

G-CAN 2023 Award Recipients

Gold Medal Award



Nicola Dalbeth, MD FRACP

Nicola Dalbeth is a Specialist Rheumatologist and Professor of Medicine from Auckland, New Zealand. She leads a research programme focusing on the mechanisms, impact, and treatment of gout. She has been principal investigator of trials for novel therapeutic agents and treatment strategies in gout and has led international initiatives to define central concepts of the disease, including nomenclature, staging, and response to treatment. She was a member of the core oversight team for the 2020 American College of Rheumatology (ACR) Gout Management Guidelines, and a steering committee member on the 2015 ACR/European League Against Rheumatism (EULAR) gout classification project.

Rising Leader Award



Abhishek Abhishek, PhD

Abhishek Abhishek is a Professor of Rheumatology at the University of Nottingham, UK. He qualified from Seth GS Medical College in Mumbai (India) and trained in rheumatology in and around Nottingham, UK, completing his PhD on calcium pyrophosphate deposition. His major research interests are epidemiology, clinical trials, and clinical observational studies in the field of crystal arthritis. He is the chief investigator of a large pragmatic clinical trial of treat-to-target versus usual care of gout running in UK primary care and also the co-PI of the American College of Rheumatology/European League Against Rheumatism (EULAR) CPPD classification criteria project, co-chair of the OMERACT CPPD working group, and a founding co-convenor of the British Society for Rheumatology Crystal Arthritis Special Interest Group.

Master Awards



Frédéric (Fred) Lioté, MD, PhD

A rheumatologist and goutologist for decades, Fred Lioté is Professor of Rheumatology (tenured) at Université Paris Cité since 1998. He is also Deputy Head of the Rheumatology Department (Centre Viggo Petersen), at University Hôpital Lariboisière and Senior Researcher at INSERM unit UMR 1132 Bioscar. Dr. Lioté has devoted most of his career to the study of crystal-induced inflammation, angiogenesis and the relationship between cartilage and calcium crystals in osteoarthritis. Along with G-CAN member Dr. Alexander So, he designed the European Crystal Network (ECN) and convened the ECN Annual Workshops for the past 14 years, providing opportunities for joint research projects and genetic networks between European, US and New-Zealand colleagues. He has been a member of the G-CAN Board of directors since the network's inception in 2015.



Eliseo Pascual, MD

Eliseo Pascual received his medical degree from the Universidad Complutense of Madrid and completed his rheumatology fellowship at the Rheumatology Section of the Hospital of the University of Pennsylvania, under the mentorship of G-CAN member H. Ralph Schumacher and Joseph L. Hollander and Alan Myers. In 1981 he was appointed Assistant Professor at the newly formed Faculty of Medicine of the University of Alicante where later he reached full professorship. He is currently Emeritus Professor and Emeritus Researcher at the Alicante Institute of Sanitary and Biomedical Research (ISABIAL). During his career he organized hands-on workshops on crystal analysis in synovial Fluid. Pascual is past president of the Spanish society for Rheumatology and the recipient of the 2016 Meritorious Service Award from EULAR.



Fernando Perez-Ruiz MD, PhD

Fernando Perez-Ruiz is the Head of the Rheumatology Division at Cruces University Hospital, along with Head of Arthritis Investigation Group at BioCruce-Bizkaia Health Research Institute, and an associate professor at Medicine School of the Basque Country University in Spain. For the last 25 years his “after-work hobby” has been clinical investigation in crystal arthritis, specifically in gout, reaching an h-index 58.

Emerging Career Investigator Awards



Mariano Andres, MD

Mario Andres trained in Rheumatology at Alicante General University Hospital (Alicante, Spain) under the supervision of Prof. Eliseo Pascual. After being granted a 3-year research contract by the regional research agency FISABIO in 2015, Dr. Andres has been a Rheumatology consultant at Dr. Balmis General University Hospital and an adjunct professor for health sciences at Miguel Hernandez University. Andres’ main areas of interest are comorbidities accompanying gout, hyperuricemia with asymptomatic crystals, and advances in synovial fluid analysis. In these areas, he published several papers in the leading rheumatology journals, besides many collaborations with the Global Gout consortium and the G-CAN and GEACSER groups. He was a bibliographic fellow for the 3e Initiative recommendations for the diagnosis and management of gout, a panelist for the Spanish gout guidelines and the upcoming ACR-EULAR calcium pyrophosphate classification criteria.



Georgios Filippou, MD, PhD

Georgios Filippou is a rheumatologist. He received his Master Studies and the PhD degree at the University of Siena Italy and is currently Senior Staff Physician at the department of Rheumatology, I.R.C.C.S. Ospedale Galeazzi - Sant’Ambrogio, Milan. His main area of research is clinical applications of ultrasound in rheumatology, with particular interest in microcrystalline arthritis. Filippou is a member of the EULAR faculty of US courses, convenor of the study group in CPPD of the OMERACT Ultrasound Working Group, a member of the EULAR/ACR taskforce for the development of the classification criteria for CPPD, convenor of the EULAR taskforce for the development of recommendations for the use of imaging in microcrystalline arthritis and founder of the International Society for Ultrasound in Rheumatology.