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## ECCO Award Winners 2026

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### ECCO PIONEER AWARD – AWARDED AT ECCO'26

- **Topic:** *Keratinocytes as driver of Crohn's disease associated fistulas*
  - **Lead institution:** University of Zurich (Switzerland)
  - **Principal Investigator:** Michael Scharl
  - **Participating institutions:** The Hebrew University of Jerusalem (Israel)
  - **Participating principal investigators:** Nahum Shpigel
  
- **Topic:** *Metagenome-informed metaproteomic decoding of diet-host-microbiome drivers of human Crohn's disease*
  - **Lead institution:** Weizmann Institute of Science (Israel)
  - **Principal Investigator:** Eran Elinav

### ECCO GLOBAL GRANT – AWARDED AT ECCO'26

- **Topic:** *Helminth secretome as novel antifibrotic therapy for inflammatory bowel disease*
  - **Lead institution:** Leiden University Medical Centre (the Netherlands)
  - **Principal Investigator:** Marieke Barnhoorn
  - **Project coordinator:** Marieke Barnhoorn
  - **Participating institutions:** Catholic University of Health and Allied Sciences (Tanzania)
  - **Participating principal investigators:** Jennifer Downs

### ECCO RESEARCH GRANT – AWARDED AT ECCO'26

- **Ana Mora-Boza (Ireland)**  
*Elucidating the immunomodulatory role of estrogen in inflammatory bowel disease using patient-derived colonic organoids*
- **Andreia Sofia Barros (Portugal)**  
*CROHNtrol – Local Combination Nanotherapy for Crohn's Disease*
- **CK Yao (Australia)**  
*Investigating a novel therapeutic diet on food additives for ulcerative colitis (the innovate study)*
- **Eya Toumi (France)**  
*Genetic mechanisms underlying the increase of Adherent-Invasive E. coli in Inflammatory Bowel Disease*
- **Filip Ottosson (Denmark)**

*Characterizing the prediagnostic metabolome of inflammatory bowel disease*

- **Inês Alves (Portugal)**  
*Gut glycocalyx dysregulation triggers autoreactive anti-glycan B cell reaction associated with IBD immunopathogenesis*
- **Lauranne Derikx (the Netherlands)**  
*Immunogenetic Profiling of Colonic Mucosa in Ulcerative Proctitis to Identify Disease Progression Signatures*
- **Lisa Schrader (Germany)**  
*The Role of the Hepcidin-Ferroportin-Axis in Crohn's Perianal Fistula*
- **Mariarosaria Ingegneri (Italy)**  
*Citrus Waste Valorization: Innovative Nutraceutical Approaches for Gut Health*
- **Marta Monguió Tortajada (Switzerland)**  
*The SLC15A4/TASL/IRF5 axis role in the immunopathogenesis of IBD and associated cancer*
- **Marty Stepniak (Belgium)**  
*Study of the role of the epithelium in the initiation and progression of intestinal fibrosis in ulcerative colitis*
- **Nurulamin Noor (United Kingdom)**  
*Towards personalised treatment in Crohn's disease: using proteomics at diagnosis to identify markers of treatment outcomes and disease trajectory, and new drug targets*
- **Tommaso Innocenti (Italy)**  
*Integrated approach to identify new targets and develop innovative therapies for chronic abdominal pain associated with gut dysbiosis in patients with quiescent ulcerative colitis (PAIN-UC)*
- **Tommaso Lorenzo Parigi (Italy)**  
*Targeting CD38 for the prevention and treatment of Crohn's disease-associated fibrosis*
- **Valentin Thevin (Switzerland)**  
*Influence of leaky gut on long-term colitis development*
- **Victoria Gudiño (Spain)**  
*Uncovering the role of TL1A/LTa1β2 signalling in perianal fistulising Crohn's disease*

#### ECCO FELLOWSHIP – AWARDED AT ECCO'26

- **Maria Francesca Nani (Italy)**  
*Obesity-Driven Fibroblast Remodelling in Intestinal Fibrosis: A Multi-Omic Approach*
- **Laura Rossier (Switzerland)**  
*Development and Validation of a Segmental Intestinal Ultrasound Score for Monitoring Disease Activity and Therapeutic Response in Ulcerative Colitis*

#### N-ECCO RESEARCH GRANT – AWARDED AT ECCO'26

- **Nicole Elisabeth Maria Berkers (the Netherlands)**  
*Cultural Differences in IBD Care*

