

EULAR President in waiting awarded CBE by Her Majesty the Queen Elizabeth II

15th January, 2019, Kilchberg, Switzerland – The European League Against Rheumatism, EULAR, commends EULAR President Elect, Professor Iain McInnes, for receiving The Commander of the Order of the British Empire (CBE) from Her Majesty the Queen, Elizabeth II.

Professor Iain McInnes, Director of the Institute of Infection, Immunity and Inflammation at the University of Glasgow in Scotland, United Kingdom, has been awarded the CBE for services to medicine.

Professor Sir Anton Muscatelli, Principal of the University of Glasgow, said, “Professor McInnes is a global leader in arthritis research, and he has led numerous clinical trials and pathogenesis investigation programmes at an international level over the past two decades. He is an exceptional scientist and this prestigious recognition of his work is richly deserved.” For the last five years, Professor McInnes has served as director of the ARUK Centre of Excellence for Rheumatoid Arthritis in the United Kingdom.

Professor McInnes commented, “It is lovely to receive this surprising but most welcome honour reflecting the extraordinary efforts of our team as we combat arthritis and seek to improve the lives of those affected. Yet arthritis remains a major challenge for millions of people; it is a non-discriminatory affliction; it attacks often in the most painful and undignified way with no respect for hopes, aspirations and ambitions. The world should however know that there is a chance for great change, a window of opportunity, such that earlier recognition and treatment can be transformational – and I look forward to taking this message to audiences, everywhere, during my tenure as EULAR President.”

The Most Excellent Order of the British Empire is a British order of chivalry, rewarding contributions to the arts and sciences, work with charitable and welfare organisations, and public service outside the civil service. It was established on 4 June 1917 by King George V and comprises five classes across both civil and military divisions.

EULAR President Professor Johannes W. Bijlsma, commented, “EULAR is very proud regarding this recognition of an eminent fighter against rheumatic diseases. I congratulate Professor McInnes on this outstanding achievement and look forward to our continued work in EULAR to firmly bring RMDs onto the map for action – today, and well into the future.”

EULAR will once again highlight the importance of early diagnosis and access to care in RMDs to scientific, health professional and patient audiences from around the world in June this year when it holds its annual congress at the Feira de Madrid (IFEMA) congress centre, between 12 and 15 June, in Madrid. Professor McInnes will step into his position as EULAR President, running for two years between June 2019 and June 2021, immediately following the congress.

About EULAR

The European League against Rheumatism (EULAR) is the European umbrella organisation representing scientific societies, health professional associations and organisations for people with RMDs. EULAR aims to

reduce the burden of RMDs on individuals and society and to improve the treatment, prevention and rehabilitation of RMDs. To this end, EULAR fosters excellence in education and research in the field of rheumatology. It promotes the translation of research advances into daily care and fights for the recognition of the needs of people with RMDs by the EU institutions through advocacy action.

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