Preliminary Programme
Call for papers

Annual European Congress of Rheumatology
London, United Kingdom, 8-11 June 2016

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Mission statement
The aim is to provide a forum of the highest standard for scientific (both clinical and basic), educational and social exchange between professionals involved in rheumatology, liaising with patient organisations, in order to achieve progress in the clinical care of patients with rheumatic diseases.
Welcome Address

Dear Colleagues,

The next EULAR Annual European Congress of Rheumatology will take place between the 8 and 11 June 2016 in London. The annual EULAR congresses which began in 2000 are today a major event in the calendar of world rheumatology. The meeting will again provide a unique occasion for the exchange of scientific and clinical information. It should facilitate interaction between patients, medical doctors, scientists, health professionals and professionals representing the pharmaceutical industry both from Europe and from around the world. You are certainly aware that participating in the congress is just one element of the annual educational package provided by EULAR. Thus in addition, the participants will have the opportunity to watch virtually all oral presentations through electronic capture and will be provided with a complimentary one-year access to the newest developments and publications in the field of RMDs.

EULAR has grown rapidly in terms of the number of participants and the quality of the submissions. Thus, more than 4,300 abstracts were submitted to the most recent congress in Rome and more than 195 sessions and poster tours were offered. This enormous success reflects the ever increasing interest in rheumatic and musculoskeletal diseases (RMDs) which has been seen in most societies and is now recognized also by the EU. It also reflects the availability of increased information on the size, burden and cost of these diseases for society, and a significantly improved ability to diagnose and treat them. The incorporation of health professional and patient organisations within EULAR has been a considerable stimulus for these advances.

The EULAR Congress 2016 in London will once again provide a wide range of topics including clinical innovations, clinical translational and basic science. In addition there will be significant contributions made by People with Arthritis and Rheumatism (PARE), by Health Professionals in Rheumatology (HPR) and by the health care industry. The core science and central activity of the congress will be the poster presentations and poster tours with their highly interactive exchanges between participants. The London meeting will further promote the reputation of the EULAR Congress as a most innovative and informative venue for clinical research for the practising physician. The EULAR EMEUNET organisation of young rheumatologists also hopes to attract young colleagues to the meeting and will disseminate the message that rheumatology is one of the most attractive and successful disciplines of medicine.

The city of London needs little introduction. “Tired of London, tired of life” is a quotation previously used for the 2011 EULAR congress in London, and it is even more reinforced by the recent accolade of “world city”, and indicates how ideal a venue this is for an international meeting such as the EULAR Congress which has truly become a world congress. The elegance of London with its architecture, galleries, theatres and ambience should again provide an excellent background for clinical exchanges, international collaborations and renewal of friendships. It is our great pleasure and a real joy in welcoming medical doctors, patients, health professionals and representatives of the pharmaceutical industry and hope their stay in London will be delightful, informative and educational.

Gerd R. Burmester
President of EULAR
Organising Committees

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* These functions are not included in the Congress Programme Committee

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CONGRESS PROGRAMME COMMITTEE

Scientific, Health Professionals, PARE

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› Prof. Francesco Zulian, Italy
The scientific programme will start on Wednesday, 8 June 2016 at 13:00 and will finish on Saturday, 11 June 2016 at 15:00.

The congress will cover the broad spectrum of the rheumatic diseases and include state-of-the-art lectures, basic science and clinical symposia, abstract sessions, presentations and discussions of difficult cases, workshops and special interest group sessions. Abstracts can be submitted on the following topics (for instructions, see “Abstract Information” in this programme on pages 11-13).

Sessions of the Health Professionals in Rheumatology and of EULAR PARE (People with Arthritis/Rheumatism in Europe) will extend and complement the programme on all days.

