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**Who are the young professionals
working in the field of rheumatology
in Europe?**

What do they need?

A preliminary EMEUNET survey

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Objective

To perform a survey of young professionals working in the field of rheumatology in Europe

- in order to better know who they are**
- to better understand their specific needs**



Methods

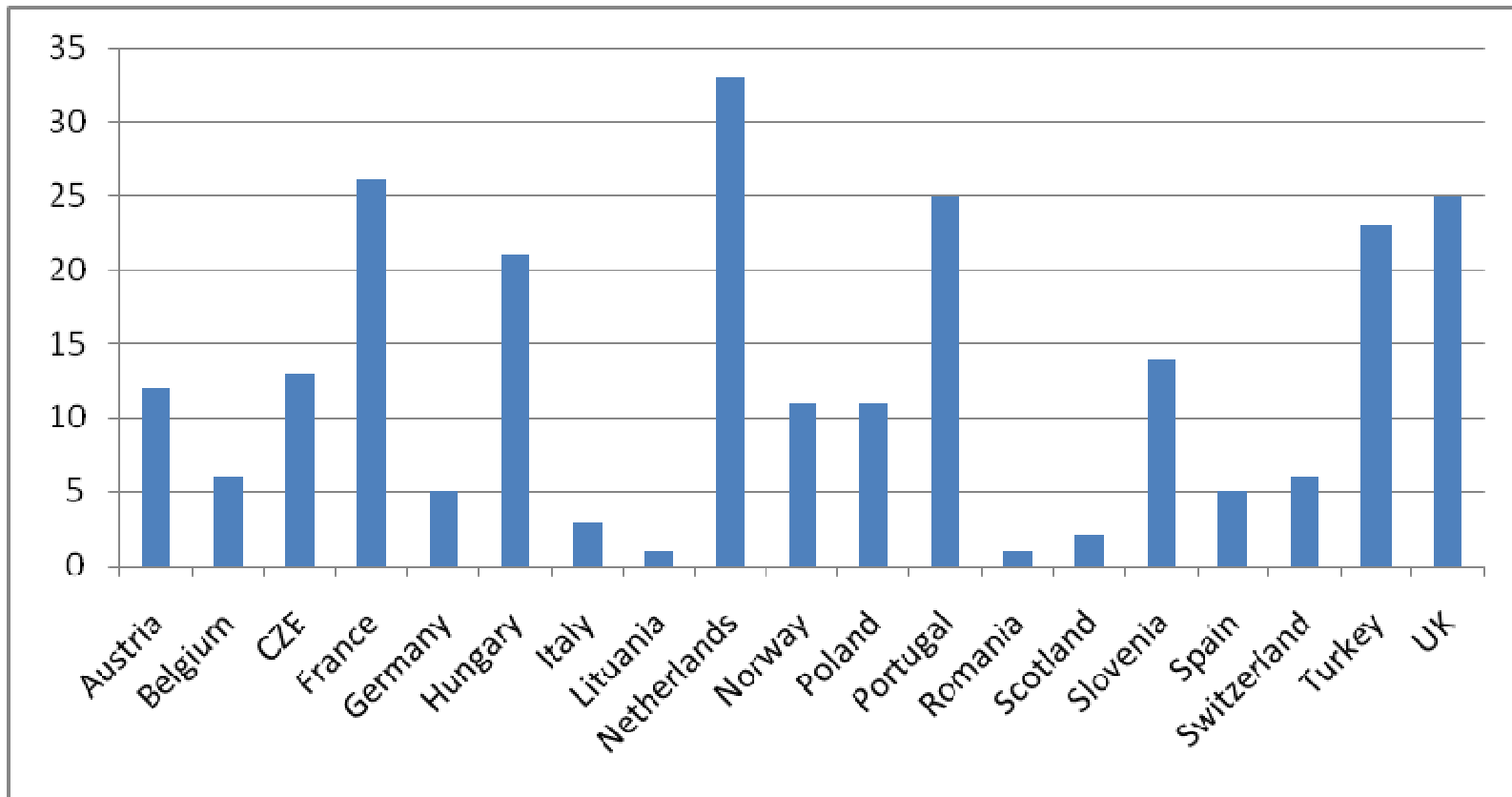
- A questionnaire was prepared by a group of 6 young rheumatologists from 5 countries
 - sent by mail to one EMEUNET member in each country
- to circulate the questionnaire to rheumatology trainees and young rheumatologists or scientists (25-35/40 year old) in 20 EULAR member countries
- The survey was analyzed anonymously



