

Biennial report

Study Groups

Title of the study group: EULAR study group on Public Health

Study Group Leader's name: Dr Suzan Verstappen. The study group was up until recently led by Professor Tony Woolf and leadership has changed in March 2018.

Date of annual report submission: 15-03-2018

Summary of last year's activities:

We are currently in the process of inviting new members to this study group and develop new initiatives for the couple of years. Recently the project "*EULAR Points to consider for lifestyle behaviour to prevent progression of Rheumatic and Musculoskeletal Diseases*" was approved by EULAR. This project aims to develop points to consider identifying key recommendations for healthy lifestyle strategies (i.e. diet, smoking, physical activity, weight, paid work) to prevent the progression of specific RMDs (i.e. osteoarthritis (OA) and the following chronic auto-immune diseases: rheumatoid arthritis (RA), ankylosing spondylitis (AS), psoriatic arthritis (PsA), systemic scleroderma (SSc) and systemic lupus erythamosus (SLE) and associated impact for the patient and society (e.g. disability, economic loss).

If people are interested in joining the study group, please contact Dr Suzan Verstappen (suzanne.verstappen@manchester.ac.uk).