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The EULAR Standing Committee of Health Professionals in Rheumatology had a very productive meeting in ROME.

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EULAR seeks more national health professionals (HP) organisations to become member of EULAR and participate in the work of the EULAR Standing Committee of Health Professionals in Rheumatology.

All interdisciplinary health professional organisations specialised in the care and treatment of rheumatic and musculoskeletal diseases in European countries are welcome to join in.

In 2011, EULAR had ten health professionals associations as members:

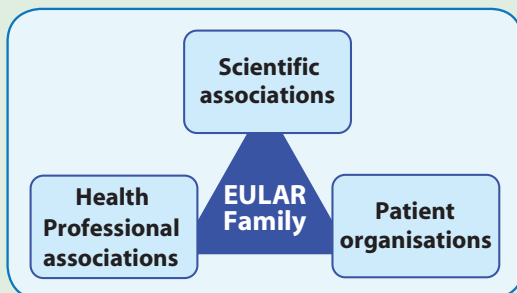
- Associazione Italiana Operatori Reumatologici Professionali - AIORP
- British Health Professionals in Rheumatology (BHPR)
- Bulgarian Association of Health Professionals in Rheumatology
- Czech Association of Health Professionals in Rheumatology
- Danish Interdisciplinary Forum (DIRF)
- health professionals in rheumatology Switzerland (hpr)
- Netherlands Health Professionals in Rheumatology (NHPR)
- Norwegian Interdisciplinary Organisation in Rheumatology (NIOR)
- Serbian Association of Health Professionals in Rheumatology (SAHPR)
- Swedish Rheumatology Forum (SveReFo)

Each member organisation can delegate a representative to work on the EULAR Standing Committee of Health Professionals in Rheumatology. In addition, the committee also includes interested professionals from other European countries who are planning to establish a national HP organisation that could subsequently apply for EULAR membership. Do not hesitate to ask for further information on this process.

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Delegates from EULAR member organisations in the Committee of HPs in Rheumatology

EULAR Standing Committee of Health Professionals in Rheumatology endorses multidisciplinary collaboration in the treatment of rheumatic and musculoskeletal diseases in Europe. The Committee was established in 1989 as a European platform for cooperation and shared information among the different health professionals working with rheumatology. The Committee encourages health professional research in rheumatic and musculoskeletal diseases and works also to improve the patient's role as the key expert of his/her own treatment.



Co-opted individuals from these countries:

Austria, Belgium, Cyprus, Estonia, Finland, Germany, Lithuania, Poland, Slovakia, Slovenia and Spain.

As a EULAR member organisation you can:

- interact with colleagues on European and international levels
- retrieve first-hand information on the latest recommendations in the state-of-the-art care and treatment of rheumatic and musculoskeletal diseases
- contribute and participate in the development of health professional research
- organise and participate in health professional educational courses
- promote your national HP association's work at the yearly EULAR congresses (networking meetings, HP booth etc.)
- have an easy-access to the information on EULAR's facilities for health professionals such as educational visit grants and research grants
- and most of all: be part of a European health professional network with direct connections to other national HP organisations'

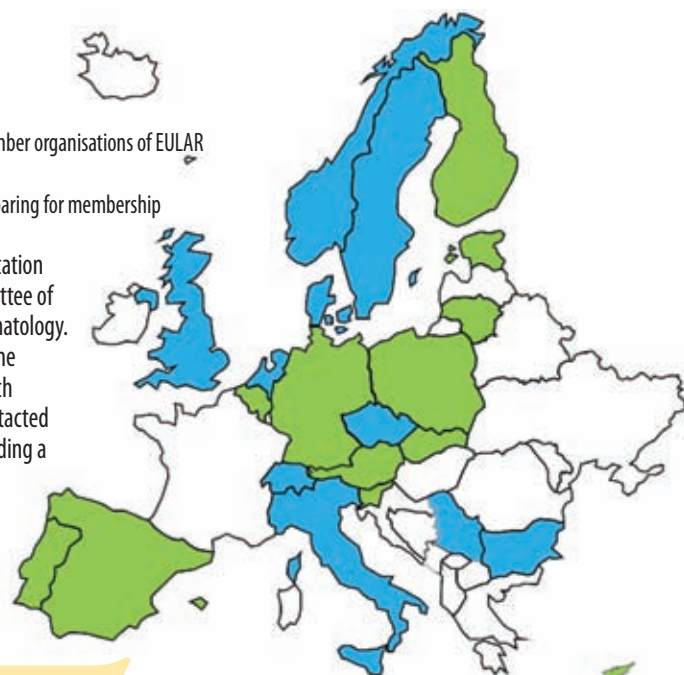
WELCOME!



Vice-President Kåre Birger Hagen continues to advocate the health professional work with the support of the HP Committee and the EULAR family.



Dr. Thea P. M. Vliet Vlieland is the Chairperson of the HP Committee.



- Health Professional member organisations of EULAR
- Co-opted members preparing for membership

The current national representation in the EULAR Standing Committee of Health Professionals in Rheumatology. The guest representatives of the various countries (marked with green on the map) can be contacted for further discussions on building a national organisation.

Five steps to get involved for a national HP activist:

1. If a national interdisciplinary health professional organisation already exists in your country, please find out first whether this organisation has a guest representative in the Standing Committee of HPs. If so, please contact this person regarding your involvement in EULAR.

2. In case there is no organisation representing health professionals in your country, you can establish a national organisation first. Bear in mind that this organisation's bylaws should be in accordance with the EULAR bylaws. You can obtain the bylaws from the **EULAR Executive Secretariat**, contact: eular@eular.org.

Importantly, this national organisation should represent different health professional groups (such as nurses, occupational therapists, physiotherapists, podiatrists, nutritionists, social workers, psychologists, and others) and should have a clear multi-/interdisciplinary perspective. All the professional groups mentioned above do not have to be represented in the organisation, but an open attitude towards all health professionals in the organisation is required.

3. Fill in the application form which you can also obtain from the Secretariat together with a letter stating that your organisation wants to join EULAR as a health professional organisation representing your country. Submit this application form to the EULAR Secretariat. The General Assembly meeting, held once a year before the annual EULAR Congress, will put your application and acceptance within EULAR to the vote.

4. When your organisation is a formal member, the person representing this organisation will also have a right to vote in the General Assembly.

5. The president of the national organisation will usually represent the organisation as **delegate** in the EULAR Standing Committee of HPs.

In the process of establishing a national organisation and even before this, the Committee welcomes any health professionals interested in founding a national organisation to become a **guest representative** in the EULAR Standing Committee of HPs. As a guest representative you are then welcome to participate in the meetings of the Committee and in other activities within EULAR. **In this case**, please contact the Chairperson of the Committee, Dr. Thea Vliet Vlieland, T.P.M.Vliet_Vlieland@lumc.nl.

More information available at: www.eular.org/st_com_health_professionals.cfm

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