Don’t be fooled by scammers!

Follow these tips:

■ **Avoid Google and other search engines.** Get information directly from the official Annual Meeting webpages on rheumatology.org. Scammers pay to position ads at the top of your search results, including the fraudulent sites that use the ACR name and meeting details.

■ **Book and confirm your registration/housing with CMR.** Always login to rheumatology.org and go directly to the CMR website, and look for the Official Registration & Housing Provider badge. Third-party companies often illegally represent themselves as travel agencies, soliciting attendees and exhibitors, and offer to assist with hotel reservations.

■ **Ignore and delete phishing emails.** These emails pose as the ACR and try to entice you to disclose personal information, such as your username, password, or bank account details.

■ **Ignore and delete spoofing emails.** These emails use an altered email address as the sender to hide the true origin, or make their emails look legitimate and lure you into clicking on links or downloading attachments. There should always be a legitimate phone number and method of contact.

If you are contacted by any agency other than CMR, please contact the ACR immediately at annualmeeting@rheumatology.org.