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NOTICE OF FORTHCOMING GUICOM ELECTIONS

Dear Colleagues in IBD!

Notice is hereby given that the following position on the ECCO Guidelines Committee (GuiCom) is open for election:

1 GuiCom Member 2024-2027

Tasks and responsibilities of GuiCom Members:

To develop, implement and evaluate evidence-based guidelines on the definition, classification and management of IBD, in order to improve the management of IBD in all ECCO Member Countries, and to foster interaction with other specialist organisations with a view to joining forces in the creation and implementation of relevant guidelines. To contribute to the online tool for visualisation of the ECCO Guidelines: the ECCO e-Guide and to develop further the series of ECCO Topical Reviews for publication in JCC.

Eligibility:

Applicants have to be established specialists in the area of IBD who are ECCO Regular Members of good standing (=ECCO Members 2023). However, they cannot apply for a term overlapping with a term of another Committee Member from the same institution.

In the following committees, a candidate can only serve one term: EduCom, SciCom, EpiCom, ClinCom, GuiCom.

Due to interdisciplinary status candidates can also apply for a second term to the following committees given a three-year break: H-ECCO, S-ECCO, P-ECCO, D-ECCO, N-ECCO.

A candidate can only serve on max 2 terms on ECCO Committees (consecutively or with a break in between).

Each Committee may devote 1 position within the Committee to a Non-European ECCO Regular Member. Please note that this candidate may not become Committee Chair nor Governing Board Member. Reimbursements remain at the European level.

Term of office: The Committee Membership lasts 3 years, starts at the ECCO'24 Stockholm Congress on February 22, 2024 and ends in 2027.

Nomination process:

A candidate may be proposed by an ECCO Member in good standing or self-nominated. Self-nominations need to be seconded by an ECCO Member in good standing. Forms for nominating candidates can be obtained from the ECCO Office or downloaded from the [ECCO Website](#).

Application documents:

- a 2 page CV
- a list of 10 best publications
- and a letter of intent, explaining the suitability for the position in question. Please note that applicants may apply for up to 2 positions in different Committees, however, the letter of intent needs to include justification as well as a clear statement of the first and second choice.

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Applicants should meet some of the aspects:

- Experience in ECCO Guidelines and Topical Review Projects
- Experience in evidence-based methodology (Evidence levels, grading of evidence, etc.)
- Ongoing engagement in clinical care
- Experience with literature databases (e.g. Endnotes, Reference Manager) and constructing and performing literature searches
- Experience in GRADE methodology

Application deadline is September 11, 2023

**Data processing consent and retention: in the online submission process of an application to this call, you agree to the data privacy statement for the above-described project.*

Process of election:

1. Applicants are ranked on the below listed criteria. The candidates with the lowest (=best) rank will be recommended to the Operational Board and Governing Board for approval with at least one reserve name which is selected by rank order.

Election criteria:

- Achievement in the field of dealing with clinical trials (publications, scientific initiatives).
 - Declaration of intent including a statement of the contribution that the candidate is able to make to GuiCom.
 - Experience (for instance in programme development, project development, clinical trials).
 - ECCO fosters diversity of representation. This is why scores are not the only consideration of every committee. Other important factors that have to be considered during the election process are regional and gender diversity, institutional affiliation within the committee, age, the degree to which the person will contribute to GuiCom tasks, academic expertise, team spirit, commitment, familiarity with ECCO, prior contribution to ECCO and future potential.
2. Election takes place during Committee Meetings. Elected candidates will be informed in due course.
 3. Announcement of new Committee Members takes place during the upcoming General Assembly on February 22, 2024 at the ECCO'24 Congress in Stockholm, which is also the official start of term.

Please do not hesitate to contact the ECCO Office in any case of further questions. We look forward to receiving your application!

With best regards,
Torsten Kucharzik
GuiCom Chair