**BASIC AND TRANSLATIONAL RESEARCH**

01. Genomics, genetic basis of disease and HLA/T cell recognition
02. Adaptive immunity (T cells and B cells) in rheumatic diseases
03. Innate immunity in rheumatic diseases
04. Cytokines and inflammatory mediators
05. Cartilage, synovium and osteoimmunology
06. Rheumatoid arthritis - etiology, pathogenesis and animal models
07. Spondyloarthritis - etiology, pathogenesis and animal models
08. SLE, Sjögren’s and APS - etiology, pathogenesis and animal models
09. Scleroderma, myositis and related syndromes - etiology, pathogenesis and animal models
10. Basic science in paediatric rheumatology
CLINICAL TOPICS BY DISEASE

11. Rheumatoid arthritis - prognosis, predictors and outcome
12. Rheumatoid arthritis - comorbidity and clinical aspects
13. Rheumatoid arthritis - anti-TNF therapy
14. Rheumatoid arthritis - other biologic treatment
15. Rheumatoid arthritis - non biologic treatment
16. SLE, Sjögren’s and APS - treatment
17. SLE, Sjögren’s and APS - clinical aspects
   (other than treatment)
18. Vasculitis
19. Scleroderma, myositis and related syndromes
20. Spondylarthropathies - treatment
21. Spondylarthropathies - clinical aspects
   (other than treatment)
22. Psoriatic arthritis
23. Osteoarthritis
24. Osteoporosis
25. Crystal diseases, metabolic bone diseases other than osteoporosis
26. Infection-related rheumatic diseases
27. Fibromyalgia
28. Back pain, mechanical musculoskeletal problems, local soft tissue disorders
29. Paediatric rheumatology
30. Other orphan diseases

CLINICAL TOPICS BY AREA OF RESEARCH

31. Diagnostics and imaging procedures
32. Epidemiology, health services and outcome research
33. Rehabilitation
34. Education

HEALTH PROFESSIONALS IN RHEUMATOLOGY ABSTRACTS

PARE / PATIENT ABSTRACTS

▷ POSTER VIEWING
Time will be reserved for poster viewing on Thursday 9 June, Friday 10 June and Saturday 11 June 2016

▷ GUIDED POSTER TOURS
Guided Poster tours on selected topics will take place during the official poster viewing times

▷ SCIENTIFIC PROGRAMME
The Scientific Programme will be published end of April 2016 on the EULAR Website: www.congress.eular.org
# Time Schedule

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Abstract Information

PLEASE READ THIS INFORMATION CAREFULLY

1. Abstracts must be submitted in one of the three different categories:
   a. Medical or Research Professional/Clinician
   b. Health Professional/Practice and Research
   c. PARE Member/Patient

   The categories are subdivided into topics (see pages 7-8). The correct category and topic must be selected to ensure correct scoring. The content of the abstract must be topic related.

2. Splitting of data originating from the same study across several abstracts and/or topics is not permitted and will lead to rejection of the abstracts.

3. Please read all instructions carefully before preparing your abstract.

4. For standardisation, the acceptable length of the abstract is not more than 3600 characters and 55 lines, authors’ details and headers included. This also includes non-visible characters such as spaces as well as punctuation.

5. The abstract should be structured into the following sections:
   a. A title which clearly indicates the nature of the investigation
   b. Background
   c. Objectives
   d. Methods
   e. Results
   f. Conclusions
   g. References

6. One graph/image can be included with the following criteria:
   Image width: min. 50 pixels - max. 750 pixels
   Image height: min. 50 pixels - max. 750 pixels
   Image quality: min. 96 dpi - max. 300 dpi
   Image file size: min. 35 KB - max. 1000 KB
   Allowed file type: gif, jpg

7. Abstracts can be saved in “Draft” status to be re-edited and modified until the submission deadline (31 January 2016, 23:59 CET). Therefore, the submitter will be required to create a user account.

