatology, highlighting the latest advances in the field and supporting novel research and best practice, especially in clinical care.

#### Onsite press activities:

This year, the press programme is showcasing the most exiting rheumatology news from the congress in 23 news stories featuring 31 abstracts. Three official press conferences will also be held, chaired by key members of the EULAR executive committee.

- Wednesday, 14 June, 13.30 – 14.30
- Thursday, 15 June, 09.00 – 10:00

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\* PARE, People with Arthritis/Rheumatism in Europe



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- Friday, 16 June, 09.00 – 10:00

The press conferences will be held in the Retiro Room in the congress centre.

### **EULAR initiative: Don't Delay, Connect Today!**

'Don't Delay, Connect Today!' is a EULAR initiative that unites the voices of its three pillars, patient (PARE) organisations, scientific member societies and health professional associations - as well as its international network - with the goal of highlighting the importance of early diagnosis and access to treatment. In Europe alone, over 120 million people are currently living with a rheumatic disease (RMD), with many cases undetected. The 'Don't Delay, Connect Today' campaign aims to highlight that early diagnosis of RMDs and access to treatment can prevent further damage, and also reduce the burden on individual life and society as a whole.

### **Did you know?**

This year's meeting is the 70<sup>th</sup> EULAR anniversary and 18th annual EULAR congress. Since the first congress in Nice in 2000, the number of participants and submitted abstracts has increased year on year.

### **What else does EULAR do?**

#### **Education**

EULAR is actively engaged in sponsoring research in rheumatology and emphasises the importance of training through its educational programme for rheumatologists and health professionals.

#### **Standing Committees**

EULAR's Standing Committees provide a forum for specialists from across Europe to meet and work together on specific projects covering a broad range of topics including education and training, research, and clinical developments

#### **Annals of Rheumatic Diseases**

EULAR publishes a monthly journal; the *Annals of the Rheumatic Diseases* (ARD). First published in 1939, it is the leading rheumatology journal in Europe with the worldwide highest impact factor in the field. *ARD* features original work on all aspects of rheumatology and disorders of the connective tissues as well as clinical, epidemiological and laboratory reports.

### **Did you know?**

There were 11,680 tweets using #EULAR2016 during the 2016 congress. 2016 congress footage was uploaded daily via EULAR's YouTube channel, which gained 1,500 unique views in total.

Follow us on Twitter to join the conversation: (@EULAR\_Press) #EULAR2017

### **Key EULAR representatives**

**President:** Prof. Gerd R. Burmester, Germany

**President-elect:** Prof. Johannes W.J. Bijlsma, Netherlands

**Past President:** Prof. Maurizio Cutolo, Italy

**Chairperson of the Scientific Programme Committee:** Prof. João Eurico Fonseca, Portugal

**Chairperson of the Abstract Selection Committee:** Prof. Robert Landewé, Netherlands



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## **Further Information**

If you have any questions or require any additional information before, during or following the congress please contact the EULAR Press Office on

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