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Health Professionals in EULAR
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What is a Health Professional (HP) in EULAR terms?

For the purposes of involvement with EULAR activities a “Health Professional” will meet the following criteria:

- Is a professional involved in the care of people with musculoskeletal and related conditions
- Is not a registered medical practitioner
- Is eligible to be a member of the organization through which a country has become a EULAR HP member



The origins

1987	Unofficial Standing Committee of Allied Health Professionals established
1989	Standing Committee of HP officially ratified by General Assembly
1995	Scientific Subcommittee, first Annual Research Grant, first Course Organising Grant, first Educational Visit Bursaries
1997	First EULAR Vice President of HP
2000	HP meetings incorporated in Annual European Congress of Rheumatology
2006	First membership of national HP organisations: Switzerland and UK
2013	First Strategic HP Winter Meeting
2014	HP Educational Subcommittee 2016
2016	School of Rheumatology, HP classroom

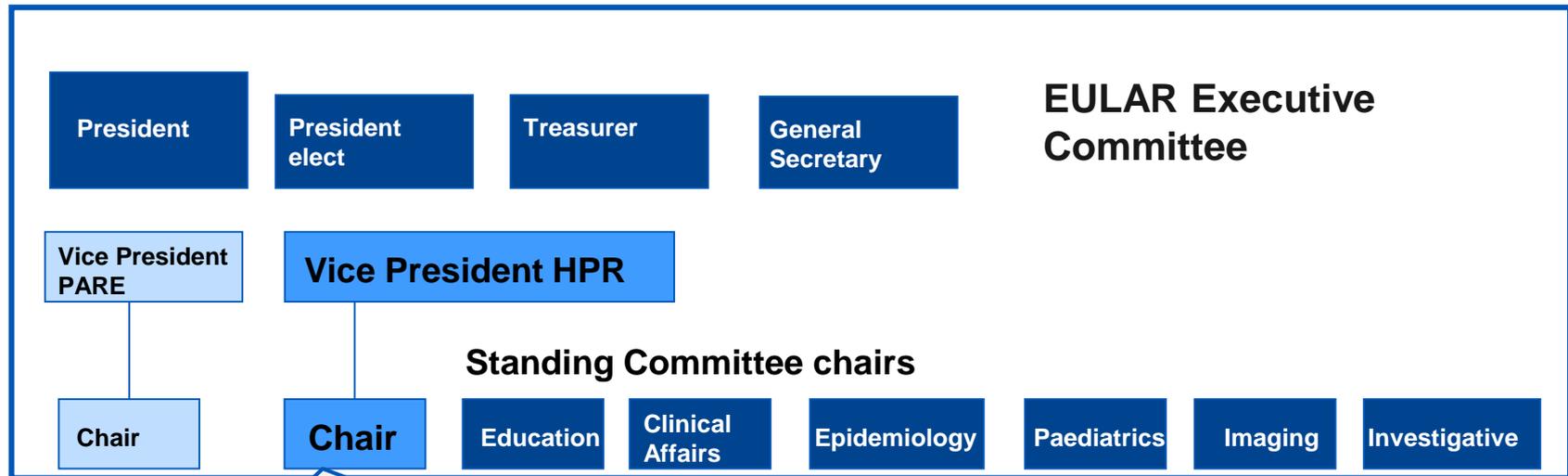


EULAR – Three Pillars





Structure of HP within EULAR



EULAR Standing Committee of the Health Professionals

- 23 delegates from national member associations
- Educational Subcommittee
- Scientific Subcommittee
- Communications



EULAR HP today

Leadership

- Vice President: Prof. Christina Opava, Sweden
- Vice President Elect: Prof. Tanja Stamm, Austria
- Chair of Standing Committee: Dr. Annette de Thurah, Denmark
- Past chair of Standing Committee: Prof. Anthony Redmond, UK



Membership 2016: associations from 23 countries



Austria



Belgium



Bulgaria



Cyprus



Czech Republic



Denmark



Finland



France



Hungary



Ireland



Israel



Italy



Malta



Netherlands



Norway



Poland



Portugal



Romania



Serbia



Spain



Sweden



Switzerland



United Kingdom



The HP Membership Directory





HP are part of the EULAR strategic plan 2017

Objective 1 – Research

Objective 2 – Education

Objective 3 – Congress

Objective 4 – Advocacy

Objective 5 – Standards of care

Objective 6 – Profile

Objective 7 – National relations



HP strategic objectives for 2017

Strategic objective 1

By 2017, EULAR will have increased the quantity and quality of HP-led research projects and strengthened patient participation.

Strategic objective 2

By 2017, EULAR will have strengthened education for patients and health professionals by developing tailored materials and improving access.

Strategic objective 6

By 2017, EULAR will have developed and implemented a communication and PR strategy to address the individual needs of patients, physicians/researchers, health professionals, and corporate members.