8. Abstracts fulfilling all criteria can be saved in “Final submission” status. Only abstracts in “Final submission” status will be regarded as successfully submitted and considered for the congress. Abstracts in “Final submission” status can

IMPORTANT DATES

› Submissions accepted from 1 October 2015
› Submission deadline: 31 January 2016 23:59 CET
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› Abstracts received after the deadlines will not be accepted!
› Deadline for travel bursary application: 28 February 2016
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9. An abstract can only be submitted if the “Rules and Regulations, including the EULAR embargo rules” on the online abstract form are read and accepted.

10. Conflict of interest: It is the intent of EULAR to provide high-quality sessions focused on educational content that is free from commercial influence or bias. Thus the submitting author of an abstract is requested to declare any potential conflicts of interest for all authors during the abstracts submission.

11. The inclusion of trade names/brand names is not allowed in the abstract. The mentioning of agents/molecules must follow the scientific standard for publications.

12. Abstracts accepted for the congress are subject to the “EULAR embargo rules” and the “Transfer of copyright” as published on the EULAR website www.congress.eular.org. With the submission of an abstract the authors agree to the embargo rules and the transfer of copyright.

13. The Corresponding Author has the right to grant, and does grant, on behalf of all authors an exclusive licence on a worldwide basis to the BMJ Publishing Group Ltd and EULAR to publish the abstract (if accepted) in any media and to exploit all subsidiary rights.

14. Should the abstract be selected for oral presentation, the authors, represented by the presenting author will have to sign an agreement to grant EULAR the right to record the presentation (audio and slide) and subsequently use it for educational purposes (with or without a fee). The full text of the agreement can be found on the EULAR website.

15. Only abstracts that contain original data can be submitted.

16. Abstracts should not be submitted if the following applies:
   a. the abstract contains data that has been published or accepted for publication in a print or online journal
   b. the abstract contains data that was presented at a scientific meeting more than 12 months prior to EULAR 2016

17. Abstracts containing data that has been presented or will be presented at a different scientific meeting during a 12 months period prior to EULAR 2016 can be submitted. This fact must be indicated on the submission form.

18. Abstracts having been submitted for publication or to a scientific meeting, but are pending acceptance, can be submitted without restrictions. However, once the abstract has been accepted by EULAR it is automatically subject to the EULAR embargo rules.

19. The reviewers will judge the abstracts according to the scientific or clinical value, relevance to EULAR, suitability of methods to
aims, conclusions confirmed by objective results, objectivity of statements, description of methods used, ethics, originality of work, standard of English and overall impression.

20. Please ensure that your abstract does not contain spelling, grammatical or scientific errors, as it will be reproduced exactly as submitted. No proofreading will be done.

21. Accepted abstracts will be published in a supplement to the Annals of Rheumatic Diseases. Information on accepted abstracts will also be available online on the EULAR website about one month prior to the congress. Published abstracts will be available in the EULAR abstract archive after the congress.

22. The submission of an abstract constitutes a formal commitment by the presenting author to present the abstract (if accepted) orally or as a poster in the session and the time assigned by the EULAR Scientific Committee. We therefore recommend that submitters of abstracts register for the congress simultaneously with the abstract submission.

23. Abstracts not adhering to these guidelines will be rejected. If you do not agree with any of these rules, you should not submit an abstract. The final decision about acceptance of an abstract will be taken by the EULAR Scientific Committee. EULAR does not correspond on the reasons for acceptance/rejection of an abstract.

24. If you need to withdraw your abstract, a written statement reflecting the reasons for this decision must be sent to the EULAR Secretariat or MCI not later than 1 April 2016.

INSTRUCTIONS FOR ABSTRACT PRESENTATIONS

› If an abstract is selected for oral presentation, the presenting author, as specified at submission, will be requested to present it in the assigned session. Details will be communicated to the author by mid-April 2016.

› If the abstract is selected for oral presentation, the authors, represented by the presenting author, will have to sign an agreement to grant EULAR the right to record the entire presentation (audio and slide) and subsequently use it for educational purposes (with or without a fee).

