

EULAR – European Congress of Rheumatology London, June 3–6, 2026

The largest European congress of rheumatologists has come to a close. This time, London hosted over 14,000 participants, representing countries not only from the old continent. There were also many Polish accents, as Polish rheumatologists participated in the General Assembly.

The scientific sessions were chaired by Prof. Marzena Olesińska, MD, PhD, for the session called “The Enigma of Mixed Connective Tissue Disease in Challenging the Rheumatologist Clinical Care,” and by Maria Maślińska, MD, PhD, Professor at the National Institute of Geriatrics, Rheumatology, and Rehabilitation in Warsaw, for the session: “New Perspectives

in IgG4-Associated Diseases.” Prof. Otylia Kowal-Bielecka from the Clinic of Rheumatology and Internal Medicine of the Medical University of Białystok was a speaker, presenting the problem of gastrointestinal involvement in systemic sclerosis.

Among the poster presentations, Anna Gwoźdź-Broczkowska, MD (National Institute of Geriatrics, Rheumatology and Rehabilitation, Warsaw) delivered an abstract entitled „Calcinosis in Juvenile Autoimmune Rheumatic Diseases – Observations from One Pediatric Rheumatology Clinic” (DOI: 10.1136/annrheumdis-2026-eular.B.4031) during the poster tour.

Ewa Więsik-Szewczyk, MD, PhD and Prof. Karina Jahnz-Rozyk (Military Institute of Medicine, National Research Institute, Warsaw) presented, among others, the subject of “Missed Red Flags of Monogenic Immune



Fig. Polish rheumatologists after the General Assembly. From the right: Bogdan Batko, Marcin Stajszczyk, Magdalena Krajewska-Włodarczyk, Brygida Kwiatkowska, Zbigniew Żuber, Piotr Krawiec.

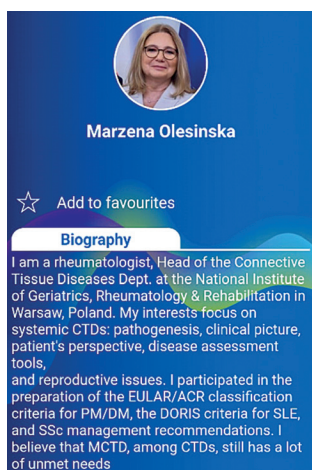


Fig. Prof. Marzena Olesińska, MD, PhD – chair of one of the scientific session “The Enigma of Mixed Connective Tissue Disease in Challenging the Rheumatologist Clinical Care”.

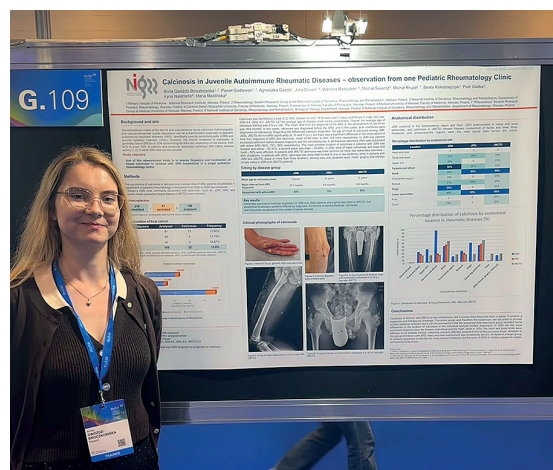


Fig. First author: Anna Gwoźdź-Broczkowska, MD, and her abstract presentation “Calcinosis in Juvenile Autoimmune Rheumatic Diseases – Observations from One Pediatric Rheumatology Clinic”.

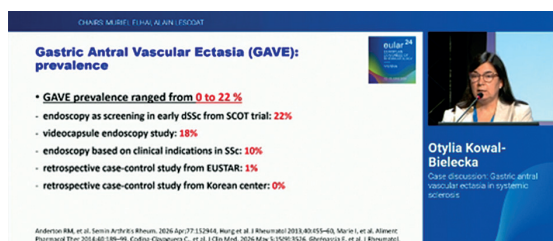


Fig. Prof. Otylia Kowal-Bielecka presented the problem of gastro in systemic sclerosis.



Fig. Audience Award during a session dedicated to compelling clinical cases. From the right: Prof. Agata Sebastian, Piotr Wawryka, MD, Jakub Rogalewicz, MD.



Fig. Maria Maślińska (Poland) and Tobiasz Aleksander (Berlin), Chairpersons of the session “New Perspectives in IgG4-Associated Diseases”.



Fig. Maria Maślińska and Tobiasz Aleksander during the session “New Perspectives in IgG4-Associated Diseases”.



Fig. Aleksandra Opinc-Rosiak, MD, PhD.

