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The programme

Saturday, July 4th, 2026

From 15:00 Individual arrival

19:30 Get-together, Welcome from the Scientific organizers

Sunday, July 5th, 2026

08:15 **Welcome** C. Duftner, president of the Austrian Society for Rheumatology and Rehabilitation (ÖGR)

08:20 **The European perspective of rheumatology: What does EULAR stand for?** C. Edwards

08:30 **Introductory lesson:**
How to approach rheumatic diseases R. Puchner

09:00 **Case based learning*:**
(1) How to approach a patient who has joint pain? C. Edwards
(2) My patient has persistent fever! J. Thiel
(3) Chronic back pain is not always a disc problem! J. Hermann
(4) How to perform a check up on elderly patients with rheumatism? C. Duftner
(5) White fingers and strange skin lesions J. Sautner

09:45 **Small vessel vasculitis, autoinflammation and rare diseases - Challenging the rheumatologist** J. Thiel

10:15 Coffee break

10:45 **Skills I*:**
(1) clinical examination in rheumatology C. Edwards
(2) RheumEscape M. Reisch, D. Kickingner
(3) x-ray and MRI reading M. Karner
(4) ultrasound C. Duftner, C. Dejaco
(5) microscopy/capillaroscopy/
Rheumality - virtual world of bones and joints J. Sautner, J. Hermann, R. Puchner

12:05 - 13:15 Lunch break

13:15 **A life in pain always and everywhere - Fibromyalgia** W. Halder

13:45 **Case based learning*:**
(1) How to approach a patient who has joint pain? L. Coronel
(2) My patient has persistent fever! C. Dejaco
(3) Chronic back pain is not always a disc problem! J. Hermann
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(5) White fingers and strange skin lesions P. Bosch

14:30 **What is wrong with my back? Clinical presentation and diagnosis of spondylarthritis** S. Ohrndorf

15:00 **Skills II*:**
(1) clinical examination in rheumatology W. Halder
(2) RheumEscape D. Kickingner, M. Reisch
(3) x-ray and MRI reading M. Karner
(4) ultrasound L. Coronel, C. Dejaco
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16:20 **Professors' anecdotes: Why I would choose rheumatology as my speciality again! (all faculty day 1)**

16:45 Self based learning

Monday, July 6th, 2026

09:00 **Gout and crystal arthropathies - Swarovski & Co** L. Coronel

09:30 **Case based learning*:**
(1) How to approach a patient who has joint pain? R. Puchner
(2) My patient has persistent fever! C. Dejaco
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(4) How to perform a check up on elderly patients with rheumatism? W. Halder
(5) White fingers and strange skin lesions P. Bosch

10:15 - 10:45 Coffee break

10:45 **The scales fell from my ... joints - psoriatic arthritis** C. Edwards

11:15 **Case based learning*:**
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(5) White fingers and strange skin lesions J. Sautner

12:00 - 13:15 Lunch break

13:15 **Case based learning*:**
(1) How to approach a patient who has joint pain? C. Edwards
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(5) White fingers and strange skin lesions M. Stradner

14:00 **Skills III*:**
(1) clinical examination in rheumatology J. Hermann
(2) RheumEscape M. Reisch, D. Kickingner
(3) x-ray and MRI reading M. Karner

(4) ultrasound S. Ohrndorf, L. Coronel
(5) microscopy/capillaroscopy/
Rheumality - virtual world of bones and joints P. Bosch, M. Stradner, R. Puchner

15:30 Scientific walk

Tuesday, July 7th, 2026

Block: Career and Science in Rheumatology

09:00 **Science made in Austria** V. Konzett

09:20 **Career as a scientist** M. Stradner

09:40 **Training curricula, specialist exam and private practice** R. Puchner, M. Stradner, J. Sautner

10:10 **Why become a rheumatologist? - Real life career experiences of a former Summer School student;** M. Reisch

10:20 **Austrian society for Rheumatology supporting your career as a rheumatologist** C. Duftner

10:30 - 11:00 Coffee break

11:00 **Skills IV*:**
(1) clinical examination in rheumatology V. Konzett
(2) RheumEscape M. Reisch, D. Kickingner
(3) x-ray and MRI reading M. Karner
(4) ultrasound S. Ohrndorf, L. Coronel
(5) microscopy/capillaroscopy/
Rheumality - virtual world of bones and joints J. Sautner, M. Stradner, R. Puchner

12:15 - 13:15 Lunch break

13:30 **Skills V*:**
(1) clinical examination in rheumatology R. Puchner
(2) RheumEscape D. Kickingner, M. Reisch
(3) x-ray and MRI reading M. Karner
(4) ultrasound S. Ohrndorf, L. Coronel
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14:30 **Concluding remarks**
C. Dejaco, R. Puchner, J. Sautner

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* All sessions of "Case based learning" and "Skills" are workshops in small groups.



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