Results

Characteristics of the population

243 questionnaires have been collected from 19 countries

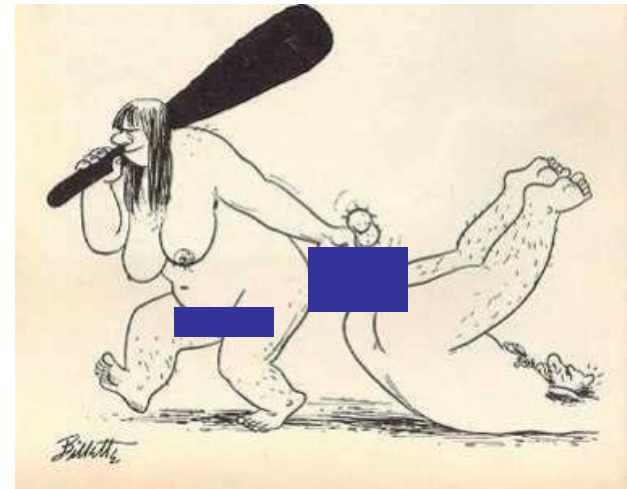




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Characteristics of the population

- The mean age of respondents was 32.0 ± 2.1 years
- 68% of which were women





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Formation and future occupation

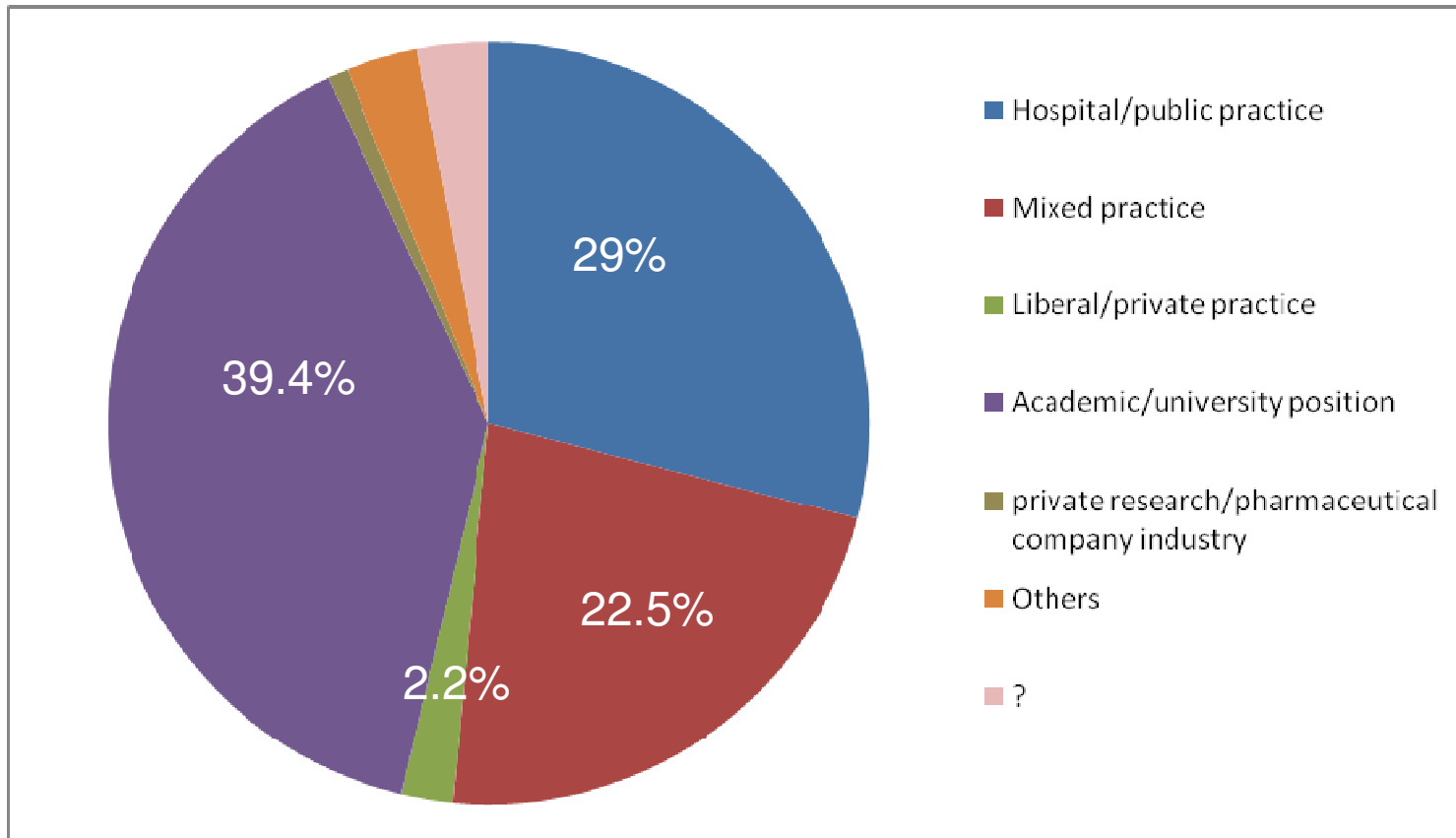
- 80.1% had a medical thesis/diploma
- 30.7% were specialized rheumatologists
- 20.8% possessed a master degree,
- 26.4% were PhD students and 12.6% PhD

- Almost half (42%) had international experience
- 81.4% planned to work in the country where they were trained
- 67.5% had published a scientific article
- Most were involved in their national organization (58.4%)