Dysregulation: A Case Report of Late-Onset STAT3 Gain-of-Function–Related Disease” (DOI: 10.1136/annrheumdis-2026-eular.E.877). Katarzyna Wawrzycka-Adamczyk, MD, PhD (University Hospital in Krakow, POLVAS – Polish Vasculitis Registry) discussed “Time to Renal Replacement Therapy Determinants in ANCA-Associated Vasculitis – Data from Polish Vasculitis Registry (POLVAS)” (DOI: 10.1136/annrheumdis-2026-eular.B.2965), while Kinga Tyczyńska, MD (University Clinical Hospital, Wrocław) showcased “Renal Outcomes in Ankylosing Spondylitis: A Retrospective, Population-Based Cohort Study” (DOI: 10.1136/annrheumdis-2026-eular.A.1736). Moreover, Krzysztof Wójcik, MD, PhD (Jagiellonian University, Krakow) presented “Stimulated Emission Depletion (STED) Microscopy for ANA Pattern Identification: First Dataset and Machine Learning Comparison with Fluorescence Microscopy” (DOI: 10.1136/annrheumdis-2026-eular.B.1480). Other poster presentations were deli-

vered by Joanna Sarnik, PhD in Biology (Medical University of Lodz), who submitted „Nasal Epithelial PADI Expression Driven by Airborne Pollutants: Implications for Local Citrullination in Rheumatoid Arthritis” (DOI: 10.1136/annrheumdis-2026-eular.A.602), and Olga Brzezińska, MD, PhD (Medical University of Lodz) demonstrating „Pain Beyond Inflammation: Underdiagnosed Neuropathic and Neuroplastic Pain in Systemic Connective Tissue Diseases” (DOI: 10.1136/annrheumdis-2026-eular.B.3958). Additionally, Anna Nowakowska-Płaza, MD, PhD with her colleagues (K. Jahnz-Rozyk, E. Więsik-Szewczyk), along with other center representative, i.e., Jakub Wronski from the National Institute of Geriatrics, Rheumatology, and Rehabilitation in Warsaw, delivered an abstract titled “Immune-Mediated Bone Loss in Adults with Primary Immunodeficiencies: Secondary Osteoporosis, Sarcopenia, and Lymphocyte Correlates – are NK Cells Protective?” (DOI: 10.1136/annrheumdis-2026-eular.B.620).

A Polish team from Wrocław, comprising Piotr Wawryka, Agata Sebastian, Jakub Rogalewicz, and Krzysztof Proc, was recognized for an outstanding presentation “Eosinophilic Granulomatosis With Polyangiitis And Eosinophilic Fasciitis – Two Diseases Treated with One Targeted Drug – Benralizumab” (DOI: 10.1136/annrheumdis-2026-eular.E.284), and honored with the Audience Award during a session dedicated to compelling clinical cases.

The EULAR Congress also provided an opportunity for active involvement of Polish rheumatologists in EULAR activities. Prof. Maria Maślińska participated in the EULAR Education Committee meeting, and Prof. Przemysław Kotyla in the Quality of Care Committee meeting.

The activities of young rheumatologists in EMEUNET (EMerging EULAR NETWORK) are significant. Agata Schramm-Luc represented EMEUNET during the EULAR–ACR–PANLAR Research Exchange Programme, organized by King’s College London during the EULAR 2026 Congress. Aleksandra Opinc-Rosiak, MD, PhD placed third, and received the EMEUNET Country Liaison Award for her work on behalf of young rheumatologists and for her commitment to developing international collaboration.

Being actively involved in such a great, global rheumatology community is a tremendous privilege and strong motivation to continue working on advancing rheumatology in Poland.

Permission was obtained for the publication of photos.

A step further for the *Reumatologia* journal

In June every year, the ranking of scientific journals is announced, and new impact factors for the previous year are published – this time for 2025. For the editorial teams of many journals, it is a time of celebration and to plan further intensive work. The journal of *Reumatologia* was rated 2.5 IF, indicating an increase of over 50%. This demonstrates the interest in publications, their citation rates, and hence, the hard work of the editorial team, reviewers, authors, and readers.

As the Editor-in-Chief, I would like to express my gratitude, particularly to the Editor Monika Ślusarska, Olena Zimba, and Anna Masiak.

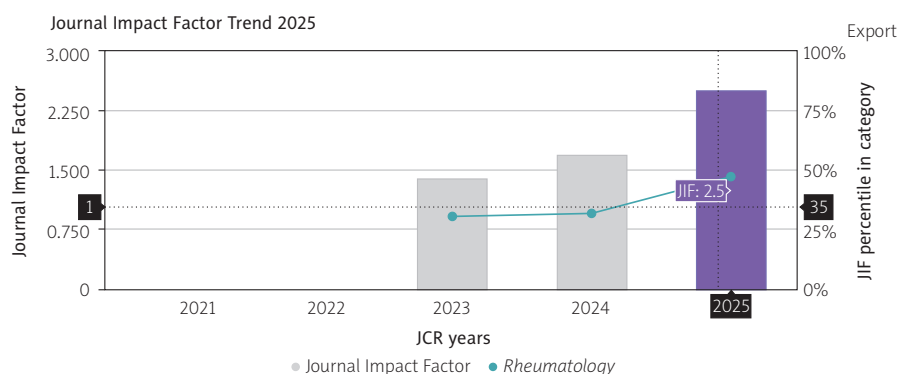


Fig. Evolution of the *Reumatologia* journal’s Journal Impact Factor (JIF), highlighting the JIF value of 2.5 achieved in 2025.

Also, I would like to thank the Editorial Team of Termedia Publishing House for their contribution and collaborative work with the *Reumatologia*.

The new indicators are both rewarding and demanding. As the Editor-in-Chief, I thank each and every one of you involved in thriving of the *Reumatologia* journal. I hope that another year of work will confirm the value of the journal, and continue to serve as a platform for the international exchange of scientific ideas for authors, researchers, and readers.

Maria Maślińska
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