

## 4<sup>th</sup> N-ECCO School

*On February 14, 2013, the 4<sup>th</sup> N-ECCO School took place in Vienna.*

***This was once again*** a one-day event for nurses new to the specialty of IBD. The School was attended by 23 nurses from 17 ECCO member countries, some of whom were accompanied by their N-ECCO National Representative. For the first time nurses from outside of Europe were also invited to participate and we were happy to welcome nurses from Canada and the United States.

***The day's programme offered*** a full overview of IBD in order to give nurses a basic introduction to the specialty. Covered topics included: English terminology for IBD nurses, basics of diagnosis and assessment, and general management in IBD, comprising presentations on "Nutritional aspects in IBD - Children with IBD" and "Nursing roles in IBD management". In addition, two workshops were held, one on Ulcerative Colitis and one on Crohn's Disease.



***Our aim was to teach*** basic knowledge in a clear way for nurses, with the objective of improving nurse education throughout Europe. The evaluation forms completed by the nurses afterwards provided us with valuable feedback for the future, particularly regarding the desire for more interaction and discussion with the speakers, which we shall aim to improve next year. The other feedback received was very positive, and participants were also very satisfied with the selection of the speakers, who all presented topics relevant to the nurses' clinical practice.



***I would like to thank everyone*** who helped with the realisation of this course. I am especially grateful to the ECCO Governing Board, all the speakers involved in the School, the entire N-ECCO Committee for finalising the programme and Nina Weynandt from the ECCO Office for her help. I also wish to thank EFCCA for their grant and their continuing support of the N-ECCO School.

***In conclusion***, I would say “well done” to everyone involved in this course. We are aiming at achieving our mission based on strong cooperation, and we are motivated and looking forward to setting up the 5<sup>th</sup> N-ECCO School at the ECCO’ 14 Congress in Copenhagen. Unfortunately it is now time for me to say goodbye to the N-ECCO Committee and I would like to thank ECCO and everyone involved in ECCO for this wonderful collaboration during the last six years.



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