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Dear Colleagues in IBD,

In order to keep building on the contact that was established the previous years and aiming to foster collaboration among IBD National Study Groups in the framework of clinical studies further, **the Clinical Research Committee of ECCO (ClinCom) is once again organising a National Study Group meeting at the next 18<sup>th</sup> Congress of ECCO in Copenhagen.**

- Date: March 1, 2023 (Wednesday)
- Time: 18:15 – 20:15
- Place: Bella Center, Copenhagen (Denmark)

During the meeting, slots are kept for **the presentation of new study project proposals**. ClinCom can help you establishing a network, and performing a critical review of your studies to optimize study protocols and to help avoid redundant or scientifically questionable research efforts.

The assessment of a clinical research protocol encompasses a **2-stage process**.

**1<sup>st</sup> stage:**

During the first stage, applicants are called upon to provide a study synopsis including background, design, objectives, outcome parameters, major inclusion and exclusion criteria, statistics, and co-variates not exceeding 4 pages.

The project will be reviewed by ClinCom and we will come back to you either supporting or declining the presentation at the IBD National Study Group Meeting at the 17<sup>th</sup> Congress of ECCO.

Should you wish to have your projects discussed at the 8<sup>th</sup> National Study Group meeting, **you are kindly invited to send your project proposals using the first stage's template of ECCO by October 21, 2022. Please download the first stage's template [here](#) and send it back to the following email address: [ecco@ecco-ibd.eu](mailto:ecco@ecco-ibd.eu)**

**2<sup>nd</sup> stage:**

Beginning of 2022, the principal investigators who will present their study projects at the IBD National Study Group Meeting will be invited to submit a full protocol of their studies using an ECCO second stage's template.

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#### Application criteria:

If you are interested in submitting a study proposal and presenting it at the 8<sup>th</sup> IBD National Study Group meeting, please take into consideration the following information:

- Applicants need to be individual ECCO Members (=ECCO Members 2022).
- The study should be multicentric, executed predominantly in Europe.
- It should be a study with a simple and practical design, in which the great advantage of sharing with the IBD National Study Groups is recruiting a high number of patients. In this sense, ideally the study should be observational, non-interventional and retrospective. Randomized Clinical Trials are not recommended as these studies generally require a highly complex design.
- Proposed by an independent researcher.
- The investigation must be independent of the industry interests.
- Studies that use UR-CARE for data collection are encouraged

**FINAL NOTE:** ECCO is happy to facilitate the IBD National Study Group Meeting at the ECCO Congress to enhance international collaboration. The main contribution of ClinCom to these projects is scientific review and dissemination. However, ECCO does not provide financial or logistical support to these studies. Review of project protocols by ClinCom does not represent an ECCO endorsement for the projects.

We look forward to receiving your proposals!

Best regards,

The Clinical Research Committee

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