

EULAR 2017 MADRID

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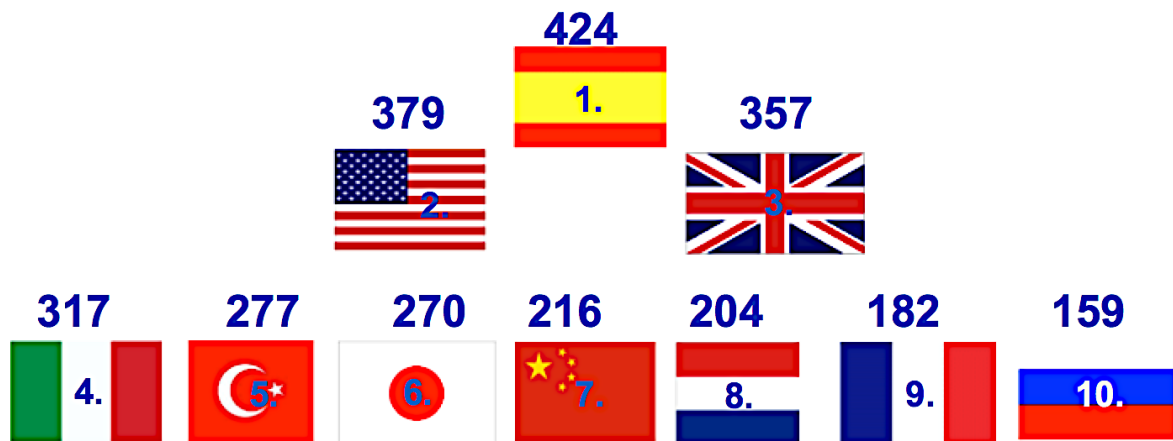
Il Congresso EULAR 2017 in Madrid si avvicina velocemente. Sono disponibili in anteprima i risultati finali relativi alla sottomissione degli abstracts e delle relative accettazioni. **Complimenti ITALIA!**

La Reumatologia italiana è nuovamente nelle prime 4 su 120 nazioni con ben 317 abstracts inviati (ps. La Germania è fuori i TOP ten).

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EULAR 2017 - Top 10 countries



Ma quello che conta veramente è che il “rate” di accettazioni si è confermato molto alto come per EULAR London, e quindi quantità ma anche qualità.

Quest’anno il numero di giovani reumatologi italiani invitati per oral presentations e poster presentations è il più alto in assoluto per noi.

Come si può osservare dalla tabella successiva la Reumatologia Italiana negli ultimi anni (2000-2017) **rimane la più produttiva in assoluto in termini di comunicazioni presentate agli EULAR congress.** In Rome 2010 e 2015 primi addirittura assoluti (anche in Berlin 2012 primi).

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SUBMISSIONS TOP COUNTRIES 2010 - 2017

| COUNTRY | 2010 | 2011 | 2012 | 2013 | 2014 | 2015 | 2016 | 2017 |
|--------------------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| Spain | 244 | 155 | 298 | 272 | 319 | 370 | 339 | 424 |
| United States | 260 | 288 | 266 | 296 | 323 | 338 | 348 | 379 |
| United Kingdom | 267 | 400 | 303 | 347 | 286 | 279 | 413 | 357 |
| Italy | 349 | 299 | 315 | 272 | 273 | 381 | 289 | 317 |
| Turkey | 164 | 119 | 139 | 205 | 219 | 262 | 222 | 277 |
| Japan | 185 | 217 | 282 | 297 | 352 | 295 | 231 | 270 |
| China | 44 | 49 | 39 | 64 | 73 | 61 | 119 | 216 |
| Netherlands | 163 | 184 | 219 | 205 | 202 | 226 | 173 | 204 |
| France | 170 | 192 | 161 | 171 | 166 | 191 | 157 | 182 |
| Russian Federation | 130 | 113 | 145 | 143 | 152 | 178 | 152 | 159 |
| Germany | 184 | 141 | 245 | 152 | 130 | 133 | 138 | 127 |
| Tunisia | 44 | 22 | 46 | 93 | 81 | 118 | 85 | 125 |
| Korea, Republic Of | 101 | 78 | 89 | 92 | 125 | 127 | 129 | 112 |
| TOTAL SUBMISSIONS | 3508 | 3456 | 3806 | 3780 | 4041 | 4323 | 4109 | 4845 |

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Quindi un ottimo andamento negli anni. Si consiglia solo una maggiore intensità di concretizzazione in pubblicazioni dei contenuti presentati al Congresso. Si presume che la SIR in tale direzione si attiverà come facilitatore.

