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Medical professionals are obliged by the CME/CPD regulations to constantly work on their skill and knowledge base. To ensure this, the UEMS organisation has set standards for the continuous medical education of professionals. In many countries, CME points are required to maintain the medical degree allowing working with patients. In many countries, reading and studying medical and scientific literature from the medical specialisation area qualifies to obtain CME points.

EULAR has recognised that it can do more than offer just a single event of 3 days to rheumatologists to ensure their level of medical qualification. Therefore we include several sources of information in our "EULAR All-Inclusive Annual Education Package" as outlined below. The "Annals of Rheumatic Diseases ARD" is an essential part of the package, being the journal in the rheumatology field with the highest reputation worldwide.

The "EULAR Annual All-Inclusive Education Package" is the key to a full year of CME / CPD education. It is factually incorrect to consider the package price to be the registration fee for the congress, and consider the subscription to the "Annals of Rheumatic Diseases ARD" journal an "inappropriate gift".

The EULAR education package to which a medical professional is subscribing entitles for the following products, benefits and services throughout a period of 12 months:

- Unlimited access to all sessions at the Annual European Congress of Rheumatology EULAR
- Access to the "Mobile Platform" app for tablet computers and mobile phones, containing the full scientific programme and all accepted abstract (full text)
- A full conference documentation with the programme book (300+ pages), and all abstracts on a USB stick
- Free access for a full year to all recorded sessions (180+) of the congress.
- One year full access to the newest developments and most recent publications in the field of RMD
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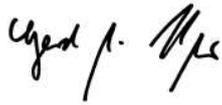
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It is difficult to understand how one part of the package, an element of the highest standard, aimed at bringing dedicated and focused information directly to the right target audience, can be considered inappropriate. We would therefore appeal to the authority to reconsider the decision that rheumatologists in Greece should be excluded from receiving the "Annals of Rheumatic Diseases ARD" as part of the "EULAR Annual All Inclusive Education Package".

Respectfully



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