

Rules of the Edgar Stene Prize

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Article 1 - Name and Aim

The designation chosen by the European League against Rheumatism (EULAR) "Edgar Stene Prize" is expressly approved by the Norwegian patient organisation (Norsk Revmatiker Forbund).

The object of the prize is to stimulate the interest of the many people with rheumatic and musculoskeletal diseases (RMDs) in the work of EULAR and especially in the work of their national organisation. It has been established in honor of the memory of the late Edgar Stene, who himself had severe ankylosing spondylitis. He was a great promoter of co-operation between doctors, patients and community workers.

Article 2 - Nature of Entries

The prize will be awarded every year to the best essay contribution submitted by a person with an RMD describing his or her individual experience with living with this disease. Entries may cover such aspects as the patient's view of the way the disease is fought, social welfare, the influence of the disease on family life and work, etc. The present topic of the upcoming essay contest will be announced by EULAR on the EULAR website.

Article 3 - Value and Awarding of the Prize

The value of the prize for the winning essay will be EUR 1,000 and will be offered by EULAR. The prize will be awarded on the occasion of the Annual European Congress of Rheumatology. EULAR will cover hotel accommodation for up to 4 nights at the Congress venue and the travelling expenses. Should the EULAR Congress 2021 be still impacted by the pandemic, or be held as a virtual event for any other reason, all Congress destination related activities to come with the Stene Prize (travel to the EULAR Congress 2021, accommodation, participation in the on-site Congress and the Opening Plenary Session, EULAR Congress Networking Dinners) will be cancelled. There is no right to receive any of these related activities as monetary refund nor will they be moved to a later point in time. Please note: the Stene Prize money will still be awarded and not be impacted. EULAR will award the second-best essay with EUR 700 and the third ranking essay with EUR 300.

Article 4 - Conditions of Entry

Entry is open to any person with a rheumatic disease (minimum age of 18 years). Employees of the national patient organisations or scientific leagues/societies are excluded. Entries are to be submitted to the national EULAR member patient organisation. The deadline for the national competition 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 or PARE for further information: [EULAR Member organisations of PARE list](#). Entries can be submitted in the respective national languages and should not exceed 2 pages (typewritten, Arial 12-point, single line space, adequate frames). All entries have to be submitted as WORD documents. **PDF files will not be accepted.**

The national EULAR member patient organisations shall submit the best entry in the respective national language by e-mail to the **EULAR Secretariat by 20 January 2021** at the latest. EULAR will take care that all submitted essays are translated into English by a professional agency.

In addition to the essay text, entries submitted to the EULAR Secretariat **must** contain the following information (**please note if the information submitted to the EULAR Secretariat is incomplete it will be rejected**):

- E-mail address / contact telephone number of the author, in case EULAR needs to get in touch
- E-mail address / contact telephone number of liaison person of national league submitting the entry to help facilitate contact with author
- Portrait picture of the author in high resolution and 3-5 pictures in relation to the author and / or the essay
- 2-3 short paragraphs of information about the author including: age, profession, family, hometown, hobbies, how he or she learned about the Stene Prize and why he or she chose to participate in the essay contest. This information will be used to introduce the author in case the essay is chosen for publication
- Signed copy of EULARs official publication consent form

Article 5 - Composition of the Jury

The Jury shall comprise five voting members, of whom not more than two shall be doctors, appointed by the EULAR Standing Committee of PARE. The EULAR Vice-President representing national PARE organisations and the Chair of the Standing Committee of PARE shall be ex-officio members of the Jury. The ex-officio members have no voting rights. A Jury shall be appointed for each prize and no member may sit more than twice in succession.

Article 6 - Awarding of the Prize

The Stene Prize shall be awarded by an absolute majority decision. If no entry is judged worthy of the prize then it shall not be awarded. The winning contribution and the other entries may be published after the presentation of the prize in whatever form the author, the national organisation or EULAR may decide.

No legal or other objection to the majority decision of the Jury is possible. Any discussions or correspondence concerning the decision are excluded.

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