› If an abstract is accepted as a poster presentation, the presenting author will be requested to be available for discussion during the corresponding poster viewing session.

› Posters will be set up close to the exhibition area.

› Please use letters large enough to be read from a distance of 1.5 meters.

› For further information contact: eular.abs@mci-group.com

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Travel Bursaries

Every year EULAR awards a number of travel bursaries to the first/presenting author of an abstract accepted for oral or poster presentation at the annual EULAR congress.

A travel bursary is to facilitate attendance at the EULAR congress and includes:

› free full registration
› three nights hotel accommodation (single use), in the travel bursary hotel(s)
› a cash amount of EUR 350 for travel and living expenses

The age limit to apply for a scientific travel bursary is 40 years. There is no age limit for Health Professionals (HPR) (other than physicians) and patients.

Persons who receive full or partial financial support from industry sources are not eligible for EULAR travel bursaries.

The cash amount of the travel bursary will be fully paid on-site at the congress only, and only to the eligible person. No prepayments will be made in any cases.

Applications should be submitted via the electronic application system.

Important information

Please apply for a travel bursary as soon as you have submitted your abstract but note that this is a separate process and requires a separate application!

Deadline for travel bursary application 28 February 2016!
**Partnership & Investment Opportunities**

**EXHIBITION**

During the congress, EULAR will present an attractive exhibition to all delegates. The abstract poster presentation area is embedded in the exhibition. Coffee and other refreshments will be available in the exhibition and poster area. The exhibition will open officially on Wednesday 8 June 2016.

Exhibition hours will be as follows:

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**SATELLITE SYMPOSIA**

A number of satellite symposia will be organised during EULAR 2016 at the following times:

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Satellite symposia are governed by EULAR guidelines. Symposia are strictly prohibited during the official programme hours. All symposia and special events must be approved by EULAR.


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**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION**

regarding the partnership & investment opportunities, please contact:

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> Switzerland  
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> Fax  +41 22 33 99 601  
> E-mail: eular@mci-group.com
General Information

CONGRESS VENUE: DATES AND LOCATION

The Annual European Congress of Rheumatology EULAR 2016 will be held at:

**ExCeL London**
One Western Gateway
Royal Victoria Dock
London E16 1XL
United Kingdom
Tel: +44 20 7069 5000
Website: [www.excel-london.co.uk](http://www.excel-london.co.uk)

ExCeL London is situated in a stunning waterfront location in the heart of London’s Royal Docks and within easy reach of central London. The venue is part of a 100 acre campus, including two onsite DLR stations, easy access to the Jubilee Line and London City Airport.
SCIENTIFIC SECRETARIAT

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E-mail: eular2016.soc@mci-group.com
Website: www.mci-group.com
ITALIAN PHARMACEUTICAL COMPANIES

EULAR 2016 has chosen MCI Rome to collect - on behalf of EULAR - all applications from pharmaceutical companies and file them with the appropriate Italian Health Ministry officials. For further information, please contact:

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Via della Ferratella in Laterano 41
00184 Rome
Italy
Tel: +39 06 70 49 5693
Fax: +39 06 70 96 292
Email: maria.paolelli-mci@mci-group.com

CERTIFICATE OF ATTENDANCE

A certificate of attendance will be given with the congress bag to each participant. EULAR will apply for CME accreditation.

CONGRESS DOCUMENTS AND BADGES

Congress documents should be collected on-site at the registration desk at the congress venue. Name badges must be worn visibly at all times during the congress and in the exhibition area.

FOOD AND BEVERAGE

During official coffee breaks, complimentary coffee and tea will be served in the exhibition/poster area. Restaurants and sandwich bars will be available in the congress venue.

OFFICIAL LANGUAGE

The official congress language is English. No simultaneous translation is provided.