## D-ECCO RESEARCH GRANT – AWARDED AT ECCO'26

- **Lihi Godny (Israel)**

*A Microbiota-Targeted Mediterranean Diet-Based Intervention (IBDMED) to Reduce Post-Operative Recurrence in Patients with Crohn's Disease: A Pilot Randomized Controlled Trial*

## IIS REGISTRY GRANTS – AWARDED AT ECCO'26

- **Evelien Beelen (the Netherlands)**

*Improvement of postoperative management by establishment of an international prospective registry of patients with Crohn's disease after ileocolonic resection (IMPACT REGISTRY)*

## ECCO TRAVEL AWARD - AWARDED AT ECCO'26

- **Edmond Baghdasaryan (Armenia)**
- **Sara Lopes (Portugal)**
- **Sofia Rellou (Greece)**
- **Stavroula Papaeleftheriou (Greece)**

## N-ECCO TRAVEL AWARD - AWARDED AT ECCO'26

- **Valeria Amatucci (Italy)**

## D-ECCO TRAVEL AWARD - AWARDED AT ECCO'26

- **Dakota Rhys-Jones (Australia)**

## ECCO-AOCC VISITING TRAVEL GRANTS - AWARDED AT ECCO'26

- **Ji Eun Kim (South Korea)**
- **Partha Pal (India)**

## ECCO YOUNG RESEARCHER AWARD - AWARDED AT ECCO'26

- **Aleksejs Sazonovs (Denmark)**
- **Nurulamin Noor (United Kingdom)**

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## ECCO Award Winners 2025

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### ECCO GLOBAL GRANT – AWARDED AT ECCO'25

- **Topic:** *Perianal Crohn's disease across borders – understanding unmet needs to aid future global solutions*
  - **Lead institution:** St. Mark's Hospital and Academic Institute & Imperial College London, Dept of Gastroenterology and Surgery, United Kingdom
  - **Principal Investigator:** Ailsa Hart
  - **Project coordinator:** Eathar Shakweh
  - **Participating institutions:** St. Mary's Hospital, Imperial College Healthcare NHS Trust, **United Kingdom**; Post Graduate Institute of Medical Education & Research, Chandigarh, **India**; Alexandria Clinical Research Centre, **Egypt**; Ankara University School of Medicine, **Turkey**; Pablo Tobun Uribe Hospital, **Colombia**
  - **Participating principal investigators:** Horace Williams, Vishal Sharma, Osama Ebada Salem, Murat Törüner, Fabián Juliao-Baños

### ECCO PIONEER AWARD – AWARDED AT ECCO'25

- **Topic:** *The role of Smooth muscle cell mineralocorticoid Receptor in intestinal fibrosis (SMART)*
  - **Lead institution:** INSERM Nord Ouest, INSERM UMR1073, UFR Santé, Université de Rouen Normandie, France
  - **Principal Investigator:** Rachel Marion-Letellier
  - **Participating institutions:** Centre de Recherche des Cordeliers, INSERM U1138, France; APC Microbiome Ireland, College of Medicine and Health, University College Cork, Ireland
  - **Participating principal investigators:** Frederic Jaisser, Subrata Ghosh

### ECCO FELLOWSHIPS – AWARDED AT ECCO'25

- **Celia Escudero-Hernández (Kiel, Germany)**  
*Microscopic colitis as pre-inflammatory bowel disease model: from early-stage to tissular endpoint fibrosis*
- **Artemis Trikola (Marousi, Greece)**  
*Patterns and mechanisms of visceral and rectal hypersensitivity in patients with ulcerative colitis in remission*

### ECCO-AOCC VISITING TRAVEL GRANTS - AWARDED AT ECCO'25

- **Pavan Dhoble (Mumbai, India)**

## ECCO GRANTS – AWARDED AT ECCO'25

- **Alice Day (Adelaide, Australia)**  
*Evaluating protein SUPPLEMENTation in Ulcerative Colitis (SUPPLEMENT-UC)*
- **Andreia Pimenta (Oeiras, Portugal)**  
*Inhibition of the gut sulfidogenic bacteria targeting the production of toxic and inflammatory sulfide*
- **Carmela Errico (Milan, Italy)**  
*Caudovirales as a Trigger of Molecular Mimicry in Crohn's Disease*
- **Trine Velte Honoré (Hvidovre, Denmark)**  
*Diagnostic Markers of Primary Sclerosing Cholangitis in Newly Diagnosed Patients with Inflammatory Bowel Disease*
- **Camille Danne (Paris, France)**  
*Role of indole derivatives in neutrophil functions in homeostasis and inflammation*
- **Franziska Stallbaum (Hamburg, Germany)**  
*Deciphering the role of the intestinal microbiota in mediating the protective effect of Exclusive Enteral Nutrition on patients with Crohn's disease*
- **Lea Maxie Haag (Berlin, Germany)**  
*Immunometabolic landscaping in Crohn's disease creeping fat – Does fat matter?*
- **Marte Becker (Amsterdam, the Netherlands) BMS Sponsored\***  
*Unravelling the role of the appendix in UC; from predictive markers to mechanisms of action*
- **Sophie Van Welden (Brakel, Belgium)**  
*Targeting hypoxia-induced signalling via HIF-2 inhibition, a promising treatment strategy for intestinal fibrosis?*
- **Marie-Stéphanie Aschtgen (Stockholm, Sweden)**  
*Klebsiella pneumoniae T6SS impact in IBDs*