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Future occupation





Results

EULAR's perception

- 96% were familiar with EULAR
- mean global opinion about EULAR = 7.75 ± 1.27
- based mainly on the EULAR Congress and the EULAR website
- 50.6% had ever participated in the EULAR congress
- mean global opinion about EULAR congress was 7.70 ± 1.50
- 84% of responders were familiar with the EULAR website



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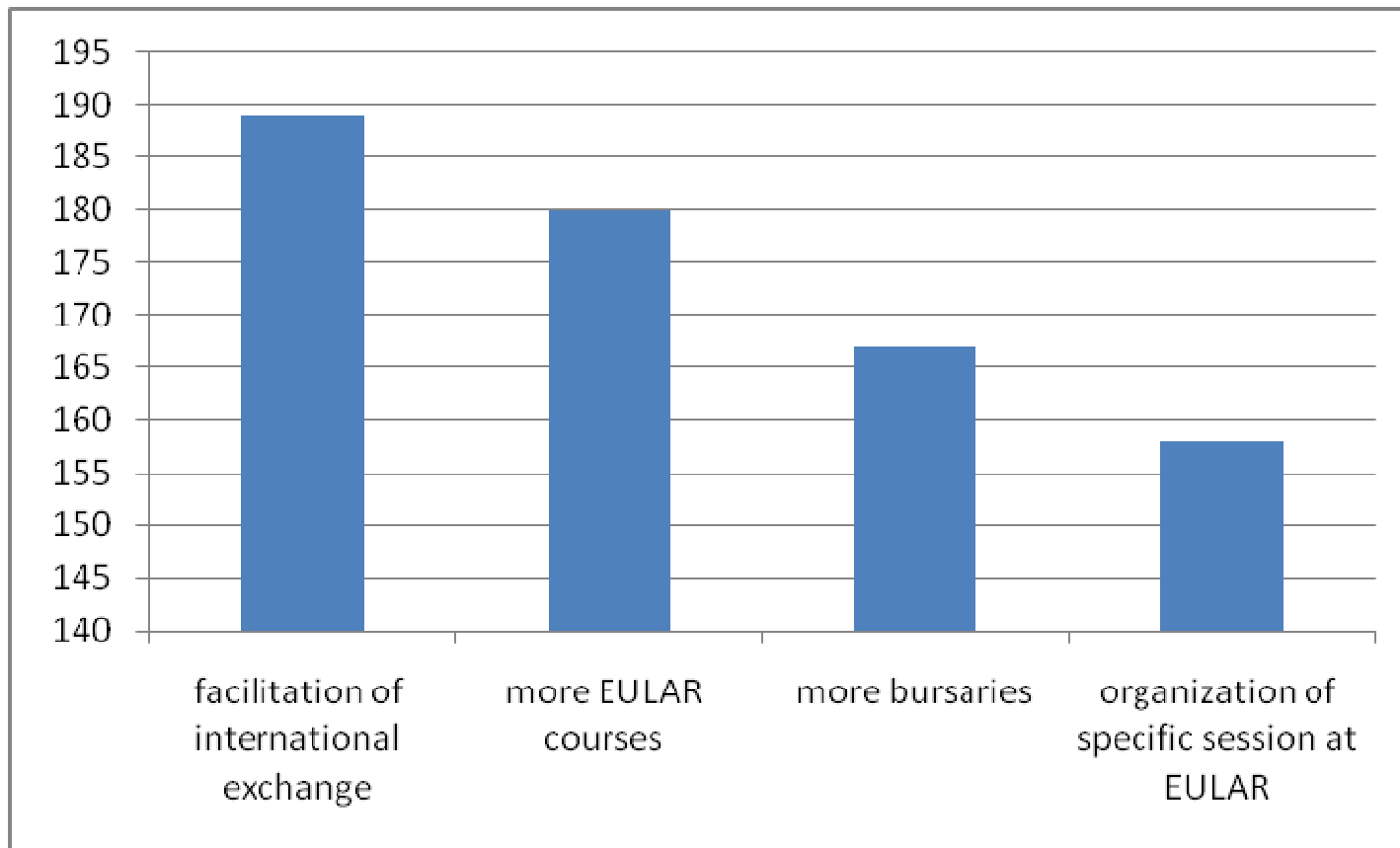
EULAR's perception

- Although 56.7% of participants were aware of the EULAR postgraduate course only 23.4% had ever participated
- Similarly, despite the fact that 55.8% were aware of EULAR Travel/Training Bursaries only 22.9% had ever applied for it



Results

Initiatives that could be organized by EULAR to help young professionals





Conclusion:

- **Clear predominance of women**
- **Majority planned to work in a hospital setting**
- **Familiar with EULAR and have a good opinion especially regarding the EULAR congress and website.**
- **They have specific and partly unmet needs including**
 - **International exchange**
 - **More EULAR courses,**
 - **EULAR specific session,**
 - **More bursaries**

EMEUNET could play a role in helping EULAR attain these objectives