PRIVATE EVENTS POLICY

All requests from companies/organisations to host private events during the congress must be submitted in writing to the EULAR Secretariat in Kilchberg by 1 March 2016 at the latest.
SERVICES FOR THE DISABLED

All the rooms at the congress venue are fully accessible to participants with disabilities.

SMOKING POLICY

Smoking in the congress venue is not permitted.

TRAVELLING TO LONDON

By air

London is one of Europe’s central routing points for international air travel and has five major airports:

› Gatwick: Gatwick airport is located approximately 1 hour from the congress venue when travelling by public transport.

› Heathrow: London Heathrow is located approximately 1 hour and 30 minutes from the congress venue when travelling by public transport. Heathrow is the busiest airport in the UK and fifth busiest in the world.

› Luton: Luton airport is located 1 hour and 20 minutes away from ExCeL when travelling by car/taxi, or 1 hour and 40 minutes when travelling by public transport.

› London City: The airport is located 5 minutes from the congress venue by taxi or 10 minutes by DLR (Docklands Light Railway). The airport offers 350 flights per day, from over 40 international destinations. We recommend using London City Airport, whenever possible as this is the closest airport to the venue.

› Stansted: Stansted airport is located approximately 1 hour and 15 minutes from the congress venue when travelling by public transport. Stansted is a base for a number of major European low cost airlines.
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No matter where you are travelling from, the Star Alliance™ network offers you a wide choice of flights to EULAR 2016 in London, United Kingdom.

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By train
The UK has an efficient railway system that connects all main cities and towns. The Eurostar connects the UK to the European continent.

GETTING AROUND IN LONDON

ExCeL London is based in the heart of the Capital’s Events District, in East London, just 20-minutes from Tower Bridge.

London Underground
The London Underground, or ‘the Tube’ as it is universally known to Londoners, is normally the quickest and easiest way of getting around the city. London is served by 12 Tube lines and 274 stations. Underground trains on all lines run every few minutes between 5.30 and 00:30 from Monday to Saturday, and between 7.30 and 23.30 on Sundays.

The Docklands Light Railway
The Docklands Light Railway (DLR) is a light-rail public transport metro for the redeveloped Docklands area of eastern London and is separate from the London Underground. The two systems are, however, integrated wherever they meet, and share a single ticketing system. The DLR appears on the London Underground’s Tube map.

Buses
London buses are a quick, convenient and cheap way to travel around downtown; they also offer plenty of sightseeing opportunities. The Central London bus guide will help you navigate the bus system; this map is available from travel information centres and can also be downloaded via the “Visit London” website: www.visitlondon.com/maps/travel_maps/index.

Taxis
There are plenty of taxi services in London. It is recommended to rely on the most common “Black Cabs” where licensed black cab drivers have ‘the knowledge’ – i.e. they undergo rigorous training and exams, to ensure knowledge of every central London street. Cabs are available to hire when you see the yellow light above the windscreen illuminated, just stick your arm out to signal one. Fares are metered with a minimum charge of £2.20 and are more expensive in the evenings and overnight. In any case ask the driver if he is running on the meter.

Tips are not expected; however most people round them up to the nearest pound or add on approximately 10%.

The Black London Taxicab - www.londonblackcabs.co.uk
Ladycabs: Phone +44 (0) 20 7272 3300 (Women drivers only)
Zingo Taxi: Phone +44 (0) 870 070 0700
London is the natural meeting point for the world’s business networks. It is a leading city in the world’s economy and a centre of international trade and finance.

London attracts visitors from all over the world due to its incredible size, renowned tradition and endless historic and modern attractions for all demographics. More than 300 languages are spoken within its boundaries making it the perfect destination for international conferences and events.

Enriched in tradition, the city offers a wide range of attractions with historic landmarks, such as the Tower of London, Westminster Abbey and Buckingham Palace.

This by no means categorises London as a purely historic destination, home to millennium features such as the London Eye, drawing in 3.5 million visitors annually and presenting spectacular views across the city.