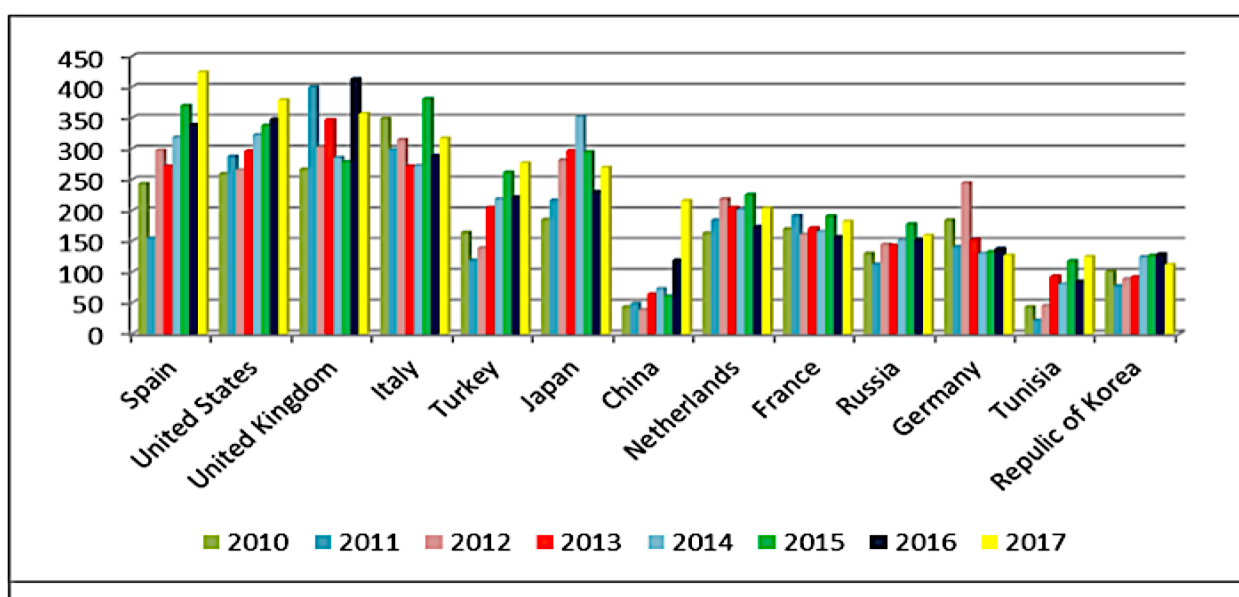
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COMPARISON TOP COUNTRIES 2010 - 2017



Infine poche note sulla “bellezza” di EULAR 2017, in quanto si celebrano i 70 anni dalla fondazione dell’EULAR (1947) e viene prospettato un “super” congresso con altre “belle” sorprese per l’Italia. A presto. MC

EULAR celebrates 70th anniversary

EULAR turns 70 this year, and several events will help members celebrate the occasion in Madrid.

An e-brochure and a walkway in the convention centre will feature a timeline of milestones, and a photo exhibition will share medical devices used by rheumatologists in the 1940s and 1950s, EULAR Secretariat Executive Director Julia Rautenstrauch said in an interview. The EULAR website also features a 2017 anniversary quiz and awards monthly prizes to winners.

At its founding in 1947, EULAR aimed to coordinate the therapeutic and research activities of its members’ scientific and social organisations, Prof. Rautenstrauch explained. “From the very beginning, a broad definition of rheumatic diseases was adopted, with a multidisciplinary approach that was very innovative at the time,” she said.

Today, EULAR’s mission statement reflects many of those original goals – to represent diverse stakeholders, reduce the burden of rheumatic diseases on the individual and society, and foster excellence in education and research in the field of rheumatology, according to Prof. Rautenstrauch. Likewise, EULAR’s objectives for 2017 underscore its historic emphasis not only on basic and clinical research, but also on high-quality education for providers and patients, a broad reach and range of offerings at the congress, and both national and European Union-level advocacy, she added.

In addition to its diverse and comprehensive recommendations on treating rheumatic diseases, EULAR has consistently prioritised educational activities, Prof. Rautenstrauch said. “With a broad portfolio of high-level educational offerings, such as live courses and online courses, EULAR is continuously educating rheumatologists and other health professionals to keep them abreast of the highest standards of medicine,” she said. “I am quite sure that EULAR will become the preeminent global provider of



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education in rheumatology in the near future. With digitisation, [we] will be able to offer high-standard medical education for a broad audience, not only in Europe, but also for people in low- and middle-income countries all over the world.”

Prof. Maurizio Cutolo, EULAR Past-President and Past-Chairman of the International League of Associations for Rheumatology, echoed that prediction. “Major world rheumatology leagues such as PANLAR [Pan-American League of Associations for Rheumatology], AFLAR [African League of Associations for Rheumatology], and of course the ACR [American College of Rheumatology] have requested ‘EULAR Symposia’ at their annual

meetings,” he said. “Five to 10 years from now, we probably will move to a more extensive network and an online system to share the congress, especially for geographical and economic reasons.”

When founded, EULAR included the national rheumatology organisations of 19 countries in Europe. Seven decades later, the league has 100 member organisations from 45 countries, according to Prof. Rautenstrauch. Likewise, while the very first congress in Copenhagen included 200 delegates from 16 countries, the congress in Madrid will welcome some 14,000 delegates from more than 120 countries, Prof. Cutolo said.

EULAR’s growth spurred it to begin holding annual congresses in 2000, he noted. “In 2017, almost 4,800 abstracts were submitted,” he said. “Abstracts from attendees from outside Europe are increasing, and today represent more than 40% of submissions.” Likewise, EULAR’s journal, *Annals of the Rheumatic Diseases*, now tops the field with a record impact factor of 12.384. Other recent accomplishments include EULAR’s launch of its School of Rheumatology and its work to promote safe, easily handled imaging tools that support the crucial early diagnosis of RMDs, including power Doppler ultrasonography and skin and nailfold capillaroscopy, he added.

Altogether, EULAR’s history highlights its “unique asset – the effective and close cooperation of professionals and patients under one roof,” Prof. Rautenstrauch said. A multidisciplinary approach and the systematic inclusion of the perspectives of patients in all decisions are factors that contribute to EULAR’s outstanding performance, not only in research, but also politically at the level of the European Union, she said. “In particular, EULAR’s recommendations for the management of diseases are widely accepted, and have had a great impact on national treatment policies, and thus on patients’ everyday lives.” ■