Biennial report

Study Groups

Title of the study group: EULAR Study Group on Osteoarthritis (SGOA)

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Summary of last year’s activities

EWRR, Leuven, February 2020: A study group session was held as part of the pre-conference activities. A seminar on the development of the potential OA DMOAD Lorecivivint was presented by Vishal Deshmukh representing Samumed. This session was a great addition to an EWRR schedule that provided additional focus towards cartilage biology, joint regeneration and osteoarthritis, attracting a larger than average number of EWRR attendees with a research focus on osteoarthritis. It was hoped that this would be used as a starting point to develop the SGOA under the new leadership, towards a higher and more impactful level of activity.

EULAR 2020/EWRR 2021: As a direct consequence of Covid-19, no further activities have been able to go ahead.

As this study group is undergoing a significant transition, the timing of this disruption means we are quite limited in ways to proceed until restrictions are lifted. While informal communication online between members is ongoing and of course helpful, I am awaiting advice and support from EULAR on how I can maximise the potential of this group in working towards its aims.