Specific HP strategic objectives for 2017

- ✓ Compile an online course for education of HP with a focus on nurses, physical and occupational therapists.
- Funding a minimum of 2 research projects aimed at the improvement of the quality/effectiveness of non-pharmacological care in RMDs
- ✓ Encourage local initiatives for establishing the foundation of 10 new national HP organizations in rheumatology and thus enabling them to become official members of EULAR
- ✓ Establish at least 2 sets of evidence-based recommendations for the non-pharmacological management of common rheumatologic conditions
- Strengthen the communication with HPs in rheumatology in all European member states, including reaching out to non-English speaking HPs



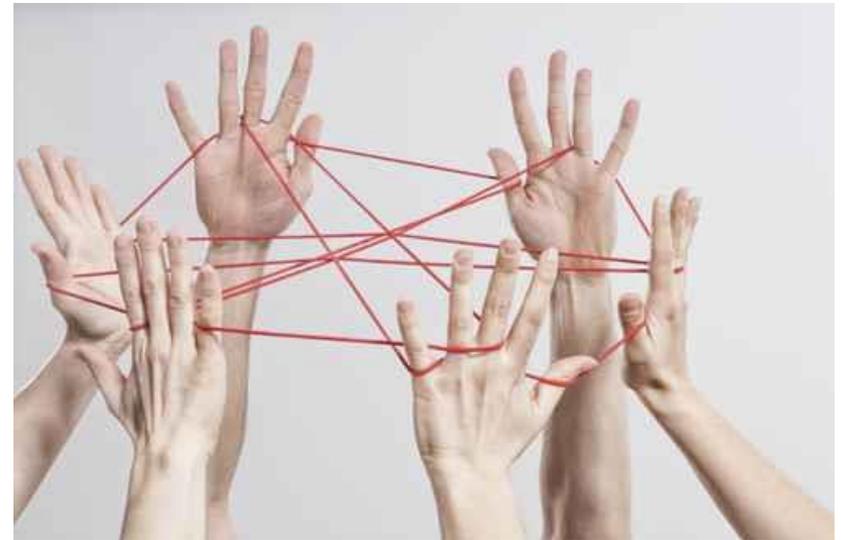
Annual HP Strategic Winter Meeting

- Joint annual meeting of the Educational and Scientific Subcommittees
- Held in December in a European city
- Discussion of strategic matters for HP research, education and communication
- Development of action plan for the next twelve months
- Participants:
 - HP leadership
 - Members of the two subcommittees
 - Selected Presidents of national member associations



HP Scientific Subcommittee

- Works towards EULAR goals
- Strategic work related to
 - Research grant
 - EULAR projects
 - Congress program
 - HP programs (e.g. mentorship)





Annual EULAR HP Research Grant

- EULAR funding up to a maximum of EUR 30,000

Recent grant topics:

- 2014: *Psychometric testing of the valued life activities scale and measure of activity performance in the hand in people with rheumatoid arthritis*
- 2015: *Physical activity and aerobic capacity assessment - a survey among patients and health professionals in Sweden, Ireland, Denmark and Belgium*
- 2016: *Toward standardized reporting of most commonly used patient-reported outcome measures (PROMs) in rheumatoid arthritis (RA) to enhance comparability*



Our currently on-going projects

- Development of core educational curriculum for HPs in rheumatology: the first steps
led by Professor Thea Vliet Vlieland, NL
- The HPRs' approach to pain management in inflammatory arthritis and osteoarthritis
led by Professor Rinie Geenen, NL - in liaison with ARHP
- Development of recommendations/points to consider for physical activity in people with inflammatory arthritis and osteoarthritis led by
led by Professor Karin Niedermann, CH



Annual European Congress of Rheumatology

- Scientific and practical sessions
 - Specific HP sessions
 - Joint sessions with patients (PARE)
 - Joint sessions with rheumatologists/researchers
- Standing Committee meeting for member delegates
- Sub Committee meeting
- Study Group meetings
- Meeting with American ARHP leadership
- Networking with HPs, patients, researchers from around the world





EULAR Awards for HP

EULAR Abstract Award

- Three Abstract Awards to the first authors of HP abstracts submitted to the EULAR Annual European Congress
- Winners selected by HPs of EULAR Scientific Committee based on quality

EULAR Meritorious Service Award

- Award for outstanding lifetime achievements in rheumatology
- Originally for rheumatologists and researchers only
- Since 2016 also for HP



HP Educational Subcommittee

The subcommittee currently focuses on five areas:

