

Role of N-ECCO National Representatives

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N-ECCO COMMITTEE

The ECCO Nurses Network is the umbrella organisation of national groups of IBD nurses Networks.

Goals of N-ECCO:

- To improve access to professional nurse education throughout Europe (N-ECCO School, N-ECCO Network Meeting, N-ECCO Research Forum, Post ECCO Programmes).
- To continually provide networking opportunities to sharing of best practice.
- To improve IBD patient understanding and education throughout Europe.
- To develop N-ECCO Consensus statements and ECCO Nurse IBD Curriculum.
- To improve professional nurse quality throughout Europe.
- To provide the N-ECCO Travel Award for a nurse to visit an established nursing service in another city/country.
- To provide the N-ECCO Research Grant for IBD nurses to be involved in international research projects across Europe.

N-ECCO Chair

Simona Radice (IT)

N-ECCO Network Meeting

Simona Radice (IT)
Pearl Avery (UK)

N-ECCO School

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N-ECCO NATIONAL REPRESENTATIVES

A list of N-ECCO National Representatives can be found [here](#).

If you wish to contact the N-ECCO National Representatives, please contact the ECCO Office (ecco@ecco-ibd.eu).

ECCO Members have access to the email addresses in the ECCO Portal → General Assembly → "List of N-ECCO National Representatives".

Role of N-ECCO National Representatives:

The role of a N-ECCO National Representative is primarily to be a link for all nurses in your own country who have an interest in IBD with the N-ECCO Committee via the N-ECCO Committee Member: Goedele Dewitte (goedele.dewitte@uzgent.be)

- This is necessary to enable you to provide the N-ECCO Committee with feedback regarding its work and activities throughout the year.
- To provide information on IBD nursing initiatives in your country to the N-ECCO Committee.
- To be involved in other N-ECCO initiatives.
- The N-ECCO National Representatives will also be expected to play an active role during the N-ECCO Educational Activities at Congress (to help with translation) and also teach sessions for the N-ECCO School.
- As a National Representative you have the opportunity to become a member of the committee, when members are being re-elected, and play a more active role in developing N-ECCO.
- To promote individual membership and the profile of ECCO in their country.
- To support ECCO in promoting the ECCO Congress and educational activities in their country.

Responsibilities of N-ECCO National Representatives:

- To promote N-ECCO and networking among IBD nurses on a national & local basis. National Representatives are asked to inform N-ECCO and the ECCO Office of their promotional activities.
- To encourage attendance of interested nurses to the yearly N-ECCO Network Meeting and N-ECCO Research Forum.
- To form part of the faculty for the N-ECCO School & teach defined sessions.
- To assist with translation during N-ECCO activities.
- To attend regular National Representative meetings with the N-ECCO Committee and the annual ECCO General Assembly.
- N-ECCO National Representatives must be members of ECCO in good standing (annual membership fee: EUR 25.-).
- To inform the ECCO Office of the process by which National Representatives are selected in their country and send details of newly elected representatives to the ECCO Office. The term of office of a N-ECCO National Representative shall be max. 3 years.
- To answer a few interview questions about IBD nursing in their country for an article/profile on the ECCO Website.