## ECCO TRAVEL AWARD - AWARDED AT ECCO'25

- **Joana Revés (Loures, Portugal)**
- **Evangelin Vitus (København, Denmark)**
- **Gülden Bilican (Ankara, Turkey)**
- **Samuel Majna (Bratislava, Slovakia)**

## N-ECCO RESEARCH GRANTS - AWARDED AT ECCO'25

- **Shellie Radford (Nottingham, United Kingdom) BMS Supported\***  
*Patient and public involvement and engagement to inform an adaptive platform trial using a multi-arm multi-stage (MAMS) approach in Ulcerative colitis and Crohn's disease*
- **Daniele Napolitano (Rome, Italy)**  
*Self-care in patients affected with inflammatory bowel disease and Mutuality in nursing: A protocol for a longitudinal study*

## N-ECCO TRAVEL AWARD - AWARDED AT ECCO'25

- **Tobias Mooslechner (Vienna, Austria)**



## D-ECCO RESEARCH GRANT - AWARDED AT ECCO'25

- **Konstantinos Gerasimidis (Glasgow, United Kingdom) BMS Supported\***  
*Biomarkers of dietary intake in faeces of children with Crohn's disease and their role in disease recurrence following treatment with exclusive enteral nutrition*

## D-ECCO TRAVEL AWARD - AWARDED AT ECCO'25

- **Verena Melo (Porto, Portugal)**

## IIS REGISTRY GRANTS – AWARDED AT ECCO'25

- **María José Casanova (Madrid, Spain) BMS Supported\***  
*Prevalence, clinical and anorectal function characterization of faecal incontinence and rectal urgency in ulcerative colitis patients*

## ECCO YOUNG RESEARCHER AWARD - AWARDED AT ECCO'25

- **Bram Verstockt (Leuven, Belgium)**  
*Clinical/Translational Research*
- **Celia Escudero-Hernández (Kiel, Germany)**  
*Basic Science Research*

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## ECCO Award Winners 2024

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### ECCO GLOBAL GRANT – AWARDED AT ECCO'24

- **Topic:** Genetic risk factors for IBD in its emergent phase in sub-Saharan Africa.
  - **Lead institution:** Queen Mary University of London
  - **Principal Investigator:** Nick Croft
  - **Project coordinator:** Phoebe Hodges
  - **Participating institutions:** University Teaching Hospital University of Zambia; Cedars Sinai Medical Center, United States; Komfo Anokye Teaching Hospital, Ghana; Aga Khan University, Kenya; Lagos University Teaching Hospital, Nigeria; University of Sierra Leone Teaching Hospitals, Sierra Leone; Groote Schuur Hospital and University of Cape Town, South Africa, Federal Teaching Hospital Katsina, Nigeria; Internal Medicine Unit, University of Zimbabwe
  - **Participating principal investigators:** Paul Kelly, Dermot McGovern, Kwadwo Gyebi Agyenim Boateng, Christopher Opio, Funmi Adeniyi, Babatunde Duduyemi, Gill Watermeyer, Yusuf Musa, Leolin Katsidzira

### ECCO PIONEER AWARD – AWARDED AT ECCO'24

- **Topic:** Functional assessment of the microbiome in persistent IBD-related psychological symptoms.
  - **Lead institution:** Ghent University / Internal Medicine and Pediatrics
  - **Principal Investigator:** Debby Laukens
  - **Participating institutions:** N/A
  - **Participating principal investigators:** N/A

### ECCO FELLOWSHIPS – AWARDED AT ECCO'24

- **Sara Deleu (Leuven, Belgium)**  
*Effect of diet on disease development and faecal microbiota transplantation efficacy in humanized SAMP/Yit and DSS mice models*
- **Paola Pibiri (Groningen, the Netherlands)**  
*Generation of an IBD single-cell multiome ATLAS for deeper understanding of IBD sub-phenotypes*

