Directory of Health Professional Member Organisations
2016-2017
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Introduction

Becoming part of the Health Professional network of the European League Against Rheumatism (EULAR) offers a wealth of opportunities to national health professional associations and their members.

EULAR represents the patient, health professional and scientific rheumatology societies of all the European nations. It endeavours to stimulate, promote and support high quality evidence-based research, as well as aid the prevention, treatment and rehabilitation of rheumatic and musculoskeletal diseases (RMDs). Within EULAR, national health professional associations work together to develop a range of activities through the Standing Committee of Health Professionals (HPs).

One of the priorities of EULAR is to strengthen this network. This directory is a tool to increase the level of knowledge about each other. It aims to help you interact more easily with member colleagues across the EULAR health professional family.

It tells you which people are in key positions and lists their contact details.

It provides a breakdown of organisational member specialties and lists their main activities.

This directory is here to help make connections easier!

As members, we offer you the opportunity to work alongside the EULAR Standing Committee of HPs, sharing expertise and helping to shape important topics relevant to the high quality care delivered by health professionals.

We aim to learn from each other and support countries within Europe to develop their health professional programmes of training, education and research – with the ultimate goal of providing optimal patient care.

EULAR makes a range of awards and bursaries available to European health professionals. Visit www.eular.org for information.

Each European country is represented by one inter-disciplinary HP organisational member, specialising in the care and treatment of people with RMDs.

We want to grow our membership and welcome applications from countries not yet included. We are here to support you through the application process. Will your national association be next?

If your country has no health professional association, you may wish to consider developing one. We offer guidance so that, in the future, you might be able to apply for EULAR health professional country membership.

For more information about becoming a member, contact Prof. Anthony Redmond, Chair of the HP Standing Committee, at a.redmond@leeds.ac.uk

This directory is available on the EULAR website. Visit www.eular.org
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HP member structure
Number of members: 100

Health professional disciplines presented
- Nurses 68 %
- Occupational therapists 16 %
- Physiotherapists 6 %
- Psychologists 0 %
- Social workers 0 %
- Podiatrists 0 %
- Nutritionists 6 %
- Rheumatologist representatives 0 %
- Patient representatives 0 %

Other professionals/representatives
- Medical technical assistants 3 %
- Others 1 %

About the organisation
The association was founded in 2012 and became a member of EULAR in 2013.

Website
Under construction.

Aims of the organisation
The association aims to empower health professionals specialised in rheumatic and musculoskeletal diseases to co-operate, benefit from inter-disciplinary know-how and make use of the latest European recommendations for good care.

Main activities
The association has annual assembly meetings, attends EULAR congresses and is organising a specialisation course for health professionals in rheumatology.

The EULAR HP member directory
Belgian Health Professionals in Rheumatology vzw/asbl

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About the organisation
The association was founded in 2013 and became a member of EULAR in 2013. The board has a balance of Dutch and French speakers.

Website
www.behpr.be

Main activities
The association attends EULAR congresses and takes part in the celebration of World Arthritis Day along with the local patient organisation. The association organises the annual congress for health professionals in rheumatology at the Belgian Congress of Rheumatology and is involved in national educational projects. As a co-opted member, the association takes part in the meetings of KVBR-SRBR, the national association for rheumatologists.

HP member structure
Number of members: 60
(currently recruiting members)

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Aims of the organisation
To collaborate with:
• providers of non-medical rheumatological care – specifically with organisations which offer specialised and post-graduate training in rheumatology and multi-disciplinary co-operation in rheumatology with a view to the optimisation of the care of people with rheumatic and musculoskeletal disorders
• KBVR-SRBR (Belgian rheumatologists’ association), in particular with respect to training, post-graduate training, conventions and significant initiatives
• representative patient organisations found within rheumatology (eg. to develop patient empowerment programmes)
• EULAR Health Professionals (eg. to implement EULAR guidelines).

The president of the association
Thijs Swinnen is a physiotherapist by profession
Bulgarian Association of Health Professionals in Rheumatology

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HP member structure

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About the organisation

The association was founded in 2010 and became a member of EULAR in 2010.

Website
Not available.

Aims of the organisation

The association aims to empower health professionals specialised in rheumatic diseases to cooperate, to benefit from inter-disciplinary know-how and to make use of the latest European recommendations for good care.

Main activities

The association has its annual assembly meetings, attends EULAR congresses and takes part in the celebration of World Arthritis Day with the local patient organisation.

The president of the association Rumen Stoilov is a rheumatologist by profession.
Health professionals in Cyprus

Cosmosrheuma+

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The president of the association Costas Ioulianos is a physiotherapist by profession

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About the organisation
The association was founded in 2012 and became a member of EULAR in 2013.

Website:
Not available.