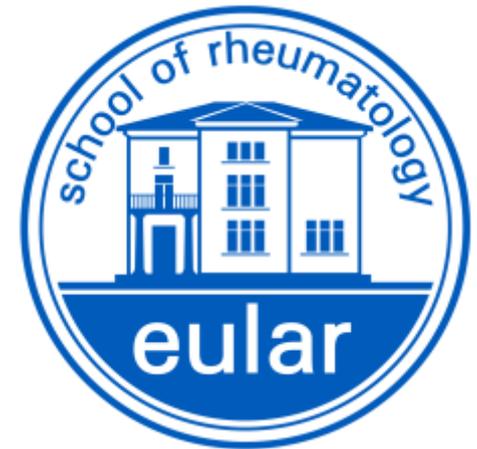
- Identification of Health Professionals' (HP) educational needs.
- Development of a comprehensive and evidence-based curriculum addressing the varying needs of HPs in EULAR.
- Development of a tiered competency framework that allows assessment and certification against agreed standards.
- Development of an implementation plan to maximize access to and uptake of educational resources provided by EULAR such as materials and activities included in the strategy.
- Evaluation of the uptake and impact of the strategy.



HP in the EULAR School of Rheumatology

The pre-eminent provider and facilitator of high-quality education for physicians, health professionals in rheumatology, and people with rheumatic and musculoskeletal diseases

- EULAR Online Course for HP
- EULAR Teach the Teacher Course for HP
- (held 3 times)
- EULAR HP Recommendations for:
 - The role of the nurse in inflammatory arthritis
 - The core non-pharmacological management of hip and knee osteoarthritis
 - Patient education for patients with inflammatory arthritis
 - Points to consider for health professionals undertaking musculoskeletal ultrasound for RMDs





EULAR Online Course for the Health Professionals

- Aimed at nurses, physical therapists, occupational therapists, psychologists
- 8 modules:
 - 4 disease-specific: RA; OA; fibromyalgia; regional musculoskeletal pain syndromes
 - 4 generic: assessment and evaluation; interventions; psychosocial approaches; evidence-based practice
- Integration of multi-disciplinary perspective of the treatment of rheumatic diseases
- Course fee: EUR 100
- Course starts in September each year



HP Educational Visits Programme

- 10 bursaries per year for educational visits of HP working in rheumatology
- Objective
 - To improve the standard of research and care among HP in rheumatology
 - To foster collaboration across clinical institutions in Europe
- Amount of bursary varies between EUR 750 and 1,500
- Application deadlines are 31 March and 30 September each year



HP Study Groups (SG)

= groups of people committed to activities and scientific networking on a specific topic under EULAR endorsement

- Nurse Research and Strategy SG
- Clinical Nurse SG
- Physical Activity and Therapeutic Exercise Study Group
- Psychology SG
- Foot and Ankle SG
- SG on Patient Education



HP engagement in European public affairs

- Participation in EULAR Public Affairs Group defining and managing EULAR public affairs and lobbying activities on European level
- Participation in EULAR Annual Public Affairs Conference in Brussels dealing with a specific topic each year and attended by high-level EU politicians and leaders
 - 2014: Analysing how to reduce the Access Barriers to Health Care for People with Chronic Diseases in Europe. Challenges, good practices and policy options for people with rheumatic and musculoskeletal diseases
 - 2015: Towards more integrated health care in Europe. Strengthening patients` access to cross-border care and enhancing health professionals` mobility
 - 2016: Reducing the burden of chronic diseases in the workplace. New policies for better working conditions and the retention of ill people at work
- Participation in national public affairs events or activities organised by patient organisations in collaboration with EULAR PARE



World Arthritis Day, 12 October



- Global awareness raising and action day.
- EULAR takes a leading role in promoting international activities for and on that day.
- Each year WAD is intended to promote a different aspect of living with a rheumatic or musculoskeletal disease and encourage action.
- Topic 2016:

IT'S IN YOUR HANDS
TAKE ACTION





Our collaboration with the American ARHP

- Goal
 - Join efforts to improve the health of people with rheumatic and musculoskeletal diseases through high quality health care science and clinical practice
- Current activity
 - Joint congress sessions
 - Collaboration in developmental project
 - Participation of HP in the ACR/EULAR exchange program



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EULAR News

- EULAR Brussels Conference 2016**
Reducing the burden of chronic diseases in the workplace is the title of the next Brussels conference on 12 October. Follow live from Brussels on this website. #EULARBrussels2016
[Check all details](#)
- Apply now for a EULAR HP research grant**
Every year EULAR funds one health professional (HP) research project in the field of RMDs that is in line with the mission, objectives and goals of EULAR. Projects will be funded up to a maximum of EUR 30,000.
[Apply here](#)
- Get ready for EULAR Congress 2017**
Check out all information you need to attend our next congress 14-17 June in Madrid, Spain. #EULAR2017 registration and abstract submission start on 1 October.
[Check the congress website](#)
- WHO recognises the importance of promoting musculoskeletal health**
WHO Europe recognises the importance of promoting musculoskeletal health to prevent and treat the greatest cause of disability in Europe. Support the Call for Action and sign our e-petition.
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