

Norway: EULAR Professor knighted

The King of Norway, Harald V, has appointed Professor Tore K. Kvien Knight of the first class of the order of the Royal Norwegian St. Olav for his work in rheumatology.

The award was presented in a ceremony at the Diakonhjemmet Hospital in Oslo on 8th October, 2019. Professor Kvien was EULAR President between 2005 and 2007 and Editor-in-Chief of the EULAR Journal, Annals of the Rheumatic Diseases (ARD), from 2008 to 2017. He was Head of the Department of Rheumatology at Diakonhjemmet Hospital for 25 years (1994-2019) and Professor at the University of Oslo since 1997. During this time, Kvien has supervised nearly 40 PhD students, and published more than 550 PubMed indexed research articles. The department received the status of a EULAR Centre of Excellence in 2008; this status has since been renewed twice and is valid until 2023.

“He has built up large, multi-disciplinary research activities and lifted research competence throughout the hospital through his role as chairman of the Research Committee,” says CEO Anders Mohn Frafjord.

“It is very nice to get such recognition,” says Professor Kvien, “It is nice for me, good for the department and for the subject of rheumatology. The award shows that we have achieved something that means a lot also to patients with rheumatic and musculoskeletal disorders.”

Professor Kvien was recognised as a Master of the American College of Rheumatology in 2015, is honorary member of the Norwegian, Finnish, and Czech rheumatological societies, as well as the Norwegian Rheumatism Association. He received the EULAR Meritorious Service Award in 2017 and the Carol Nachman medal for his contributions to international rheumatology in 2018.



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From left: Diakonhjemmet Hospital CEO Anders Mohn Frafjord, Professor Tore K. Kvien and the representative from the Norwegian monarchy, Mette Tverli. Picture: Martine Frich.