

NOTICE OF FORTHCOMING H-ECCO ELECTIONS

Dear Colleagues in IBD!

Notice is hereby given that the following positions on the ECCO Histopathological Committee (H-ECCO) are open for election:

3 H-ECCO Members 2026-2029

Tasks and responsibilities of H-ECCO Members:

To promote cooperation between histopathologists and clinicians in order to support IBD research, foster education, and optimise patient care. To coordinate European histopathological research and related activities and participate in the production of IBD guidelines. To provide histopathological expertise and input for all ECCO Activities.

By applying, you confirm you have read and agree to the Outline of Responsibilities. Please find it <u>here</u>.

Eligibility:

Applicants have to be established specialists in the area of IBD who are ECCO Regular Members of good standing (=ECCO Members 2025). 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'26 Stockholm Congress on February 19, 2026 and ends in 2029.

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 nomination form including a seconder
- 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.

Please apply here.*

Deadline for submission is June 18, 2025

*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.

If you have trouble logging in, please contact ecco@ecco-ibd.eu.

Process of election:

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:

 <u>Achievement</u> in the field of dealing with clinical trials (publications, scientific initiatives).



- <u>Declaration of intent</u> including a statement of the contribution that the candidate is able to make to H-ECCO.
- <u>Experience</u> (for instance in programme development, project development, clinical trials).
- <u>ECCO fosters diversity of representation</u>. 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 H-ECCO tasks, academic expertise,
 team spirit, commitment, familiarity with ECCO, prior contribution to
 ECCO and future potential.

Election takes place during Committee Meetings in autumn. Elected candidates will be informed in due course.

Announcement of new Committee Members takes place during the General Assembly on February 19, 2026 at the ECCO'26 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,

Aart Mookhoek

H-ECCO Chair