

To the Presidents and Liaison Officers of
National EULAR member organisations of People with
Arthritis/Rheumatism (PARE)

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EULAR launches EDGAR STENE PRIZE COMPETITION 2021

Dear colleagues and friends,

We are delighted to inform you about the launch of the 2021 Edgar Stene Prize Competition. At the Opening Plenary Session of the forthcoming European Congress of Rheumatology in Paris, France, on 2 June 2021*, the Edgar Stene Prize will be awarded to the winning essay on the topic

“How digital solutions benefit my life as a person with an RMD”.

We invite people with RMDs to write about their personal experiences. Digitalization was already a hot topic before the pandemic hit the world and since then there is no way around it. It impacts on all areas of our lives and although the virtual world can never replace the human contact it definitely offers some advantages. We would love to hear what you feel about it – do you make use of digital solutions? If yes, how does these look like and how are they of relevance in connection with your RMD? We invite you to reflect broadly here, starting with your personal contacts and relationships during the pandemic, considering the use of e-health applications like self-management apps or wearables to monitor your health, or the use of telemedicine or an electronic prescription for the pharmacy. What is already reality in your country and what would you like to see implemented in the future?

As in the past, we encourage our national EULAR member organisations of PARE to organise national competitions for people with a rheumatic or musculoskeletal disease (minimum 18 years of age). Competitors should be invited to submit an essay not exceeding 2 pages (A4) in their own language to their national EULAR member organisation of PARE. The deadline for the national completion 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.

Each national jury should select and submit the best entry from their country (only one entry) by email to the EULAR Secretariat by 20 January 2021.

A more detailed outline of the rules is attached to this letter for your information. Please note that these have to be fully adhered to, as applications which are not complete will not be accepted by the EULAR Secretariat.

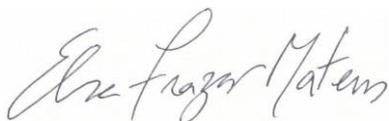
A EULAR Jury will select the 2021 Stene Prize winner to be announced by 15 March 2021. The jury's decision is incontestable. Information about the 2021 EULAR Jury will be posted in the coming months on www.eular.org

The Stene Prize winner will be invited to attend the Opening Plenary Session of the EULAR Congress in Paris and is awarded a prize of € 1 000. EULAR provides the winner with travel to Paris and hotel accommodation for up to 4 nights as well as with an invitation to the EULAR Congress Dinner.

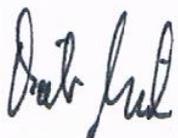
The second ranking essay will be awarded with € 700 and the third ranking essay with € 300.

Thank you so much in advance for supporting this exciting and important competition in your country. If we can help with any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the EULAR secretariat. The 2021 Edgar Stene Prize Jury looks forward to receiving many entries from all over Europe!

With kindest regards,



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*Should the EULAR Congress 2021 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 2021, 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.