European Musculoskeletal Health Days

Workshop
Tackling the burden of rheumatic and musculoskeletal diseases through research:
Towards a European roadmap for research and innovation in Musculoskeletal Health for the next decade

16 October 2012, 14:00 – 18:30

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Agenda

Chairs:  Prof. Maxime Dougados (EULAR President)
         Prof. Pierre Hoffmeyer (EFORT President)

14:00 – 14:20:  Introduction

- Welcome and introduction to the debate: “Research and Innovation in RMDs in Europe: current situation and challenges for the next decade”
  Prof. Maxime Dougados (EULAR President, Groupe Hospitalier Cochin, France)

- Research and innovation in orthopaedics
  Prof. Lars Lidgren (Lund University Hospital, Sweden)

14:20 – 15:00:  Issues and challenges in epidemiology, basic and translational research in rheumatic and musculoskeletal diseases.

- Topic: Basic research – Focus on OA
  Prof. Dick Heinegard (Lund University, Sweden)

- Topic: Translational research
  Prof. Gerd Rüdiger Burmester (Charité – University Medicine Berlin, Germany)
- **Topic:** Health Service Research  
  **Prof. Karsten Dreinhöfer** (Charité - University Medicine Berlin, Center for Musculoskeletal Surgery)

- Q&A

**15:00 – 15:30:** Issues and challenges in managing research and innovation in RMDs throughout the European Union: Integration/coordination/networks, infrastructure and funding

- **Topic:** Research in rheumatic diseases. A patient perspective  
  **Neil Betteridge** (EULAR Vice-President, representing PARE, People with Arthritis/Rheumatism in Europe)

- **Topic:** Infrastructure  
  **Prof. Tony Woolf** (Royal Cornwall Hospital, Bone & Joint Decade, EUMUSC.NET)

- Q&A

**15:30 – 16:00:** Doing research in RMDs under the 7th Research Framework Programme (FP7): experience from the ground

- **Case 1:**  
  **Prof. Georg Duda** (Charité - University Berlin, Germany)

- **Case 2:**  
  **Prof. Tom W. J. Huizinga** (Leiden University Medical Center, the Netherlands)

- Q&A

**16:00 – 16:15:** Coffee break
16:15 – 17:35: Breakout sessions. Discussion on key issues for the development of the roadmap

**Moderators:** Dr. Gyula Poor (Semmelweis University, Hungary), Prof. Lars Lidgren (Lund University Hospital, Sweden), Prof. Pierre Hoffmeyer (EFORT President), Maarten de Wit (Stichting Reumaperspectief)

- Priorities for the next 10 years of research and innovation in RMDs
- Cooperation between research and innovation and between science, industry and public health
- The role of Member States, the EU and private institutions in funding research and innovation in RMDs
- The role of patients in research and innovation in RMDs

17:35 – 17:45: Presentations of breakout sessions’ results. Conclusions and recommendations

17:45 – 18:05: Towards the development of a roadmap for research and innovation in RMDs. Presentation and discussion with participants

- **Action Plan for the development of a roadmap for research and innovation in RMDs**
  - **Prof. Josef Smolen** (EULAR, Medical University of Vienna, Austria)
  - **Prof. Wolfhart Puhl** (EFORT, Past President EFORT, Chairman External Affairs Europe)

18:05 – 18:30: Closing session

- **Karim Berkouk** (Deputy Head of Unit for Medical Research, DG Research and Innovation, European Commission)
- **Prof. Wolfhart Puhl** (EFORT, Past President EFORT, Chairman External Affairs Europe)
- **Prof. Maxime Dougados** (EULAR President)
- **Ivailo Kalfin** (Member of the European Parliament)