Nature Publishing Group (NPG) is delighted to announce that the Asia Pacific League of Associations for Rheumatology (APLAR) has named *Nature Clinical Practice Rheumatology* as a publication that it endorses and recommends to the clinical communities in the regions that it serves.

APLAR spearheads the fight against arthritis. APLAR’s mission and goals focus on providing state-of-the-art care to patients with arthritis and other musculoskeletal diseases through continuing professional development of members, increasing awareness and understanding of rheumatic diseases, patient advocacy and empowerment, and fostering research in the field of rheumatic diseases. For more information, visit [www.aplar.org](http://www.aplar.org).

“We are delighted to be partnering with Nature Publishing Group in this way,” commented Dr CS Lau, President of APLAR. “*Nature Clinical Practice Rheumatology* seems an obvious fit for our community of professional clinicians who will appreciate the way that the journal shows how the latest findings in rheumatology research can be applied to practice. We look forward to working with NPG and building our relationship with them.”

“I am very pleased that NCPR has developed a partnership with a dynamic organization, such as APLAR,” added Dr Peter Lipsky, Editor in Chief of *Nature Clinical Practice Rheumatology*. “Rheumatology is rapidly growing in the Asia Pacific region and APLAR is at the center of that development. I believe that the goals of the journal and APLAR are completely consonant and therefore I look forward to a mutually rewarding relationship.”

**About APLAR**

APLAR strives to propagate and consolidate Rheumatology endeavors in the Asia Pacific region. Towards this end, APLAR publishes a journal, the *APLAR Journal of Rheumatology*. The premier meeting organized by the APLAR every two years is the APLAR Congress, which brings together rheumatologists, internists, orthopedic surgeons, clinical immunologists, physiatrists, physical and occupational therapists, pediatricians and researchers from allied disciplines on a common platform in order to provide the best forum in the region for deliberations on all aspects of musculoskeletal diseases. APLAR is affiliated to ILAR (International League of Associations for Rheumatology).

**About Nature Clinical Practice Rheumatology**

*Nature Clinical Practice Rheumatology* is a monthly journal from NPG that delivers authoritative and timely interpretations of key developments in the field of rheumatology, translating the latest findings into clinical practice. For more information, visit [www.nature.com/ncprheum](http://www.nature.com/ncprheum).

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