

EULAR Edgar Stene Prize essay competition

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The annual EULAR Edgar Stene Prize essay competition, name expressly approved by the Norwegian patient organisation (Norsk Revmatiker Forbund), is organised with the aim to increase the awareness of rheumatic and musculoskeletal diseases, as well as the support and involvement of the community in the member organisation activities.

The prize is awarded every year to the best essay contribution submitted by a person with an RMD describing his or her individual experience of living with an RMD. Entries may cover such aspects as the patient's view of the way the disease is fought, social welfare, the influence of the disease on family life and work, etc. The present topic of the upcoming essay contest will be announced by EULAR on the EULAR website.

Submission guidelines:

1. Essays may be submitted by any person living with a rheumatic disease (minimum age of 18 years). Entries are to be submitted to the national EULAR member patient organisation ([see list](#)). Employees of the national patient organisations or scientific leagues/societies are excluded. Direct entries to EULAR will not be accepted.
2. Essays must be submitted in the respective national language and should not exceed 2 pages (typewritten, Arial 12-point, single line space, adequate frames). All entries must be submitted in MS Word (DOC/DOCX format). PDF files will not be accepted.
3. Essays must be:
 - original and unpublished. Plagiarised entries will be rejected.
 - written by one person. Co-authored essays are not accepted.
4. Copyright of the essays entered will be assigned to the organiser.

Submission deadline:

- **The deadline for the national competition will be set individually by each national organisation. Anyone who would like to submit an essay should get in touch with their respective national EULAR member organisation of PARE for further information.**
- The national EULAR member patient organisations shall submit the best entry in the respective national language by e-mail to the **EULAR Office by 20 January 2022** at the latest, file accompanied by the following information (**Please note if the information submitted to the EULAR Office is incomplete it will be rejected**):
 1. E-mail address / contact telephone number of the author, in case EULAR needs to get in touch
 2. E-mail address / contact telephone number of liaison person of national league submitting the entry to help facilitate contact with author
 3. Portrait picture of the author in high resolution
 4. 2-3 short paragraphs of information about the author including: age, profession, family, hometown, hobbies, how he or she learned about the Stene Prize and why he or she chose to participate in the essay contest. This information will be used to introduce the author in case the essay is chosen for publication
 5. Signed copy of EULARs official publication consent form.

Note: EULAR will take care that all submitted essays are translated into English by a professional agency.

Value and Awarding of the Prizes:

- 1st Prize: The competition has a first prize money of EUR 1,000, including a travel bursary (to attend the Opening Plenary session) and an invitation to the EULAR Congress dinner*.
- 2nd and 3rd Prizes: Second and third prizes are awarded with prize money of EUR 700 and EUR 300 respectively.

*Should the EULAR Congress 2022 be still impacted by the pandemic or be held as a virtual event for any other reason, all Congress destination related activities to come with the Stene Prize (travel to the EULAR Congress 2022, accommodation, participation in the on-site Congress and the Opening Plenary Session, EULAR Congress Networking Dinners) will be cancelled. There is no right to receive any of these related activities as monetary refund nor will they be moved to a later point in time. Please note: the Stene Prize money will still be awarded and not be impacted.

Composition of the Jury

The Jury shall comprise five voting members, of whom not more than two shall be doctors, appointed by the EULAR Standing Committee of PARE. The EULAR Vice-President representing national PARE organisations and the Chair of the Standing Committee of PARE shall be ex-officio members of the Jury. The ex-officio members have no voting rights. A Jury shall be appointed for each prize and no member may sit more than twice in succession.

The Stene Prize shall be awarded by an absolute majority decision. If no entry is judged worthy of the prize then it shall not be awarded. The winning contribution and the other entries may be published after the presentation of the prize in whatever form the author, the national organisation or EULAR may decide.

No legal or other objection to the majority decision of the Jury is possible. Any discussions or correspondence concerning the decision are excluded.

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