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2nd N-ECCO School

On February 23, 2011, we had our 2nd N-ECCO school in Dublin. In contrast to last year, we decided to make it longer and developed a programme for a whole day. 31 nurses from different European countries attended this N-ECCO School.

We prepared a nice programme with a full overview of IBD history and with expert speakers. Our aim was to teach basic knowledge in a clear way. We wanted to improve nurse education throughout Europe. Last year, after the 1st N-ECCO School, we decided that we wanted to foster more interaction between nurses and teachers with the help of a workshop, and it worked very well. We (Patricia and myself) also learned a lot for next year to improve further the interaction. The day of the 2nd N-ECCO passed so quickly. The evaluation forms completed by the nurses afterwards not only provided a very positive overall feedback but showed that they appreciated most the fact that it was an interactive course.

I want to thank everyone who helped with realising this course, especially the ECCO Governing Board and all the teachers involved in this course as well as the whole Steering Committee for finalising the programme and Julia for her help. But, I also want to thank especially Patricia Geens for all her involvement in this course as she decided to retire from the N-ECCO Officer role. She was involved in the Steering Committee since the beginning of the N-ECCO history and worked hard over the past years to create and develop this school. I will try to do as well as she has done and to pursue further all good ideas we had together. But, for sure, I will miss her and will always appreciate our collaboration!!!

Again, we also thank EFCCA for their grant and their wonderful promise to continue helping the nurses.

In conclusion, I would like to point out that we have greatly achieved our mission based on strong cooperation – and it is this achievement which provides the best motivation and inspiration for setting up the N-ECCO School 2012.

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