

EULAR: People in Arthritis and Rheumatism leader awarded prestigious award

Kilchberg, Switzerland, 10 September, 2019 – Dieter Wiek, European League Against Rheumatism, EULAR Vice President, representing People in Arthritis and Rheumatism in Europe, PARE, and Vice President of the Deutsche Rheuma-Liga, the German patient organisation in EULAR, has been awarded the Kussmaul Medal by the *Deutsche Gesellschaft fuer Rheumatologie e.V. (DGRh)*, the German Society for Rheumatology.

The medal is presented to Dieter Wiek by the DGRh to mark his outstanding commitment in raising awareness around rheumatic and musculoskeletal diseases (RMDs), and to fight for better care for those affected as well as to represent their voice at national and European level. The award ceremony took place at the opening of the 47th congress of the DGRh in Dresden, Germany, in September 2019.

Dieter Wiek said, “It is an honour to be awarded the Kussmaul Medaille; I am delighted to be involved in the area of RMDs, to contribute to those who need better care, and it is a privilege to represent their voice at national and European level. I look forward to carrying this mission forward into the future.”

The Kussmaul Medal, *Kussmaul Medaille*, was first awarded in 2006, with the tradition continued on an annual basis by the DGRh. The medal is given to people who are recognised as being outstanding in their life’s work in rheumatology as well as to those who have demonstrated an exceptional contribution to rheumatology in Germany.



Image: Dieter Wiek, center, EULAR Vice President, representing People in Arthritis and Rheumatism, PARE, in Europe, and Vice President of the Deutsche Rheuma-Liga, DGRh, was awarded the Kussmaul Medal at the annual congress of the DGRh in Dresden, Germany, for his outstanding contributions to the area of rheumatic and musculoskeletal diseases.