### ECCO GRANTS – AWARDED AT ECCO'24

- **Jan Michael Kempfski (Hamburg, Germany)**  
*Analysis of the tolerogenic role of the liver in controlling intestinal inflammation*
- **Annika Hausmann (Copenhagen, Denmark) BMS Sponsored\***  
*Immune-epithelial crosstalk boosting intestinal repair in ulcerative colitis*
- Amanda Facchetti (Milano, Italy)

*Investigating the gut-virome-associated Orthohepadnavirus as an actor in colitis-associated colorectal cancer*

- **Mathieu Uzzan (Créteil, France)**  
*Dissecting the intestinal mucosa-associated HUMoral immune response in ileal Crohn's Disease: the HUM-CD study*
- **Ilse Molendijk (Rotterdam, the Netherlands)**  
*Ablating perianal fistulizing Crohn's disease through genetically engineered patient specific induced pluripotent stem cells (iPSC)-derived stromal cells*
- **Mohammed Ghiboub (Amsterdam, the Netherlands)**  
*Serotonin Gets into Your Genes: The Role of Histone serotonylation in Inflammatory Response and Visceral Hypersensitivity in Crohn's Disease*
- **Jiangwei Sun (Solna, Sweden)**  
*Risk of cardiovascular disease in patients with inflammatory bowel disease (IBD)*
- Maria Kulecka (Cork, Ireland)  
*Untangling the gut phageome dynamics of the relapse/remission cycle in ulcerative colitis*
- **Giulia Rizzo (Rozzano, Italy)**  
*Dissecting the role of S1PR1 modulator in the mucosal regeneration of Ulcerative Colitis*
- **Gustavo Monasterio Ocares (Stockholm, Sweden)**  
*Investigating regenerative pathways in salivary glands to mitigate oral manifestations of inflammatory bowel diseases*

#### ECCO TRAVEL AWARD - AWARDED AT ECCO'24

- **Maria José Temido (Coimbra, Portugal)**  
*Internship in Inflammatory Bowel Disease in Nancy*

#### N-ECCO RESEARCH GRANTS - AWARDED AT ECCO'24

- **Parichat Thapwong (London, UK) BMS Supported\***  
*Supporting psychosocial and emotional well-being and resilience in family members of people with IBD: an intervention co-design and feasibility study*
- **Matteo Martinato (Padova, Italy)**  
*Spiritual needs of patients with inflammatory bowel disease and their caregivers: a European cross-sectional nursing study*

#### N-ECCO TRAVEL AWARD - AWARDED AT ECCO'24

- **Sophie Craddock (Oxford, UK)**  
*What is the transition process for paediatric patients to adulthood like in Israel?*

#### D-ECCO RESEARCH GRANT - AWARDED AT ECCO'24

- **Maiara Brusco De Freitas (Copenhagen, Denmark)**  
*Metabolic profile and dietary patterns during early life and risk of inflammatory bowel disease*
- **Simona Gatti (Ancona, Italy) BMS Supported\***  
*Personalizing the dietetic strategy in children with IBD: exploring an antioxidant approach*



## D-ECCO TRAVEL AWARD - AWARDED AT ECCO'24

- **Tamar Pfeffer-Gik (Petah Tikva, Israel)**
- **Fleur Wijers (Amsterdam, the Netherlands)**
- **Jessica A. Fitzpatrick (North Melbourne, Australia)**
- **Guia Becherucci (Rome, Italy)**

## IIS REGISTRY GRANTS – AWARDED AT ECCO'24

- **Gabriele Dragoni (Florence, Italy) BMS Supported\***  
*Risk of relapse and retreatment success after vedolizumab discontinuation in IBD patients in long-standing remission*
- **Rosanna Irene Comoretto (Torino, Italy)**  
*Modelling Inflammatory Bowel Diseases trajectories combining dynamic, multifactorial, Artificial Intelligence-based approaches*

## ECCO YOUNG RESEARCHER AWARD - AWARDED AT ECCO'24

- **Jakob Zimmerman (Bern, Switzerland)**  
*Basic Science Research Award*
- **João Guedelha (Leuven, Belgium)**  
*Basic Science Research/Clinical Award*

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## ECCO Award Winners 2023

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### ECCO PIONEER AWARDS – AWARDED AT ECCO'23

