Continual Medical Education in PANLAR

Continual Medical Education (CME) is a key tool for the development of rheumatologic excellence in the Americas. Our vision for 2022 is to be the main provider of education and science, standards of practice and models for rheumatology in Latin America.

One of the main tools we have to reach these targets is Continued Medical Education (CME).

CME must be up to international quality standards and independent from the interests of likely sponsors.

The American College of Rheumatology has created a Learning Center (http://www.rheumatology.org/Learning-Center) that brings together educational activities, online education and CME courses, a library and other academic resources and, through ACCME, boasts a certification or accreditation program.

Eular will launch its EULAR School of Rheumatology program in June, which includes CME courses, online courses, books and seminars, as well as benefits from the EULAR Credit Point System, allowing membership and a personal registry of activities (http://www.eular.org/school_of_rheumatology.cfm).

In turn, we have built our own Continued Medical Education offer for 2017, which will be launched as PANLAR Edu.
PanlarEdu is the hashtag we will use to promote and discuss all CME initiatives made by PANLAR. The #PanlarEdu hashtag will be available in social networks and will have its own space on our webpage, which will work as an CME hub for rheumatology in our immense region. This hub will bring together information and links on all CME activities addressed to our different audiences.

- **Courses and Conferences**

  The first ACCAR-PANLAR Regional Course, to be held May 3-5 [http://www.panlar-accar.com](http://www.panlar-accar.com)

  The II PANLAR Review Course, on the topic of biosimilars, to be held September 6-9 [http://www.biosimilars-course.com](http://www.biosimilars-course.com)

- **Monthly PANLAR meeting**

  Monthly CME sessions on general interest topics on rheumatology will be held in Spanish, and with a selection of excellent speakers from the continent, in the form of webcasts that will be readily available for ongoing consultation and sharing on all available media.

- **Online Educational Courses**

  As a result of the PANLAR Innovation Award, two winning projects will be developed:

  “Rheumatology training program for nursing professionals”

  “Massive Online Course (MOOC) on the appropriate use of basic diagnostic images in rheumatology for Ibero-American non-Rheumatologists”

- **ILAR Projects for the PANLAR area**

  Winning ILAR projects endorsed by PANLAR will have a broadcasting space. ([http://www.ilar.org/projects/](http://www.ilar.org/projects/))

  These include, among others:

  **For medical students:** “Enhancing undergraduate rheumatology education in Latin America”.

  **For patients:** “Web-based educational program for patients with rheumatoid arthritis in Latin America and the Caribbean countries”.
• Study Group Education Courses

Several education courses in study groups will be offered on this site, with one in pediatric rheumatology among them. Educational resources such as books, papers, reviews and a PANLAR virtual resources library will also be available on the site.

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We are currently devising scoring for activities performed by members considering the certification of new lessons, skills or proficiencies, which may be quantified in time and usefulness for PANLAR activities and for their workplaces.

I consider each program and progress over time will allow us to reach the goals set in our development plan.

I wish you an excellent year as we also expect PANLAR’s year to be.

Carlo Vinicio Caballero Uribe MD PhD ©
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