Minutes from the OMERACT meeting during EULAR 2019, Madrid, 14th of June from 8.00 - 10.00 at IFEMA.

Lene Terslev (co-chair) and Maria-Antonietta d’Agostino (mentor) led the meeting. Absents and excused: co-chairs George Bruyn and Helen Keen.

The meeting was well-attended and both new and old members introduced themselves.

The agenda of the meeting was presented (and it is listed in the points below)

1. Presentation of new OMERACT papers

The two publications related to OMERACT 2018, Terrigal, Australia, were presented


This paper describes the OMERACT methodology applied in the OMERACT US working group to develop and validate US as an outcome measurement instrument. The step-wise process should be applied in all sub-groups


The paper summarizes the existing, the modified and the new definitions for ultrasound elementary lesions and ultrasound detected pathologies, developed since 2004 and applied in rheumatology.

2. Update of “sleeping “subgroups: dactylitis Task Force (TF)

The subgroup convened by Gurjit Kealey with the help of Sibel Aydin, and mentored by MADA, had difficulties to pursue the validation steps due to American law to send and receive images, which needs the agreement of Ethic Committee. Esperanza Naredo has joined the convenors group and has raised money to continue the work on Dactylitis, especially the enthesitis detection in fingers. The group of convenors and mentor have planned a TC in early July. After this time a recap deadline will be shared to the members of the TF.

3. Update from the new groups: Myositis, SLE and PMR (convenors)

In all three subgroups the SLR has been conducted and the subgroups are about to move to step 2 in the validation process.

4. Re-presentation of the website

The www.omeract-us.org website was presented again – here meeting dates, venue and time is listed. Further minutes from previous meetings can be found and all active subgroups and their updates is likewise listed. The SOP for the working group is currently updated and can be found on the website after the summer.
5. Appointing who in each sub-group is responsible for sending material to the website and keeping it updated for the subgroup

Each subgroup is asked to point out who will be responsible to update the subgroups page (including adding the date for each update). For each update it is mandatory to use the reporting back form that is found on the website in which the progress of the group should be presented according to the stepwise approach in agreement with the methodology paper.

6. Subgroup updates to be prepared for the OMERACT meeting during ACR

Each subgroup is asked to prepare an update for the meeting during ACR. The subgroup should only present progress in the group work that is not already listed on the website. Time, date and venue for the ACR meeting 2019 will be listed on the website.

7. Subgroup discussion

There was little time left for subgroup discussion and at ACR we will try to aim for rotations so that members of several groups may attend more than one group discussion.