The Emirates Air Line Cable Car connects ExCeL London and the O2 via a 5-minute crossing. ExCeL’s onsite cable car station is located at the west end of the site - a 5-minute walk from the West (pyramid) entrance. Oyster Cards can be used on the Cable Car. For onward travel into central London take Thames Clipper (river boats) services from the O2 to all major London piers, including Greenwich, Canary Wharf, Tower, London Bridge, Embankment and London Eye.
CLIMATE

London enjoys a typically oceanic climate. Summers (from June to September) are moderately warm to dry often above 23°C. Contrary to popular belief, it does not rain every day in London. However, it is always advisable to bring some type of waterproof clothing or an umbrella.

CREDIT CARDS

Credit cards - especially Visa and Mastercard - are widely accepted in London’s restaurants, bars, cafés and shops. American Express and Diners Club cards are less commonly accepted.

There are plenty of cash machines (also known as cashpoints or ATMs) dotted around London. There are 3 ATM machines available at the congress venue. Most accept international cards with the Visa Plus, Mastercard, Cirrus or Maestro symbols. Some other systems are also recognised, but it’s a good idea to check with your bank or card company before you travel. If you have a non-UK account you will almost certainly have to pay a charge when you withdraw cash.

CURRENCY

The UK’s currency is the pound sterling (£ / GBP). Despite being a member of the European Union, the UK has not adopted the EURO. There are 100 pence (p) to the pound (£)
INSURANCE AND LIABILITY

It is recommended that participants obtain adequate cover for travel, health and accident insurance before they depart from their countries. EULAR and MCI as organisers cannot accept responsibility for personal injuries, or loss of, or damage to, private property belonging to congress participants.

ELECTRICITY

United Kingdom, like most other European countries, uses 230-Volt/50 Hz AC current. Plugs have three rectangular prongs that form a triangle. Plan to bring an adapter plug and if needed a transformer for your personal appliances.

LANGUAGE

The United Kingdom does not have a constitutionally defined official language. English is the main language (being spoken monolingual by more than 70% of the UK population) and is thus the de-facto official language.

SHOPPING

London is considered one of the best places in the world to shop along with Paris and New York. Visitors to London are often overwhelmed by the sheer variety of shopping options available to them. Some of the best shopping areas are Oxford Street, Regent Street, Bond Street, and Soho. Bond Street has some of the most elegant and expensive shops in London. Oxford Street is the best-known street for shopping in London, where many fabulous shops for clothes, souvenirs, etc. are located. There are so many famous brand shops available here that you will find it difficult to make a choice. Shops are generally open from 09:30 to 18:00. Some shops have evening hours until 21:00. Tourist shops open on Sunday.
TIPPING

Tipping is appreciated but not always appropriate in London. There are some situations where it is customary, for example in restaurants. Tips (or gratuities) are discretionary and depend on the quality of the service you receive.

Restaurants and most hotel bills include a service charge. If there’s no service charge added to your bill, it’s customary to tip (10-15% of the bill).

For room cleaning staff, you can leave an amount of your choosing on departure. Tips for other hotel staff such as concierges and door staff are discretionary and are mostly commonplace for porters. People generally do not tip in pubs in London.

For taxi drivers, it is polite to tip 10-15% of the taxi fare. However, most people simply round up the fare to the nearest £1 and tell the driver to “keep the change”. If you’ve had a longer journey and the driver has assisted you with luggage, you may wish to tip a little more, up to £5.

TIME

The UK follows Greenwich Mean Time (GMT) in the winter (October to March) and GMT +1 or British Summer Time during the summer.

VISA

You do NOT need a visa for the UK for business, personal visits or tourism if you are:

› a citizen of an EU country
› a citizen of Norway, Switzerland, Iceland
› from a country listed on the Foreign Ministry list
› not staying more than 90 days

In this case, a passport or ID Card valid for the duration of your stay is sufficient.

