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EULAR ANNOUNCES 'EUROPEAN ALLIANCE OF ASSOCIATIONS FOR RHEUMATOLOGY' AS ITS NEW NAME

EULAR is pleased to announce the formal renaming of the organisation as 'European Alliance of Associations for Rheumatology', changing from 'European League Against Rheumatism', following the implementation of new EULAR Statutes, approved on 3 June 2020 by the General Assembly, entering into force on 1 January 2021.

EULAR has seized the opportunity to change its name to 'European Alliance of Associations for Rheumatology' with the update of its new statutes. The new name is self-explanatory, gives an immediate understanding of our organisation and underlines the importance of working closely together with our National member societies. The new statutes encourage participation of volunteers across Europe, underscoring the importance of combating rheumatic diseases not only by medical means, but also through a wider context of care for rheumatic patients and a thorough understanding of their social and other needs with the support of its members.

EULAR carries out the following activities:

Advocacy, to engage with EU as well as national political institutions as a recognised partner and source of expertise in rheumatic and musculoskeletal diseases towards improving research funding, social policy legislation and quality of care, assisting advocacy actions on the national and international levels.

Congress, to organise an annual European Congress of Rheumatology of highest scientific standards and worldwide reputation as well as smaller scientific or educational meetings catering to specific topics and needs.

Education, to foster professional and patient education by developing tailored materials and courses, by deploying innovative learning approaches, by facilitating broad access to these educational offers, and by fostering and contributing to the harmonization of educational standards in rheumatology across Europe.

Quality of Care, to improve and implement standards of care for people with rheumatic and musculoskeletal diseases; promote and improve access to care; improve communication between people with rheumatic and musculoskeletal diseases and the professionals involved in their treatment.

Research, to serve as the focal point for rheumatology research in Europe and the conduit for international research collaborations and interactions with the larger rheumatology research community around the world; develop, publish and promote implementation of EULAR Recommendations and Criteria for the classification, diagnosis and management of rheumatic and musculoskeletal diseases; disseminate latest research in rheumatic and musculoskeletal diseases by publishing leading scientific journals.

About EULAR

EULAR is the European umbrella organisation representing scientific societies, health professional associations and organisations for people with rheumatic and musculoskeletal diseases (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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