Dear PRES EMERGE members,

Welcome to the latest PRES EMERGE newsletter. We hope that you are all well and managing under the current challenging circumstances.

**YIM 2020 IS GOING VIRTUAL!!**

Our Young Investigator Meeting (YIM) 2020 will be held virtually on 22nd – 23rd September, immediately before the PRES e-Congress. YIM will start at 2pm CET on 22nd September and finish at 1pm CET 23rd September 2020.

An exciting YIM program is being developed and will include inspirational talks, workshops, updates from our colleagues at CARRA and EULAR, presentations from young investigators and networking opportunities. Sessions will be recorded and available to YIM attendees afterwards. You can register for the meeting on the PRES website at [https://www.pres.eu/pres2020/registration.html](https://www.pres.eu/pres2020/registration.html)

Exceptionally this year’s YIM is open to all young investigators who are PRES members aged 40 years or younger (without an abstract being accepted for presentation in the YIM). In order to be able to benefit from this registration category, you are asked to explain your motivation for participating in the YIM in a short paragraph (3 – 4 sentences only please), which you should send to emerge.pres@gmail.com. On approval of your request by the YIM Committee, you will receive instructions how to register. Please do not proceed with a registration for another category in the meantime.

**Abstract acceptance**

Thank you to all those who have already submitted abstracts to the YIM, notifications will be sent out via PRES in July. Prizes will be awarded to the best oral presentations as normal.

**PRES council bursaries**

PRES is kindly providing 20 bursaries for young investigators and we are pleased to have had lots of applicants from across the world for these. These applications are currently being reviewed and applicants will be notified of the outcomes in July via PRES.

**ERN-RITA WEBINAR: PEDIATRIC INFLAMMATORY MULTISYSTEM SYNDROME (PIMS) IN THE CONTEXT OF COVID-19**

EMERGE members are invited to participate at the first webinar organized by the European Reference Network RITA and PReS. The webinar is dedicated to practicing clinicians and aimed to shed some light on PIMS from the perspective of pediatric rheumatologist. The Webinar will be held on 10th July 2020 at 14:00 CEST.

You can register for the Webinar at [https://register.gotowebinar.com/register/6649751074905577227](https://register.gotowebinar.com/register/6649751074905577227)

**PRES SCLERODERMA WORKING PARTY: INVITE TO EMERGE MEMBERS**

The PReS scleroderma WP would like to invite EMERGE members to become members of the WP. There will be a virtual meeting within the PReS virtual congress in September which you are welcome to attend. In particular if you have a research or clinical idea within scleroderma and would be keen to work with the scleroderma WP to progress this please let us know as we have set aside time in the September meeting to hear ideas and proposals from those interested in juvenile scleroderma. Ideas may be purely research driven or linked to service development, multi-site audit, clinical care surveys or education. If you would like to discuss further please contact either Ivan Foeldvari (Chair; foeldvari@t-online.de) Ozgur Kasapcopur (secretary; ozgurkc@istanbul.edu.tr), Clare Pain (research lead; clare.pain@alderhey.nhs.uk), Valentina Leone (Clinical Affairs; valentina.leone@nhs.net) Giorgia Martini (Education; giorgia.martini@aopd.veneto.it)

The PReS scleroderma WP was recently funded by the PReS / PRINTO Research Grant to undertake cross-cultural adaptation and validation of the Localised Scleroderma Quality of Life Instrument (LoSQI) in juvenile localised scleroderma
(JLS) and the study will involve up to 35 PRINTO represented countries. If any EMERGE members are interested in being involved in this study please contact Hanna Lythgoe (hannalythgoe@doctors.org.uk).

OTHER EMERGE INITIATIVES

Due to the Covid-19 Pandemic much work on our other initiatives has been temporarily on hold but we are now looking to moving these forward again. We will update you further at YIM and in future newsletters.

MEMBERSHIP

We welcome members from all professional backgrounds working in paediatric rheumatology so please encourage colleagues to email us at emerge.pres@gmail.com to join. Membership is free! We continue to need existing EMERGE members to get involved in developing and delivering our initiatives. Please get in touch if you can help us. (https://www.pres.eu/activities/young-investigators/about-pres-emerge.html).

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SEE BELOW FOR SOME EXCITING COURSES AND MEETINGS COMING UP SOON

SAVE THE DATE!

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**Invitation to RITA Webinar: Pediatric Inflammatory Multisystem Syndrome (PIMS) in the context of COVID-19**

Save the date: July 10, 2020, 14:00 CEST

**More about the webinar**

The webinar will cover major clinical manifestations and evaluation of the novel inflammatory multisystem syndrome in children that is related to SARS-CoV-2 infection and possible differential diagnoses.

- 30 min presentation,
- 15 min Q&A session,
- 15 min open discussion.

You are kindly invited to send questions on the topic before the webinar to contact.rita@ern-net.eu

**Speaker:** Prof. Angelo Ravelli

Head of Division of Rheumatology at the Giannina Gaslini Institute, Genoa, Italy, and Director of Pediatric Residency Program at the University of Genoa.

**Registration**

This webinar is dedicated to practicing rheumatologists, immunologists and pediatrics with an interest in inflammatory and autoimmune conditions in children.