

The International Affairs Committee advises Council on matters relating to APLAR's links with rheumatology societies and organizations overseas, including mainly the ACR and EULAR for now, but potentially others including BSR, ASAS, GRAPPA just to name a few. The goal is to enhance APLAR's engagement in the global scientific community, as well as to promote international scientific exchange, contribute to rheumatology patients well-being worldwide, and set an example of how APLAR countries can cooperate productively, sharing ideas, and moving forward creatively.

Terms of Reference

1. To advise Council on its relationships with other international bodies, such as ACR and EULAR
2. To maintain links with international rheumatology societies and organizations overseas, and to advise Council on Reciprocity agreements.

Upcoming task

One of the key mission for the international affairs committee would be to foster collaboration between APLAR and EULAR. As Prof Biljsma had expressed interest for APLAR to collaborate on the EULAR school (<https://www.eular.org/>) which they had already developed a lot of educational material for e-learning , we would need our committee members to consider whether translation to other languages are necessary in order for the materials to be useful in various APLAR countries.