

## **Prestigious prize in rheumatology awarded to EULAR Executives**

**10th May 2019, Kilchberg, Switzerland – The European League Against Rheumatism, EULAR, commends EULAR President Elect, Professor Iain McInnes CBE and Dr. Julia Rautenstrauch, EULAR Executive Director, for receiving The Carol Nachman prize, and medal, respectively, for rheumatology.**

Professor Iain McInnes CBE, Director of the Institute of Infection, Immunity and Inflammation at the University of Glasgow in Scotland, United Kingdom, and EULAR President Elect, has been awarded the Carol Nachman Prize. Dr. Julia Rautenstrauch, EULAR Executive Director, has been awarded the Carol Nachman Medal. The prize and medal are awarded on 10 May 2019 to Professor McInnes and Dr. Rautenstrauch in a dedicated ceremony in Wiesbaden, Germany.

EULAR President Professor Johannes W. J. Bijlsma, commented, “EULAR is very proud regarding this recognition of these eminent fighters against rheumatic diseases. I congratulate Professor McInnes and Dr. Rautenstrauch on this outstanding achievement and look forward to our continued work in EULAR – today, and well into the future.” Professor Bijlsma added, “EULAR is also delighted to recognise and congratulate the co-recipient of the Carol Nachman Prize in 2019, Professor Ellen Gravallese, the incoming President of the American College of Rheumatology.”

Professor Iain McInnes CBE, who receives the Carol Nachman prize, comments, “It is an honour to receive this prize; I look forward to a future of even greater collaboration to contribute further to all affected by a rheumatic and musculoskeletal disease.” Dr. Julia Rautenstrauch, who receives the Carol Nachman medal, said, “This medal signifies excellence in the area of rheumatology, and I am delighted to receive it; the future relies on all stakeholders working together to achieve success and positive impact on society at large.”

The Carol Nachman Prize and the Carol Nachman Medal is the second most esteemed prize in medicine in Germany, awarded annually to mark outstanding contributions to the area of rheumatology. It is awarded by the City of Wiesbaden and fosters the areas of clinical, therapy and experimental research work in the area of rheumatology. The Carol Nachman prize and the medal are named after their founder, Carol Nachman, who is the longstanding concessionaire of Spielbank Wiesbaden and honorary citizen of Wiesbaden. The prize has been awarded to renowned scientists since 1972.

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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