Aims of the organisation
cosmosrheuma+ aims to empower health professionals specialised in rheumatic diseases to co-operate, benefit from inter-disciplinary know-how and make use of the latest European recommendations for good care.

Main activities
The association has annual assembly meetings, attends EULAR congresses and takes part in the celebration of World Arthritis Day with the local patient organisation. The main achievement has been the formation of an interdisciplinary team which travels around Cyprus, visiting difficult-to-access locations to screen, test and educate people about rheumatic and musculoskeletal diseases. Additionally, a recent high point was a one day conference organised by the association which hosted speakers from the whole spectrum of the multidisciplinary team interested in knee osteoarthritis. The inspiration came from the EULAR paper on the subject, which was handed out to all participants.
Health professionals in Czech Republic

Czech Association of Health Professionals in Rheumatology

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About the organisation
The association was founded in 2010 and became a member of EULAR in May 2011.

Website
Not available.

Aims of the organisation
The association aims to empower health professionals specialised in rheumatic and musculoskeletal diseases to co-operate, benefit from inter-disciplinary know-how and make use of the latest European recommendations for good care.

HP member structure
Number of members: 45

Health professional disciplines presented
- Nurses: 60 %
- Occupational therapists: 2 %
- Physiotherapists: 10 %
- Psychologists: 0 %
- Social workers: 0 %
- Podiatrists: 0 %
- Nutritionists: 0 %
- Rheumatologist representatives: 0 %
- Patient representatives: 0 %

Other professionals/representatives
- Laboratory: 18 %
- Hygienists: 2 %
- Teaching staff: 6 %
- Clinical trials assistants: 2 %

Main activities
The association:
- has annual assembly meetings
- participates in education and training paramedical health professionals in rheumatology
- attends national and international congresses (EULAR congress)
- co-operates with the local patient organisation and takes part in the celebration of World Arthritis Day.
Health professionals in Denmark

Danish Interdisciplinary Forum (DIRF)

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HP member structure

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Members represent managers, researchers, the Danish rheumatism organisation and clinicians from primary and secondary health care.

About the organisation
The association was founded in 2009 and became a member of EULAR in 2010.

Website
www.dirf.net

Aims of the organisation
To form an interdisciplinary network and create a platform for exchanging information, knowledge and inspiration to:
• contribute to professional collaboration nationally and internationally
• promote research and dissemination of results across professional boundaries
• increase interdisciplinary influence in EULAR.

Main activities
An annual seminar with current topics in the field of rheumatology, a general assembly every two years, frequent newsletters to the members with information about EULAR and upcoming seminars, and representation at EULAR each year.
The MSD-professionals of Finland, SUOMEN TULESAMMATTILAISET R.Y.

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HP member structure
Number of members: 40

Health professional disciplines presented
Nurses 74 %
Occupational therapists 5 %
Physiotherapists 21 %
Psychologists 0 %
Social workers 0 %
Podiatrists 0 %
Nutritionists 0 %
Rheumatologist representatives 0 %
Patient representatives 0 %

About the organisation
The association was founded in 2013 and became a member of EULAR in 2013.

Website
Facebook: Suomen Tules-ammattilaiset

Aims of the organisation
The association aims to empower health professionals specialised in rheumatic diseases to co-operate, benefit from inter-disciplinary know-how and make use of the latest European recommendations for good care.

Main activities
The association has annual assembly meetings and takes part in the celebration of World Arthritis Day with the Finnish Rheumatism Association. Hopes to attend EULAR Congresses in the future.
Pro Rhumato

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About the organisation
The association was founded in 2015 and became a member of EULAR in 2015.

Website
www.prorhumato.org

Aims of the organisation
Pro Rhumato aims to empower health professionals specialised in rheumatic diseases to co-operate, benefit from inter-disciplinary know-how and make use of the latest European recommendations for good care.

HP member structure
Number of members: 24

Health professional disciplines presented
- Nurses: 8
- Occupational therapists: 2
- Physiotherapists: 2
- Psychologists: 1
- Social workers: 0
- Podiatrists: 0
- Nutritionists: 0
- Rheumatologist representatives: 1
- Patient representatives: 4

Other professionals/representatives
- Pharmacist: 1
- Architect: 1
- Caregiver: 1
- Other: 3

Main activities
The association has annual assembly meetings, attends EULAR congresses and takes part in the celebration of World Arthritis Day with the local patient organisation.

Our future challenges are to recruit new members, develop our website and marketing support, and disseminate teaching and information from Pro Rhumato to our members. In 2016 Pro Rhumato will collaborate to organise the next National Meeting on Rheumatism dedicated to patients and health professionals.
Health professionals in Hungary

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HP member structure

| Number of members: | 222 |

Health professional disciplines presented

| Nurses | 58 % |
| Occupational therapists | 2 % |
| Physiotherapists | 32 % |
| Psychologists | 1 % |
| Social workers | 0 % |
| Podiatrists | 0 % |
| Nutritionists | 3 % |
| Rheumatologist representatives | 2 % |
| Patient representatives | 2 % |

About the organisation
The association was founded in 2013 and became a member of EULAR in 2015.

