

To the Presidents and Liaison Officers of
National EULAR member organisations of People with
Arthritis/Rheumatism (PARE)

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EULAR launches EDGAR STENE PRIZE COMPETITION 2019

Dear colleagues and friends,

We are delighted to inform you about the launch of the 2019 Edgar Stene Prize Competition. At the Opening Plenary Session of the forthcoming European Congress of Rheumatology in Madrid, Spain, on 12 June 2019, the Edgar Stene Prize will be awarded to the winning essay on the topic

“My ideal employer - Work without barriers for people with RMDs”

We invite people with RMDs to write about their personal experiences. We all want to live life to the fullest and independently and work is an essential part of our life. Be it paid work, voluntary work or looking after the family and a household, this can be a challenge for people with RMDs. What measures, aids, attitudes by employers – this can also be the family, society or the organisation or institution you would like to volunteer for - can support people with RMDs to be able to work in their dream job, or look after a family – we want to hear from you this year what should your ideal employer offer to you to make your work more accessible and manageable - or if there is already something which is reality we want to hear your best practice examples!

As in the past, we encourage our national EULAR member organisations of PARE to organise national competitions for people with a rheumatic or musculoskeletal disease (minimum 18 years of age). Competitors should be invited to submit an essay not exceeding 2 pages (A4) in their own language to their national EULAR member organisation of PARE. The deadline for the national completion will be set individually by

each national organisation. Anyone who would like to submit an essay should get in touch with their respective national EULAR member organisation for further information.

Each national jury should select and submit the best entry from their country (only one entry) by email to the EULAR Secretariat by 20 January 2019. A more detailed outline of the rules is attached to this letter for your information. Please note that these have to be fully adhered to, as applications which are not complete will not be accepted by the EULAR Secretariat.

A EULAR Jury will select the 2019 Stene Prize winner to be announced by 15 March 2019. The jury's decision is incontestable. Information about the 2019 EULAR Jury will be posted in the coming months on www.eular.org

The Stene Prize winner will be invited to attend the Opening Plenary Session of the EULAR Congress in Madrid and is awarded a prize of € 1 000. EULAR provides the winner with travel to Madrid and hotel accommodation for up to 4 nights as well as with an invitation to the EULAR Congress Gala Dinner.

The second ranking essay will be awarded with € 700 and the third ranking essay with € 300.

Thank you so much in advance for supporting this exciting and important competition in your country. If we can help with any questions please do not hesitate to contact the EULAR secretariat. The 2019 Edgar Stene Prize Jury looks forward to receiving many entries from all over Europe!

With kindest regards,



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