



Austrian Speakers:

- Philipp Bosch, Dr., Graz
- Christian Dejaco, Prim.Assoz.Prof., Dr., Graz/Bruneck-ITA
- Christina Duftner, Priv.Do., DDz, Innsbruck
- Wolfgang Halder, Prim. Dr., Hochzirl
- Josef Hermann, Priv.Do.,Dr., Graz
- Martin Karner, Prim. Dr., Bruneck - ITA
- David Kickingner, Dr. (EMEUNET member), Graz
- Victoria Konzett, Dr., Wien
- Rudolf Puchner, Priv.Do., Dr. MSc MBA, DPU Krems
- Myriam Reisch, Dr., (EMEUNET member) Graz
- Judith Sautner, Prim. Priv.Do. Dr., Stockerau
- Martin Stradner, Assoz.Prof. Dr., Graz
- Jens Thiel, Univ. Prof., Dr., Graz

EULAR Speakers:

- Christopher Edwards, Prof. BSc, MBBS, MD, FRCP, Southampton-UK
- Luis Coronel Tarancón, Dr., Barcelona-ESP
- Sarah Ohrndorf, PD Dr. med, Berlin-GER

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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. Kickinger*
(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*
(4) How to perform a check up on elderly patients with rheumatism? *W. Halder*
(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. Kickinger, M. Reisch*
(3) **x-ray and MRI reading** *M. Karner*
(4) **ultrasound** *L. Coronel, C. Dejaco*
(5) **microscopy/capillaroscopy/ Rheumality - virtual world of bones and joints** *P. Bosch, J. Hermann, R. Puchner*

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*
(3) Chronic back pain is not always a disc problem! *S. Ohrndorf*
(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*:**
(1) How to approach a patient who has joint pain? *C. Edwards*
(2) My patient has persistent fever! *L. Coronel*
(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*

12:00 - 13:15 Lunch break

13:15 **Case based learning*:**
(1) How to approach a patient who has joint pain? *C. Edwards*
(2) My patient has persistent fever! *P. Bosch*
(3) Chronic back pain is not always a disc problem! *S. Ohrndorf*
(4) How to perform a check up on elderly patients with rheumatism? *W. Halder*
(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. Kickinger*
(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. Kickinger*
(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. Kickinger, M. Reisch*
(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*

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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