For more detailed information, please visit:
https://www.gov.uk/browse/visas-immigration.

Citizens of other countries may need a visa. Please contact your travel agent or the nearest UK diplomatic authorities for further information. If you should need a visa, please apply early enough to allow sufficient handling time to the authorities. You may ask the EULAR Organising Secretariat for an official letter of invitation (proof of registration required).
Official Events

OPENING PLENARY SESSION AND NETWORKING PLATFORM

Wednesday, 8 June 2016 - 18:45-22:00
The Networking Platform will be held after the Opening Plenary Session at the congress venue. All registered participants are cordially invited.

EULAR CONGRESS DINNER

Friday, 10 June 2016 - 20:00-24:00
Price: GBP 85 per person (not included in the registration fee)

Detailed information on the EULAR 2016 Congress Dinner will be announced at a later stage.

The Congress Dinner is a great opportunity to dine and meet with friends and colleagues from around the world in a relaxed atmosphere, enjoying the unmatched charm and fascination of London. Those who have shared this evening with us in previous years would not want to miss it. Come and join us as well!
Take additional advantage of the early all-inclusive fees and register before 1 February 2016! Due to the local legislation, fees are charged in GBP.

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Registration fee includes UK VAT

THE EULAR ALL-INCLUSIVE FEE – THE KEY TO A FULL YEAR PERMANENT CME/CPD EDUCATION

When attending the EULAR congress you will not only enjoy a scientific event that is invaluable in itself but also get the key to a full year extended “Continuous Professional Development”. For a period from July 2016 to June 2017, the registration fee includes the following benefits in a unique package:

› Admission to the scientific sessions from Wednesday, 8 June to Saturday, 11 June 2016 unless otherwise stated
› Opening plenary session and scientific networking platform on Wednesday, 8 June 2016 at the congress venue
› Congress documents, including badge and congress bag
› Mobile congress App with complete programme including all presented abstracts
› Access to the exhibition (limited to healthcare professionals) and posters
› Free internet access in designated areas
› Coffee breaks on all days
› Free city transportation pass from Wednesday, 8 June to Saturday, 11 June 2016
› Unrestricted access to all accepted abstracts
› One year access to recorded presentations
› One year access to the newest developments and publications in the field of RMDs (not for registration category 5 - Patient)

1 Medical or scientific professionals, clinicians, M.D’s, PhD’s
2 Nurses, physiotherapists, occupational therapists and other nearby allied health professionals. A letter of confirmation of your status from the Head of Unit or Institute must accompany the formal registration form
3 Representatives of national PARE organisations
4 The trainee registration is available for “Clinicians in Training” and “Non Tenured Scientists” (scientists not being professor or associate professor) under 35 years of age. A letter of confirmation of your status from the Head of Unit or Institute must accompany the formal registration form
5 A doctor’s certificate must be submitted with the registration form
6 Access to the exhibition is restricted to the “EULAR Village” (non-commercial part)
CONDITIONS
Should your registration remain unpaid until **12 February 2016**: Early registrations will be upgraded to the Pre-All-inclusive fee.
Should your registration remain unpaid until **2 June 2016**: Pre-registration fees will be upgraded to the Late All-inclusive fee.

GROUP REGISTRATIONS
For 10 persons and more, please contact MCI at eular.reg@mci-group.com for special conditions.

CONFIRMATION
An email/letter of receipt will be sent to you on completion of your registration. This letter must be presented at the registration desk in order to receive the congress documents.

CHANGES AND CANCELLATION POLICIES
Cancellations and changes to your original registration (including congress dinner) must be made in writing to the MCI reservation department at the address below before 11 May 2016. An administrative fee of GBP 65 will be deducted from all refunds. No fees will be refunded after this date.