- **Topic:** Decoding molecular mechanisms and druggable targets of VEO-IBD by multimodal single-cell profiling
  - **Lead institution:** Ludwig-Maximilians-Universität (LMU) Munich, Dr. von Hauner Children's Hospital, Department of Pediatric Gastroenterology, Munich, Germany
  - **Project coordinator:** Daniel Kotlarz
  - **Participating institutions:** N/A
  - **Participating principal investigators:** N/A
- **Topic:** Unraveling the role of fibroblast subsets in fibrostenotic Crohn's disease
  - **Lead institution:** Leiden University Medical Centre, Gastroenterology and Hepatology, Leiden, the Netherlands
  - **Project coordinator:** Marieke Barnhoorn
  - **Participating institutions:** Leuven University, Translational Research Centre for Gastrointestinal Disorders; Department of Clinical and Experimental Medicine, Department of Chronic Diseases, Metabolism and Ageing, Leuven, Belgium
  - **Participating principal investigators:** Gianluca Matteoli

### ECCO FELLOWSHIP – AWARDED AT ECCO'23

- **Brecht Hens (Ghent, Belgium)**  
*Circulating tumour DNA and artificial intelligence as screening tools for dysplasia in Inflammatory Bowel Disease*

### ECCO-AOCC VISITING TRAVEL GRANTS - AWARDED AT ECCO'23

- **Kang Chao (Guangzhou, China)**
- **Ahad Eshraghian (Shiraz, Iran)**

### ECCO GRANTS – AWARDED AT ECCO'23

- **Manasi Agrawal (Copenhagen, Denmark)**  
*Ascertaining the role of the appendix in inflammatory bowel disease in a population-based cohort*
- **Joana Gaifem (Porto, Portugal)**  
*Feeding immunity: development of a novel glycan-based dietary strategy for IBD prevention*
- **Felix Grabherr (Innsbruck, Austria)**  
*Delineating an uptake-independent function of SR-BI in Paneth cells in metabolic gut inflammation*

- **Laure Maes (Ghent, Belgium) BMS Supported\***  
*Establishment of a multi-organ micro physiological system to advance gut-brain communication research*
- **Sofia Frigerio (Amsterdam, the Netherlands)**  
*Deciphering of composition and characteristics of intra- and peritumoral immune cells in human IBD-associated dysplasia and cancer using novel spatial profiling techniques*
- **Neeraj Narula (Hamilton, Canada)**  
*Identifying Biomarkers Prior to IBD Diagnosis from the Prospective Urban Rural Epidemiology Study (PURE-IBD)*
- **Nicolas Pierre (Liège, Belgium)**  
*Development of biomarker signatures as an alternative to endoscopy: looking beyond inflammation*
- **Francesco Strati (Milan, Italy)**  
*iNKT cells immunomodulation and mucosal healing by microbiota-derived lactate (OCELOT)*
- **Bahtiyar Yilmaz (Bern, Switzerland)**  
*Looking for a needle in a haystack: Identification of gut microbial strains contributing to chronic inflammation in human and mice*

#### ECCO TRAVEL AWARDS - AWARDED AT ECCO'23

- **Ivanna Candel (Buenos Aires, Argentina)**
- **Alina Constantin (Bucharest, Romania)**
- **Zülal İstemihan (Istanbul, Turkey)**
- **Luísa Martins Figueiredo (Lisbon, Portugal)**
- **Catarina O'Neill (Lisbon, Portugal)**
- **Nikola Panic (Belgrade, Serbia)**
- **Gisela Soledad Piñero (Rosario, Argentina)**
- **Maria Ana Rafael (Lisbon, Portugal)**
- **Yegor Tryliskyy (Bristol, United Kingdom)**
- **Marie Vibeke Vestergaard (Copenhagen, Denmark)**

#### N-ECCO RESEARCH GRANT - AWARDED AT ECCO'23

- **Zahira Pérez Martínez (Barcelona, Spain)**  
*Assessment of desire and sexual function in inflammatory bowel disease patients: a cross-sectional study with matched controls*

#### N-ECCO TRAVEL AWARD - AWARDED AT ECCO'23

- **Goedele Dewitte (Ghent, Belgium)**

#### D-ECCO RESEARCH GRANT - AWARDED AT ECCO'23

- **Meropi Kontogianni (Athens, Greece)**  
*Combination treatment with partial enteral nutrition and biologics as induction therapy for adults with active ileocolonic Crohn's disease: a pilot study*



### D-ECCO TRAVEL AWARD - AWARDED AT ECCO'23

- **Alicja Ratajczak (Poznan, Poland)**

### ECCO YOUNG RESEARCHER AWARD - AWARDED AT ECCO'23

- **Johan Burisch (Hvidovre, Denmark)**  
*Clinical/Translational Award*
- **James Ashton (Southampton, United Kingdom)**  
*Basic Science Award*

