

Biennial report

Study Groups

Title of the study group: Study Group on Osteoarthritis

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Summary of last year's activities

The effort of the EULAR Study Group on OA (SGOA) has been to encourage wider communication within the EULAR for scientists and clinicians with a specific interest in the etiopathogenesis of OA and to build an international network to facilitate collaboration and to exchange knowledge within Europe. The group aims to promote fundamental and translational research and to improve its visibility within the Rheumatology community in Europe. The last two years we have had a meeting of the OA study Group during The EWRR in Budapest and in York and the annual symposia of the EULAR. An important activity in the last two years has been the publication of an opinion paper on the how to translate clinical problems in OA in pathophysiological research questions. In this viewpoint paper, the study group discuss the possibility of translating the most important clinical problems into pathophysiological research goals to facilitate the translation from bench to bedside and vice versa. This viewpoint is the outcome of a dialogue within the EULAR study group on OA and People with Arthritis/Rheumatism across Europe (PARE) representatives.

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