

PostScript

EULAR NEWS

Honorary Membership of EULAR

During the General Assembly of the 5th Annual EULAR Conference in Lisbon Honorary Membership of EULAR was awarded to:

- Ms Nora Price, head of the Standing Committee for Allied Health Professionals
- Professor Piet van Riel, chairman of the Standing Committee for International Clinical Studies
- Professor Sjef van der Linden, chairman of the Standing Committee for Epidemiology and Health
- Dr Boel Andersson-Gäre, chairman of the Paediatric Rheumatology Standing Committee
- Professor Ferdinand C Breedveld, treasurer of EULAR.

Professor Ferdinand Breedveld who has been serving EULAR as treasurer for the past four years takes considerable credit for the financially sound basis of EULAR. Ms Nora Price, Professor Piet van Riel, Professor Sjef van der Linden, and Dr Boel Andersson-Gäre not only continued but also successfully helped the work of their respective standing committees to progress. Although they are leaving their post as Chairs it is hoped that their great experience will be available for EULAR in the future. Thanks to all the leaving members for their excellent contributions to EULAR.

EULAR Meritorious Service Awards in Rheumatology

Colin Barnes, United Kingdom, former EULAR president, and Jan Dequeker, Belgium, former EULAR treasurer and former ILAR president, received the EULAR Meritorious Service Award in Rheumatology. Both colleagues have actively and significantly participated in the development of EULAR. In addition to a number of achievements, Colin Barnes was particularly involved in the foundation of a EULAR Journal. Jan Dequeker deserves credit for developing ILAR into a modern umbrella institution for the regional leagues against rheumatism and his concern with the relation between EULAR and ILAR. Congratulations to both of them!

J R Kalden
President of EULAR

EULAR prize

Joachim Sieper (Germany) and Jürgen Braun (Germany)
Including: H Appel, J Brandt, H Haibel, W Kuon, J Listing, M Rudwaleit, J X Zou, A Zink
New insights in epidemiology, diagnosis, pathogenesis, and treatment of ankylosing spondylitis

EULAR Young Investigator Awards

Jolanda Hubertina Maria van Bilsen, The Netherlands
Human cartilage glycoprotein 39-directed T cell responses in health and arthritic diseases

Sander W Tas, The Netherlands
Immunomodulation by using innovative methods to inhibit NF- κ B activity in models of rheumatoid arthritis

Eleftheria Zeggini, United Kingdom
Genetic dissection of the extended major histocompatibility complex (MHC) in rheumatoid arthritis (RA)

EULAR/AMGEN Young Investigator Award

Timothy R D J Radstake, The Netherlands
Toll-like receptors, endogenous ligands and the inflammatory circle of arthritis

EULAR/ABBOTT ABSTRACT AWARDS

Molecular and cellular aspects of rheumatic diseases

Miri Blank, Israel
 β_2 -Glycoprotein-I branched peptides, induce B cell apoptosis in vitro and in vivo

Michel De Bandt, France
Selective inhibition of VEGF-RI (FLT-1) but not VEGF-RII (KDR) suppress arthritis and preserve from bone destruction in a transgenic mouse model of rheumatoid arthritis

Dirk Foell, Germany
S100A12 (EN-RAGE) indicates disease activity in systemic onset juvenile idiopathic arthritis

Karin Nabbe, The Netherlands
Fc gamma RI up regulation induced by local adenoviral mediated IFN gamma production aggravates chondrocyte death during immune complex mediated arthritis

Elena Neumann, Germany
Effects of activin stimulation on RA synovial fibroblasts

Peter Van Lent, The Netherlands
The inhibitory receptor FCGRII reduces joint inflammation in experimental immune complex mediated arthritis not only by inhibition of FCGRI/III but also by efficient phagocytosis

Clinical Aspects of Musculoskeletal Disorders/Epidemiology/Educational and Health Services Research

Alexandros Andrianakos, Greece
Back pain as a cause of prescription drug use compared to all other disease groups in Greek adult general population

Jens Ivar Brox, Norway
Randomized clinical trial of lumbar instrumental fusion and cognitive intervention and exercises of patients with chronic low back pain and disc degeneration

Ricard Cervera, Spain
Catastrophic antiphospholipid syndrome (CAPS): analysis of the international consensus statement on preliminary classification criteria for CAPS using the "CAPS Registry"

Pierre Duhaut, France
Predictors of blindness and visual manifestations in giant cell arteritis: a multicenter, prospective study

Piet Geusens, The Netherlands
Serum levels of receptor activator of nuclear factor kappa-beta (RANK)-ligand (L) and osteoprotegerin (OPG) independently predict long-term radiographic progression in patients with early rheumatoid arthritis (RA)

Mikkel Østergaard, Denmark
Reducing costs, duration and invasiveness of magnetic resonance imaging in rheumatoid arthritis by omitting intravenous gadolinium injection – does it affect assessments of synovitis, bone erosions and bone edema?

Edgar Stene Prize

Best essay submitted by patients to the EULAR Social Leagues

Nanna Valentin Gaarde, Denmark
Is it easy to get an appropriate job? Strategies/my experiences

EULAR Meritorious Service Award in Rheumatology

Colin G Barnes, United Kingdom
Jan Dequeker, Belgium

NOTICE

Carol Nachman Award for Rheumatology: 2004 the city of Wiesbaden

The prize is granted annually for outstanding innovative research work in the field of clinical and experimental rheumatology and other related disciplines like orthopaedic surgery. The prize money is €38 000. Please submit 12 copies of your scientific achievements within the past five years for nomination in 2004, together with a current CV by 15 December 2003 to the address listed below.

Previous award winners include:
Professor A R Poole, Canada
Professor P H Plotz, USA
Professor W J van Venrooij, The Netherlands
Professor P E Lipsky and Professor B Hahn, USA
Professor G Firestein and Professor N Zvaifler, USA
Professor R N Maini and Professor M Feldman, UK
Professor J P Pelletier, Canada
Professor S Gay, Switzerland
and other international clinicians and scientists.

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FORTHCOMING EVENTS

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