### ECCO-IBUS INTESTINAL ULTRASOUND RESEARCH GRANT - AWARDED AT ECCO'23

- **Shintaro Sagami (Tokyo, Japan)**  
*Is advanced transperineal ultrasonography in ulcerative colitis useful for predicting the response to induction therapy? – a multicentre study*

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## ECCO Award Winners 2022

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### ECCO PIONEER AWARDS – AWARDED AT ECCO'22

- **Topic:** GLYCANTALK: Glycans as the crosstalk between gut microbiome and immune response: mechanisms and potential therapeutic applications in Inflammatory Bowel Disease
  - **Lead institution:** i3S - Institute for Research and Innovation in Health, University of Porto
  - **Project coordinator:** Salomé S. Pinho
  - **Participating institutions:** Sorbonne University, Team "Gut, Microbiota and inflammation", UMRS 938
  - **Participating principal investigators:** Harry Sokol
- **Topic:** Identification of markers to predict post-operative disease recurrence in Crohn's disease
  - **Lead institution:** Erasmus MC Rotterdam, Department of Gastroenterology and Hepatology
  - **Project coordinator:** Annemarie De Vries
  - **Participating institutions:** University of Oxford, Human Immunology Unit
  - **Participating principal investigators:** Alison Simmons

### ECCO FELLOWSHIPS – AWARDED AT ECCO'22

- **Sulak Anandabaskaran (Sydney, Australia)**  
*Defining the Role of Invariant Natural Killer T (iNKT) Cells in Perianal Fistula*
- **Vittoria Bellato (Rome, Italy)**  
*End to end versus side-to-side ileocolic anastomosis in Crohn's Disease*

### ECCO-AOCC VISITING TRAVEL GRANTS - AWARDED AT ECCO'22

- **Gabriele Dragoni (Florence, Italy)**
- **Chin King Tan (Singapore, Singapore)**

### ECCO GRANTS – AWARDED AT ECCO'22

- **Celia Escudero-Hernández (Kiel, Germany)**  
*Intestinal epithelial cell stress modulates enteric fibroblastic and neuronal profiles in inflammatory bowel disease*
- **Elsa Van Wassenae (Amsterdam, the Netherlands)**  
*Early prediction of treatment success in paediatric Inflammatory Bowel Disease*
- **Margarita Papatheodoridi (London, United Kingdom)**  
*Deciphering the role of matrikines in Crohn's disease (CD) fibrostenosis: implications for future use as prognostic and therapeutic targets*

- **Robert Venning Bryant (Adelaide, Australia)**  
*Examining a novel sulphide-reducing diet As Therapy in Ulcerative Colitis (EAT-UC trial)*
- **Ferdinando D'Amico (Milan, Italy)**  
*Comparative accuracy of Transperineal ultrasound (TPUS) versus Magnetic Resonance Imaging (MRI) for perianal Crohn's disease: a prospective observational longitudinal cohort study*
- **Joep Van Oostrom (Amsterdam, the Netherlands)**  
*A Prospective, Open-label Pilot Study to Evaluate Effector Mechanisms of Hyperbaric Oxygen Therapy in Patients with Moderate to Severe Ulcerative Colitis: the PARADOX study (exPlanAtoRy mechanisms in pAtients with moDerate-to-severe ulcerative colitis treated with hyperbaric OXYgen therapy)*
- **Urs Mörbe (Copenhagen, Denmark)**  
*Deciphering the role of plasmacytoid dendritic cells in gut-associated lymphoid tissues during homeostasis and Crohn's Disease*
- **Silvia Cerantola (Padua, Italy)**  
*Decoding the neuroimmune crosstalk in Inflammatory Bowel Disease*

#### ECCO MULTI-YEAR RESEARCH GRANT – AWARDED AT ECCO'22

- **Marianne Spalinger (Zurich, Switzerland)**  
*The PTPN2 loss-of-function variant as predictor of therapeutic response to JAK-Inhibitor therapy in IBD*

#### ECCO TRAVEL AWARDS - AWARDED AT ECCO'22

- **Richard Ingram (Calgary, Canada)**
- **Cristiana Sequeira (Lisbon, Portugal)**
- **Ibrahim Fadwa Adel Elshahat (Alexandria, Egypt)**
- **Ugo Grossi (Treviso, Italy)**