EULAR 2016 c/o MCI SUISSE SA
Rue de Lyon 75 - CH 1211 Geneva 13 - Switzerland
Tel: +41 22 33 99 590 - Fax: +41 22 33 99 651
Email: eular.reg@mci-group.com

Cancellation of congress
It is mutually agreed that in the event of total or partial cancellation of the congress due to fire, strike, natural disaster (either threatened or actual), government regulations or causes which would prevent its scheduled opening or continuance, the contractual relationship between EULAR and the participant will be terminated immediately and EULAR shall determine an equitable basis for the eventual refund of a portion of the registration or other fees after due consideration of expenditures and commitments already made. Under no circumstances is EULAR responsible for any participant expenses (such as travel and lodging) or any other incidental or consequential damages.

REGISTRATION DESK OPENING HOURS
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Accommodation Information

MCI has reserved a large number of hotel rooms in various hotels in different price categories. The majority of hotels are located in the city centre but also in the surroundings of the congress venue, ExCeL London. London attracts many tourists. Hotel reservations will be made on a first come, first served basis. Please book before 8 April 2016 in order to guarantee your booking.

For more than 9 rooms please contact eular.reg@mci-group.com.

For bookings from 2 to 9 rooms, please use the small groups’ button on the registration page.

ENQUIRIES

Please address all enquiries, requests for additional information and changes or cancellations of room reservations directly to MCI.

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Website:  www.mci-group.com

RESERVATION AND PAYMENTS

For individual bookings (1 room), a deposit payment covering the first night is required with your reservation. Your booking will be confirmed upon receipt of your deposit. This prepaid deposit will be deducted from your hotel bill when checking out from the hotel.

For bookings of 2 rooms or more, the full payment is required to confirm your reservation.

Additional expenses such as mini-bar and telephone must be paid directly to the hotel when checking out.

GROUP RESERVATIONS

Group reservations are managed by separate contracts. For bookings of more than 9 rooms, please contact MCI by email: eular.reg@mci-group.com.

All changes to hotel reservations will be handled by MCI.

Please do not contact the hotel directly.
INDIVIDUAL ACCOMMODATION CANCELLATION CONDITIONS:

› In the event of accommodation cancellation up to 4 May 2016, no cancellations fees will incur. From 5 May to 26 May 2016, 50% of one night will be billed. After 26 May 2016, no refunds will be possible.

CHECK-IN/CHECK-OUT TIME

Hotel check-in time is 16:00. Please note that the hotel guarantees availability of the rooms from the official check-in time only. Should you wish to check-in earlier, extra costs may apply. Please contact MCI for more information. If arriving after 20:00, please notify MCI in advance.

Check-out time is 11:00. Should you wish to check-out later, extra costs may apply. Please contact MCI for more information.

Early check-ins and late check-outs cannot be guaranteed free of charge. Please contact MCI by email for more information.

METHODS OF PAYMENT

Payment of registration and hotel deposit must accompany the form and may be made by

› Credit card: EuroCard/MasterCard, Visa, American Express

› Bank transfer to the following account:
  MCI Suisse SA - EULAR 2016
  UBS SA - CP 2600 - CH
  1211 Geneva 2 - Switzerland
  Account n° 240-369393.79A
  Clearing 240 - Swift UBSWCHZH80A
  IBAN: CH55 0024 0240 3693 9379 A

  Mention: EULAR 2016 and the participant’s name
  All costs are to be borne by the ordering customer

› Payment by personal cheques cannot be accepted

› All payments have to be made in pound sterling (£ / GBP).
Overall Map
Map - East

- IBIS LONDON GREENWICH 1
- IBIS LONDON CITY 6
- NOVOTEL LONDON GREENWICH 13
- GRANGE CITY 20
- GRANGE TOWER BRIDGE 21
- NOVOTEL LONDON TOWER BRIDGE 24
- HILTON LONDON CANARY WHARF 34
- RADISSON BLU EDWARDIAN NEW PROVIDENCE WHARF 35
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