

## EULAR Antiphospholipid Syndrome (APS) Study Group

### Aims of the Study Group

- Development of a network -with emphasis on young participants- involving fellows, PhD students, rheumatologists, clinical immunologists, basic researchers, patients, and health professionals with interest in APS.
- Improvement of clinical care
- Collaboration projects on clinical and basic research initiatives e.g. catastrophic APS registry, direct oral anticoagulants registry, biologic agents registry, multicenter survey for the assessment of cardiovascular disease risk in APS and other ongoing projects in collaboration with ERN-ReCONNECT, projects in different aspects of obstetric APS, investigator-initiated controlled studies (e.g. role of hydroxychloroquine in asymptomatic antiphospholipid antibody-positive individuals or patients with primary APS)
- Development of new EULAR-endorsed initiatives, and implementation and dissemination of the recently developed EULAR recommendations for the management of adult APS, the previous EULAR recommendations for the management of pediatric APS, the EULAR recommendations for family planning and pregnancy issues in SLE and/or APS, as well as of the ongoing ACR-EULAR classification criteria for APS.
- Patient perspectives on management and clinical research, and assessment of unmet needs
- Educational issues including training sites, educational material, and reports from recent APS meetings and congresses (e.g. the International congress on antiphospholipid antibodies, the European forum on antiphospholipid antibodies, the European Lupus Meeting, and others)
- Proposal of relevant topics/sessions for scientific meetings and congresses (e.g. the annual EULAR meeting)
- Discussion and proposal of collaboration projects for research grants (e.g. FOREUM, Horizon, and others)

The Antiphospholipid Syndrome study group is open to new applications from clinicians, researchers, health professionals and patients interested in APS who agree with the aims of the study group. The study groups will meet annually during the EULAR Congress.

### Founding members:

Study Group Leader: Maria G. Tektonidou

Steering committee: Maria Tektonidou (Greece), Ricard Cervera (Spain), Angela Tincani (Italy)

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