#### N-ECCO RESEARCH GRANT - AWARDED AT ECCO'22

- **Rosanna Irene Comoretto (Torino, Italy)**  
*Caring and management of patients with Inflammatory Bowel Disease: a focus on specialist nursing interventions*

#### N-ECCO TRAVEL AWARD - AWARDED AT ECCO'22

- **Simona Fourie (Oxford, United Kingdom)**

#### D-ECCO TRAVEL AWARD - AWARDED AT ECCO'22

- **Suzanne van Zundert (Amsterdam, the Netherlands)**

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## ECCO Award Winners 2021

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### ECCO GRANTS – AWARDED AT ECCO'21

- **Charlotte Hedin (Stockholm, Stockholm)**  
*Defining and supporting mucosal healing in inflammatory bowel disease*
- **Roksana Pirzgalska (Lisbon, Portugal)**  
*A neuroepithelial approach to inflammatory bowel disease*
- **Mohammed Nabil Quraishi (Birmingham, United Kingdom)**  
*A systems biology approach for identification of host and microbial mechanisms and druggable targets for the treatment of PSC-IBD*
- **Marleen Bouhuys (Groningen, the Netherlands)**  
*De-escalation of anti-TNF therapy in adolescents and young adults with IBD with tight faecal calprotectin and trough level monitoring (FREE-study)*
- **Shai Bel (Safed, Israel)**  
*The role of autophagy in limiting IBD-associated AIEC-induced intestinal inflammation*
- **Sudipto Das (Dublin, Ireland)**  
*Role of DNA methylation and gene expression alterations in development of early-onset primary sclerosing cholangitis in ulcerative colitis - DYNAMIC*
- **Tobias Schwerd (Munich, Germany)**  
*Tissue-associated microbial and cellular drivers of resolution of inflammation and disease exacerbation in a long-term cohort of paediatric CD patients*
- **Francesco Giudici (Florence, Italy)**  
*Fine determination of gut tissue layers' inflammation exploring immune-microbiota signatures: new biomarkers of recurrence in surgical patients with Crohn's disease?*

### ECCO MULTI-YEAR RESEARCH GRANT – AWARDED AT ECCO'21

- **Konrad Aden (Kiel, Germany)**  
*Microbial metabolic skewing of JAK inhibition in the mucosal immune system*

### ECCO RESEARCH AWARD – AWARDED AT ECCO'21

- **Maud Reijntjes (Amsterdam, the Netherlands)**  
*The MIRACLE study assessing long term anastomotic integrity rate after pouch-surgery*

### N-ECCO RESEARCH GRANT - AWARDED AT ECCO'21

- **Martha van Gaalen (Rotterdam, the Netherlands)**  
*Transition Success Score; a tool to score outcome of transition from paediatric to adult healthcare*

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## ECCO Award Winners 2020

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### ECCO FELLOWSHIPS 2020 – AWARDED AT ECCO'20

- **Ferdinando D'Amico (Milan, Italy)**  
*Comparative accuracy of the standard Lémann index (endoscopy + MRI) versus the simplified LI (MRI alone) for Crohn's Disease: A prospective observational cohort study*
- **Andres Machicote (Buenos Aires, Argentina)**  
*Targeting CD4+ T-cell plasticity in IBD*

### ECCO-AOCC VISITING TRAVEL GRANTS - AWARDED AT ECCO'20

- **Jun Miyoshi (Tokyo, Japan)**
- **Arshdeep Singh (Ludhiana, India)**

### ECCO GRANTS – AWARDED AT ECCO'20

- **Marieke Barnhorn (Leiden, the Netherlands)**  
*Unraveling the immunoregulatory effects of local mesenchymal stromal cell therapy in patients with IBD*
- **Emma Paulides (Rotterdam, the Netherlands)**  
*Predictive (longitudinal) gut microbial markers for the diagnosis of fatigue in IBD patients*
- **Anna Montalban-Arques (Zurich, Switzerland)**  
*The role of PTPN23 in intestinal inflammation and colitis-associated cancer*
- **Neil Chanchlani (Exeter, United Kingdom)**  
*Understanding the mechanisms of anti-TNF treatment failure in patients with Crohn's Disease: a proteomic analysis of the PANTS cohort*
- **Ho-Su Lee (Leuven, Belgium)**  
*Familial aggregation in Inflammatory Bowel Disease: a next-generation sequencing study*
- **Sebastian Zundler (Erlangen, Germany)**  
*Dose-related differential effects of vedolizumab on leukocyte subsets*
- **Simona Bertoni (Parma, Italy)**  
*CCR6 blockade as novel therapeutic strategy against inflammatory bowel disease*
- **Silke Kiessling (Freising, Germany)**  
*Induction of circadian microbial function in chronic intestinal inflammation*
- **Sebastian van der Storm (Amsterdam, the Netherlands)**  
*Improving clinical outcomes for IBD patients undergoing colorectal surgery by using a clinically developed patient-centred mobile application.*
- **Krisztina Gecse (Amsterdam, the Netherlands)**  
*Advanced ultrasound and MRI techniques to evaluate fibrosis and inflammation in stricturing Crohn's disease*
- **Gabriele Dragoni (Firenze, Italy)**  
*The role of PADI4 in Crohn's disease: the citrullination of proteins in the transition from inflammation to fibrosis*