Website
www.mrsze.hu

Aims of the organisation
The association aims to empower health professionals specialised in rheumatic diseases to co-operate, benefit from inter-disciplinary know-how and make use of the latest European recommendations for good care.

Main activities
The association has annual assembly meetings, attends EULAR congresses and takes part in the celebration of World Arthritis Day with the local patient organisation. In 2016 we will hold a postgraduate course for rheumatology health professionals focusing mainly on neurology, neuro-immunology, psychiatry and neurosurgery, host the Hungarian Association of Rheumatology Health Professionals’ Congress in September and publish a Handbook for Rheumatology Health Professionals in Hungary by the end of the year.

The president of the association Andrea Domján is a nurse, health manager by profession.
Irish Rheumatology Health Professionals Society

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About the organisation
The association was founded in 1996 and became a member of EULAR in 2013.

Website
www.irhps.ie/

Aims of the organisation
To promote the optimal care of patients with rheumatic and musculoskeletal diseases throughout Ireland (both North and South) through multi-disciplinary and multi-centre representation, and to enhance the study of diseases which can compromise musculoskeletal function.

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Other professionals/representatives

| University lecturers | 4.5 % |
| Research nurses | 2.9 % |
| Post Grad. students | 1.5 % |
| Pharmacists | 1.5 % |

Main activities
The association has annual assembly meetings, scientific meetings and attends EULAR congresses, and it takes part in the celebration of World Arthritis Day with the local patient organisation.
The Israeli Rheumatology Multi-Disciplinary Forum

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**About the organisation**
The organisation was founded in 2013 and became a member of EULAR in 2014.

**Website**
Under construction.

**Aims of the organisation**
The organisation aims to empower health professionals specialised in rheumatic diseases to co-operate, benefit from inter-disciplinary know-how and make use of the latest recommendations for standards of care.

**Main activities**
The organisation has annual assembly meetings, attends EULAR congresses and takes part in the celebration of World Arthritis Day with the local patient organisation.
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HP member structure

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About the organisation
The association was founded in 2005 and subsequently became a member of EULAR.

Website
www.nhpr.nl/

Aims of the organisation
• Provision of the highest quality, evidence based care by health professionals.
• Contributing to physical, mental and social functioning, and quality of life for patients with rheumatic and musculoskeletal diseases.

Main activities
Providing education in rheumatology for professionals to secure expertise; developing a scientific programme at the annual national rheumatology congress; providing a platform for national and international collaboration (EULAR).
The president of the association Rikke Helene Moe is a physiotherapist by profession

Norwegian Interdisciplinary Organisation in Rheumatology (NIOR)

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HP member structure
Number of members: 240

Health professional disciplines presented
Nurses 108
Occupational therapists 33
Physiotherapists 51
Psychologists 3
Social workers 9
Rheumatologist representatives 9
Patient representatives 1

Other professionals/representatives
Pharmacists 3
Health secretaries 10
Others 22

About the organisation
NIOR was established in 2008, and admitted as an official member of EULAR in 2009.

Website
https://sites.google.com/site/revmanettverk/home

Main activities
The association has regular assembly meetings, attends EULAR congresses and takes part in the celebration of World Arthritis Day with the local patient organisation.

Aims of the organisation
NIOR’s main goals are to:
• be a multidisciplinary information network
• establish contact and contribute to collaboration between health professionals
• encourage professional development within the field of rheumatology in Norway
• increase health professionals influence in EULAR
• encourage international collaboration.
HP member structure

| Number of members: | 26 |

Health professional disciplines presented

- Nurses 11 %
- Occupational therapists 0 %
- Physiotherapists 38 %
- Psychologists 0 %
- Social workers 0 %
- Podiatrists 0 %
- Nutritionists 0 %
- Rheumatologist representatives 30 %
- Patient representatives 0 %

Other professionals/representatives

- Speech therapists 3 %
- Phoniatrists 3 %
- Physical medicine & rehabilitation specialists 15 %

About the organisation
The association was founded in 2013 and became a member of EULAR in 2014.

Website
Not available.

Aims of the organisation
The society promotes the development of patient care, knowledge and research development in the field of rehabilitation in rheumatic and musculoskeletal diseases.

The president of the association Prof. Anna Kuryliszyn-Moskal is a rheumatologist and physical medicine & rehabilitation specialist by profession.
Health professionals in Portugal

Asociação Portuguesa dos Profissionais de Saúde em Reumatologia (APPSReuma)

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HP member structure

| Number of members: 26 |

Health professional disciplines presented

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About the organisation
The association was founded in September 2014 and became a formal member of EULAR in June 2015.

