A first in rheumatology: EULAR wins Totara Best Healthcare Project Award

12 June 2019, Madrid, Spain - The European League Against Rheumatism (EULAR) has won the Totara Best Healthcare Project Award 2018. Totara Learn has enabled EULAR to design and implement an intuitive digital learning experience for users of the EULAR School.

The award comes after EULAR launched a Learning Management System (LMS) in June 2018; a cloud-based system, the LMS can be adapted to specific needs of the organisation, its network and members at national and individual level. The association opted for the Totara Learn platform: Multi-device usage and responsive design were key requirements for EULAR’s digital learning content.

Genevieve Schärer, EULAR Strategy Implementation Manager, said, “With Totara Learn, the EULAR School is giving thousands of learners throughout the world the opportunity to learn in the most dynamic online environment. We are honoured to be presented with this award and look forward to working forwards with all partners to further, future success.”

A very tight schedule meant the project team had 18 weeks to finish the platform, complete content migration, as well as the first batch of newly-built digital learning content. This included value chain development, from registration and instant access to learning content, right through to administration. Professor Johannes W. J. Bijlsma, EULAR President, commented, “This is the first time this award is received in our field. EULAR is extremely honoured to receive this and looks forward to a bright and dynamic future in which learners at the EULAR School will benefit enormously.”

Lars Hyland, Chief Learning Officer from Totara said, “Since June 2018, thousands of people connected with the European League Against Rheumatism (EULAR) – from scientific, health professionals to people with arthritis and rheumatism in Europe – have all had highly flexible access to all aspects of learning and examination in rheumatology thanks to the design and implementation of a dedicated platform using Totara Learn.”

LearnChamp, EULAR’s Totara Partner, created a theme that was consistent not only with the design of EULAR’s Totara Learn also with the EULAR App. In workshops and online sessions, LearnChamp enabled EULAR team members to use the Adapt Authoring tool. LearnChamp supported EULAR in migrating their existing learning content to an updated e-learning format. Together with EULAR, LearnChamp is creating ever-more content and developing a significant knowledge library of modern, intuitive, and responsive learning resources to ensure that all learners across the EULAR spectrum are constantly kept up-to-date.

Between its global launch in June 2018 and the end of March 2019, Totara Learn has supported over six thousand people connected to the EULAR network to complete study courses and examinations across time zones – and from many different areas of the world.

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About Rheumatic and Musculoskeletal Diseases
Rheumatic and musculoskeletal diseases (RMDs) are a diverse group of diseases that commonly affect the joints, but can also affect the muscles, other tissues and internal organs. There are more than 200 different RMDs, affecting both children and adults. They are usually caused by problems of the immune system, inflammation, infections or gradual deterioration of joints, muscle and bones. Many of these diseases are long term and worsen over time. They are typically painful and limit function. In severe cases, RMDs can result in significant disability, having a major impact on both quality of life and life expectancy.1

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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