



## **EMEUNET - EMerging Eular NETwork**

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

### **MISSION STATEMENT**

The EMEUNET group is a working group of young clinicians and researchers in rheumatology in Europe. The principal objectives of EMEUNET are as follows:

#### Quality of research in European rheumatology

To equip the next generation of rheumatology trainees, enabling them to contribute to the continued success of EULAR in supporting excellent European research, EMEUNET will:

- ▶ Mentoring scheme: Develop an effective methroship scheme. Identify mentors and facilitate link with trainees. Will provide career advice, research guidance, opportunities, and personal development.
- ▶ Collaboration: Promote collaborative work among young rheumatologists.
- ▶ Knowledge Transfer: Facilitate exchange of methodologies, technical data and knowledge, through exchange visits and dissemination of documents; incorporated into databases, between emerging researchers
- ▶ Comprehensive representation of all relevant fields and age groups
  - ▶ under the guidance of advanced, senior researchers with established track record
  - ▶ specific areas of research involving fellows with common interests, who are able to provide advice
  - ▶ involvement of all interested young trainees in rheumatology to promote rheumatology at the graduate level
- ▶ Wider rheumatology healthcare professionals: In the long term extend scope to include allied health-care professionals

#### Excellence in research and higher education

To deliver the above-mentioned, EMEUNET aims to:

- ▶ Recognize specific needs of various age groups, countries (including needs of basic scientists, people involved in translation research). Are current available opportunities really utilized?

- ▶ Create recommendations based on this data (at forum, social events, actual surveys) determining allocation of time, funds etc.
- ▶ Implement real action (skill-workshops, communication of available, existing opportunities, provide input to Standing Committees)
- ▶ EMEUNET members should provide continuous feedback and reports (both informal and formal) on experience, accomplishments and needs

#### Communication of research and education

In order to realize these goals EMEUNET optimizes communication through:

- ▶ Social events at EULAR (reserved lounge, thematic timeslots undertaken by those with special interests)
- ▶ Representation at national events and other relevant conferences and workshops. EMEUNET members are responsible for promotion within their own country.
- ▶ Website and periodic newsletter, with technical and administrative help provided by EULAR
- ▶ Website content: forums, technical databases, listing of relevant grants, fellowship opportunities, job openings, collecting and updating available information in an easy-to-use, concise, peer-to-peer manner
- ▶ Involvement of representative people from various areas within EMEUNET

#### Deliverable objectives within 12 month period

- ▶ Realization of objective 7 of the EULAR 2012 objectives
- ▶ Functioning network at web- and annual congress level
- ▶ Forum for discussion as to the means of properly integrating young rheumatology clinical/non-clinical scientists into EULAR committees and procedures
- ▶ Representatives to attend business meeting coincident with annual EULAR congress

In accordance with EULAR's objectives for 2012, the EMEUNET group will be involved in clinical, scientific and educational activities, as well as in international relations.

These core objectives will be facilitated by establishing an "EMEUNET" subcommittee within EULAR that integrates the global EULAR objectives with the emerging/young rheumatologist's issues.