amongst HPRs across Europe. It also shares information about the work of the HPR Standing Committee, Study Groups as well as showcasing projects being carried out by HPR country member associations. The new design for the newsletter will be highlighted, alongside the content structure and HPRRs will be encouraged to contribute to ensure the newsletter stays relevant to its audience.

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BITS AND BYTES: FITTING MEDICAL INFORMATION – PICASO THE PLATFORM FOR IMPROVED PERSONAL, COORDINATED CARE

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Coordination of care plans between healthcare sectors and efficient management of patients with co-morbidities is of large demand. Rheumatoid arthritis (RA) patients are at increased risk of cardiovascular diseases. Different stakeholders are potentially involved in the EULAR recommended management processes. Optimised orchestration of accumulated information is of major importance to ensure data quality, meaningful management processes and cost effectiveness. A newly developed information and communications technology platform within the Horizon2020-funded PICASO-project (www.picaso-project.eu) will support a continuum of care from hospitals and outpatient clinics to the home. The PICASO platform will be developed and trialled with patients and clinicians. First experiences will be reported. The platform will become available for RA-patients in routine care but also for wider applicability in Rheumatology and other chronic diseases.

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SMART WEARABLES AND HEALTH APPS – THE RIGHT TOOL FOR HEALTH MONITORING AND IMPROVING QUALITY OF HEALTH?

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What role can technology play in enabling a shift from a traditional paternalistic model of care to a model based on empowered patient sharing ownership? In the traditional model, patients are fully reliant on the healthcare professional for information, diagnosis and treatment, with complexity to navigate through the ecosystem and where physicians are empowered rather than patients. Patient empowerment is enhanced thanks to technology enabled care, in which patients have access to their medical files, can use tools that allow them to be proactive and focus on prevention and where self-management is supported across the treatment pathway. Smart wearables and health apps are becoming more widespread and a commodity, while more and more research is being performed on the effectiveness of such devices on the quality of life of patients. The design of wearables and health apps itself can be approached in a patient-centric way, to maximise the benefits for patients and the uptake by patients. This presentation will discuss some evidences of the impact of technology on improvement of quality of life and how patients should be included in the design process.

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UCAN AND PRINTO ALIGNED TO LINK BED AND BEDSIDE: PERSPECTIVE FROM THE BENCHSIDE

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In the past 2 decades we have gained important insights on the mechanisms of disease and therapy in children with Juvenile Idiopathic Arthritis (JIA). These insights have resulted in several game-changing therapeutic modalities in several.