

Dear clinician/researcher in rheumatology,

With this letter, I would like to inform you about EMEUNET (EMerging EUlar NETwork), a EULAR working group of young clinicians and researchers in rheumatology.

EMEUNET was founded in 2009 in order to create an active and dynamic network of young rheumatologists, fellows in rheumatology, and researchers within EULAR.

The objectives of EMEUNET are to promote education, perform research, widen collaborations and integrate with EULAR activities. Furthermore, EMEUNET wishes to provide insight on specific needs of young clinicians and researchers, and to help with networking to improve quality of science and education.

Examples of EMEUNET activities are collaboration with the EULAR Standing Committee for Education (ESCET), periodic newsletters, collaboration with the Annals of the Rheumatic Diseases (training for reviewing), and the organization of courses such as the EULAR Epidemiology Course. Through its periodic newsletters, EMEUNET informs young clinicians and researchers about educational courses, social activities and fellows' sessions during EULAR and ACR meetings, grants and fellowships. The EMEUNET website (<http://emeunet.eular.org>) was specifically designed for young rheumatologists/researchers, and we also have a lively and growing community on Facebook and Twitter.

EMEUNET-membership is open to all rheumatologists, fellows and researchers in rheumatology from Europe <40 years old. If you register (free) at <http://emeunet.eular.org> you will automatically enter the wide EMEUNET membership and will receive the periodic newsletters and up to date information from the hottest opportunities or events in European Rheumatology.

EMEUNET has a subgroup structure: the wide membership, a working group (members rotate every year, so it is possible to apply for the working group once a year), a leadership group and a steering committee. Every country within Europe has a Country Liaison in EMEUNET in order to distribute the information among young fellows and researchers, with rotations every three years (it is also possible to apply for this position).

Please, feel free to distribute this letter to your colleagues below 40 years of age inside or outside your own department and actively promote membership. The more members EMEUNET achieves, the more we can accomplish on behalf of young rheumatologists in EULAR.

Yours sincerely,

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