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Invitation to online educational meetings for Rheumatologist across the Nordics

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We are pleased to invite you to a series of interactive online meetings with speakers across Europe.

The intent is to bring rheumatology experts from across the Nordics together to discuss the latest issues and findings in rheumatoid arthritis. The meetings are realtime webcasts with the possibility ask questions via chat or phone.

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WEDNESDAY 19 APRIL 15.00–16.00 (CET), 16.00-17.00 (FINNISH TIME)

Ultrasound in the management of RA

Speaker: Dr. Ph.d. Lene Terslev, Denmark

Moderator: Prof. Bent Deleuran, Director of the studies, Department of biomedicine, Aarhus University, Denmark.

During the presentation Dr. Lene Terslev will present data for the use of ultrasound in optimizing diagnosis and monitoring in rheumatoid arthritis focusing on early diagnosis, T2T and tapering of biological DMARDs. Moderator Prof. Deleuran will lead the discussion. There will also be an opportunity for the participants to pose questions to Dr. Terslev via chat or via phone during the meeting.



SPEAKER: DR. PH.D. LENE TERSLEV

Dr. Terslev is a Consultant Rheumatologist and Head of the Rheumatological Ultrasound Unit at Copenhagen University Hospital Rigshospitalet-Glostrup, Denmark. She is the current chair of EULAR standing Committee of Musculoskeletal Imaging and the co-chair the OMERACT Special Interest Group on Ultrasound. She has taught on local and international ultrasound courses since 2005 and is a member of the Faculty of the EULAR Sonography Courses. Dr. Terslev is a part of a working group in EFSUMB and in the Danish Ultrasound Diagnostic Society for standardizing musculoskeletal ultrasound examinations. She has published more than 90 papers on ultrasound and rheumatology incl. book chapters in this field.

WEDNESDAY 20 SEPTEMBER 15.00–16.00 (CET), 16.00-17.00 (FINNISH TIME)

New insights into the early development of ACPA-positive RA

Speaker: Prof. Anca Catrina, Sweden

Moderator: Prof. Bent Deleuran, Director of the studies, Department of biomedicine, Aarhus University, Denmark

During the presentation Prof. Anca Catrina will focus on the current understanding of development of ACPA-positive RA, the association between ACPA and bone loss and ACPA and pain. Moderator Prof. Deleuran will lead the discussion. There will also be an opportunity for the participants to pose questions to Prof. Catrina via chat or via phone during the meeting.



SPEAKER: PROF. ANCA CATRINA

Anca Catrina's work mainly concerns translational research in rheumatoid arthritis (RA). The main focus is to understand how gene interactions with the environment might shape the immune response to attack and destroy the joints. Recently, Catrina and her colleagues have described how in genetic susceptible individuals the immune system is primarily activated outside the joints with generation of antibodies that can be detected in the blood long before disease onset. In a second step these antibodies will recognize specific signals coming from bone cells and will localize into the bone marrow in the vicinity of the joints to induce bone loss and subsequently joint inflammation.

WEDNESDAY 22 NOVEMBER 15.00–16.00 (CET), 16.00-17.00 (FINNISH TIME)

To be decided

Speaker: Not confirmed

Moderator: Prof. Bent Deleuran, Director of the studies, Department of biomedicine, Aarhus University, Denmark.



MODERATOR: PROF. BENT DELEURAN

Bent Deleuran is a Professor in auto-immune and auto-inflammatory diseases at Aarhus University and consultant in Rheumatology. He has worked with translational medicine in rheumatic and inflammatory diseases. The main focus has been to describe the function of pro- and anti-inflammatory proteins in the inflamed synovial membrane. The failure of many animal models to predict efficacy of new targets in humans, makes it important to establish ex vivo human models. Access to large biobanks containing clinical data for up to 10 years after sampling, has lead to evaluation of the outcome in a real life setting. He is the co-inventor and co-holder of 3 patents.

**For more information and to join the online meetings,
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www.nordicpeerrheumatology.com

We wish you a warm welcome to the meetings!