Website

Aims of the organisation
The organisation aims to empower health professionals specialising in RMDs; promote co-operation among health professionals working in the area of rheumatology; update health professionals on recommendations for the treatment of people with RMDs; improve the research in the area of rheumatology held by health professionals.

Main activities
The association will have annual assembly meetings. At least one representative of the Association will attend the EULAR Congress and will take part in the annual assembly. The association will be present at the celebration of World Arthritis Day organised by the local patient organisation and, in future, will organise and promote new events.
*Romanian Association of Medical Partners for Rheumatology (RAMPR)*

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**HP member structure**

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**About the organisation**
The association was founded in 2010 and became a member of EULAR in 2010.

**Website**
www.srreumatologie.ro/asistenti

**Aims of the organisation**
The organisation promotes the personal development and customised education of professional partners in rheumatology; targets the excellence in the care of patients with rheumatic and musculoskeletal diseases; increases the societal recognition of all the partners involved in complex management of patients with RMDs.

**Main activities**
Annual assembly meetings, specific activities in co-operation with patient organisations, research symposiums and education seminars.
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HP member structure
Number of members: 138

Health professional disciplines presented
Nurses 57 %
Occupational therapists 1.5 %
Physiotherapists 22 %
Psychologists 0 %
Social workers 0 %
Podiatrists 0 %
Nutritionists 0 %
Rheumatologist representatives 0 %
Patient representatives 0 %

Other professionals/representatives
Laboratory technicians 16 %
X Ray technicians 4 %

About the organisation
The association was founded in 2009 and became a member of EULAR in 2010.

Website
Under construction.

Aims of the organisation
SAHPR aims to empower health professionals specialising in rheumatic and musculoskeletal diseases to co-operate, benefit from inter-disciplinary know-how and make use of the latest European recommendations for good care.

Main activities
SAHPR organises its annual assembly meetings. It is represented in EULAR congresses and takes part in the celebration of World Arthritis Day with the local patient organisation. The main achievement is the formation of an inter-disciplinary team for educating, screening and treating people about rheumatic and musculoskeletal diseases. SAHPR organises seminars for patients and medical staff which contribute to the better understanding of the course of diseases and the way we manage them.
Health professionals in Spain

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HP member structure

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About the organisation
The association was founded in 2012 and became a member of EULAR in 2013.

Website
www.openreuma.es

Aims of the organisation
The association aims to empower health professionals specialising in rheumatic and musculoskeletal diseases to co-operate, benefit from inter-disciplinary know-how and make use of the latest European recommendations for good care.

Main activities
The association has its annual assembly meetings, attends EULAR congresses and takes part in the celebration of World Arthritis Day with the local patient organisation.

The president of the association Jenny de la Torre-Aboki is a nurse by profession.
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HP member structure

| Number of members: | 900 |

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About the organisation
The association was founded in 1989 and became a member of EULAR in 2007.

Website
www.sverefo.nu/

Aims of the organisation
• SveReFo aims to:
• promote the informal exchange of knowledge between professionals
• facilitate collaboration between groups who are interested in similar projects
• promote multi-disciplinary research and development activities
• give financial support for multi-disciplinary projects
• promote international collaboration.

Main activities
National educational meetings are arranged every year. General assembly meetings are held once every two years. Scholarships are distributed every year both to support professional progress in rheumatology, and to promote inter-professional collaboration.
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HP member structure

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About the organisation

The association was founded in 2006 and became a member of EULAR in 2006.

Website  
www.hpr-switzerland.ch

Aims of the organisation

The organisation aims to support health professionals working with rheumatic and musculoskeletal diseases, and to foster evidence-based practice and inter-disciplinary care in rheumatology.

Main activities

Organising education, and preparing relevant information and publications from the field (symposium, website); supporting networking among members, and with national and international organisations including EULAR.
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HP member structure
Number of members: 530

Health professional disciplines represented
- Nurses 42 %
- Occupational therapists 10 %
- Physiotherapists 20 %
- Psychologists 1 %
- Podiatrists 10 %
- Nutritionists 1 %
- Other professionals 16 %

Main activities
BHPR:
- develops and promotes standards of excellence through enabling clinical leadership, production of NICE accredited guidelines, and leading a national audit of care in early inflammatory arthritis
- improves awareness and understanding of RMDs through public awareness campaigns, promoting the role of the MDT, and influencing policy and national stakeholders through targeted engagement
- supports our members continuing professional development through an annual three-day conference, a range of online and physical courses, and provision of a leading international journal.

About the organisation
The association was founded in 1985 and became a founding member of EULAR’s Standing Committee for Health Professionals in 1989.

Website
www.rheumatology.org.uk/BHPR

Aims of the organisation
BHPR aims to promote excellence in the treatment of people with arthritis and musculoskeletal conditions and to support those delivering it.