

9th EULAR Immunology Course

Amsterdam, Netherlands

Friday, 6 February 2026 – Saturday, 7 February 2026



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COURSE DESCRIPTION

This is a compact, one-and-a-half-day course on immunology that will cover two major immunology topics from basic knowledge to hot issues in the field, and on the design, interpretation, and analysis of basic or translational research projects.

The course is designed to facilitate problem- and case-oriented learning to enhance the interactions among participants and between participants and the faculty. Lectures will provide basic knowledge to the course participants. Participants will work in small groups on specific proposals for research projects in clinical and basic immunology.

Three main sessions will be organised:

- Basic to Hot topic sessions (with 6 different lectures about adaptive or innate immunity, tissue inflammation and immune tolerance).
- Discussion of a potential research project. Based on an unsolved research question posed by the faculty, the participants will draft a project using immunological investigational techniques (in vitro, in vivo). Via discussion with the faculty, the project will be improved and refined, so the participants will learn how to optimize approach, methods, and controls.
- Immunology Speed Dating with the faculty. This session will allow the participants to network and to interact with the faculty in a more 'informal' environment which will stimulate sharing knowledge and ideas.

The course will end with an Immunology Quiz that will challenge and test the acquired knowledge of the participants and of the faculty.

Learning objectives

- The course will raise the knowledge and skills of young rheumatologists and basic researchers working in the field of immunology in rheumatology.
- The course will be complimentary to the EULAR online course on rheumatic diseases and the EULAR postgraduate course and consolidates the knowledge in immunology in a more practical and interactive way.
- The course will foster networking and create bonds between the participants to promote future collaborations.

GENERAL INFORMATION

Course venue

NH Amsterdam Zuid,
Van Leijenberghlaan 221,
1082 GG Amsterdam, Netherlands

Course dates

Friday, 6 February 2026 – Saturday, 7 February 2026

Official language

English

Maximum participants

40

Certification

Upon successful completion of the course, all participants will receive a certificate of attendance via their EULAR School user account.

Please note that full attendance (100%) is required to receive the certificate.

COURSE PACKAGE

300 € (VAT included), package includes:

Friday, 6 February 2026

- Full access to the course.
- Coffee break.
- Engagement dinner.

Saturday, 7 February 2026

- Full access to the course.
- Coffee break.
- Lunch.

Pre course material

- Questionnaire - 6 short questions.
- EULAR Online course module: Immunology and the rheumatic diseases.

REGISTRATION

Application requirements / Target audience

This is an educational activity targeting young rheumatologists or rheumatology trainees, internal medicine specialists or basic science researchers working in the field of rheumatology. This course has no specific prerequisites or application requirements; however, it is highly recommended to have basic or intermediate knowledge of immunology and have a strong interest in performing (actively) translational research focusing on rheumatic diseases.

Registration process

Online: <https://esor.eular.org/course/view.php?id=497>

To register, log in to your EULAR School of Rheumatology user account, navigate to the appropriate course page, and complete the registration process by submitting the course fee payment.

An official confirmation email will be sent to you upon approval of your registration.

Registration deadline: Sunday, 7 December 2025.

* Early registration is advisable. The number of participants is limited.

BURSARY

Annually, EULAR offers bursaries to applicants aged 40 or younger from European countries to attend its rheumatology courses. These bursaries aim to foster the personal and professional development of researchers and clinicians in the field of rheumatology.

EULAR grants **10 bursaries** for the course, each with a value of **EUR 300**. The bursary amount will be applied as a deduction from the course fee.

Additionally, bursary recipients are eligible for reimbursement of **up to** EUR 120 per night for accommodation.

The following terms apply:

- Reimbursement is provided solely for nights that are directly associated with the course: Friday, 6 February 2026 – Saturday, 7 February 2026 (1-night, single occupancy).
- Reimbursement is not available for shoulder nights.
- Upon completion of the course, bursary recipients must submit the finalised reimbursement form, and accommodation receipts (only), and the EULAR Certificate of Attendance to education@eular.org.

Application process

Please apply with the following documents within the registration system:

- CV.
- A motivation letter, clearly outlining your interest in the course, along with the reasons for your desire to participate.
- A list of publications (if acceptable).

Additional considerations when applying for the bursary:

- All documents must be submitted in PDF format.
- Applications submitted via email will not be processed.

Bursary application deadline: Sunday, 2 November 2025.

Notification: end of November 2025.

DETAILED PROGRAMME

Day 1 - Friday, 6 February 2026

Time	Type of session & Title	Speaker
13:30 – 14:30	REGISTRATION	
14:30 – 14:45	Welcome session and Introduction	A. Alunno H. Scherer M. Truchetet
14:45 – 15:30	Immunology: Basic Concepts	B. Hoyer
Basic to Hot Topic 1: Adaptive Immunity		
15:30 – 16:15	On the HLA, T cells and their clinical implications in autoimmunity (30min lecture + 15min discussion)	R. Toes
16:15 – 16:45	COFFEE BREAK	
Basic to Hot Topic 2: Innate Immunity		
16:45 – 17:30	The inflammasome (30min lecture + 15min discussion)	A. Tapia Abellan
17:30 – 18:15	Nucleic-acid sensing TRLs and lupus pathologies: the journey of a research project (30min lecture + 15min discussion)	C. Leibler
18:15 – 19:15	Immunology Speed Dating with the faculty	All faculty
19:30 -	DINNER & IMMUNOLOGY QUIZ & GROUP PHOTO	

Day 2 – Saturday, 7 February 2026

Time	Type of session & Title	Speaker
Basic to Hot Topic 3: Tissue Inflammation		
08:30 – 09:15	Macrophage heterogeneity (30min lecture + 15min discussion)	S. Alivernini
Basic to Hot Topic 4: Immune Tolerance		
09:15 – 10:00	Restoration of immune tolerance for therapeutic purposes (30min lecture + 15min discussion)	J. Isaacs
10:00 – 10:45	Epigenetic and the immune system (30min lecture + 15min discussion)	C. Ospelt
10:45 – 11:15	COFFEE BREAK	
Breakout Sessions		
The participants are divided into 3 separate groups.		
11:15 – 12:30	Breakout Session – Group 1	A. Tapia Abellan S. Alivernini
	Breakout Session – Group 2	J. Isaacs B. Hoyer
	Breakout Session – Group 3	C. Leibler R. Toes
12:30 – 12:45	Breakout Session Summary by groups	All
12:45 – 13:00	CLOSING REMARKS	A. Alunno H. Scherer M. Truchetet
13:00 – 14:00	LUNCH	

Any changes to the scientific programme or to the list of speakers are possible until the date of course.