- **Chloe Huseyin (Cork, Ireland)**

*The gut mycobiome in Inflammatory Bowel Disease: addressing ITS confounders*

#### ECCO TRAVEL AWARDS - AWARDED AT ECCO'20

- **Vanessa Zaiatz Bittencourt (Dublin, Ireland)**
- **Aizhan Kanabayeva (Almaty, Kazakhstan)**
- **Kelly Issokson (Los Angeles, United States)**

#### N-ECCO RESEARCH GRANT - AWARDED AT ECCO'20

- **Katarina Pihl Lesnovska (Linköping, Sweden)**  
*Development of a disease activity index for microscopic colitis*
- **Ana Simona Fourie (Oxford, United Kingdom)**  
*Intimacy and sexuality concerns of those living with inflammatory bowel disease and the need for these to be addressed by healthcare professionals. A qualitative study*

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## ECCO Award Winners 2019

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### ECCO PIONEER AWARD 2019 – AWARDED AT ECCO'19

- **Topic:** Epigenetic and microbial biomarkers defining the response to biologic treatment in Crohn's disease
  - **Lead institution:** Academic Medical Centre Amsterdam
  - **Project coordinator:** Geert D'Haens
  - **Participating institutions:**
    - University of Oxford, Translational Gastroenterology unit (United Kingdom)
  - **Participating principal investigators:** Simon Travis, Wouter de Jong, Jack Satsangi

### ECCO FELLOWSHIPS – AWARDED AT ECCO'19

- **Ramona Sonja Bruckner (Zurich, Switzerland)**  
*The role of fibroblasts in the pathogenesis of Crohn's disease- associated fistulas and in mesenchymal stem cell therapy*
- **Javier Conde Aranda (Salamanca, Spain)**  
PTPN2 and TiO2 in the pathogenesis of inflammatory bowel disease

### ECCO GRANTS – AWARDED AT ECCO'19

- **Giuseppe D'Agostino (Aberdeen, United Kingdom)**  
*Brain circuits controlling intestinal inflammation*
- **Harry Sokol (Paris, France)**  
*Host-microbiota crosstalk through tryptophan metabolism in IBD*
- **Eran Elinav (Rehovot, Israel)**  
*Nod-like receptor function at the host-microbiome interface*
- **Petra Bacher (Kiel, Germany)**  
*The immune repertoire of microbe-reactive T cells in blood and tissue of IBD patients*
- **Carolina Serena (Tarragona, Spain)**  
*An integrative analysis of DNA methylation and RNA-Seq data in human adipose-stem cells of Crohn's disease patients with different clinical activity*
- **Nik Sheng Ding (Melbourne, Australia)**  
*Sarcopenia or myopenia as a predictor of response to therapy in Crohn's disease (SPaRC)*
- **Gordon Moran (Nottingham, United Kingdom)**  
*Stopping Aminosalicylate Therapy in Inactive Crohn's Disease (STATIC) Study: A Randomized, Open-label, Non-inferiority Trial*
- **Nina Lansdorp (Amsterdam, the Netherlands)**  
*Hyperbaric Oxygen Therapy for the treatment of perianal fistulas in Crohn's disease*
- **Lissy de Ridder (Rotterdam, the Netherlands)**  
*Infliximab in Paediatric Crohn's disease; in whom to start. (ImProve)*

- **René van den Wijngaard (Amsterdam, the Netherlands)**  
Fungal feelings: abdominal pain during remission
- **Gareth-Rhys Jones (Edinburgh, United Kingdom)**  
*Investigating the molecular heterogeneity of intestinal macrophages in drug naïve, newly diagnosed in Crohn's Disease patients*
- **Azucena Salas (Barcelona, Spain)**  
*Integrative analysis of the intestinal epithelium and the mucosal environment in pediatric versus adult-onset Crohn's Disease*

#### ECCO-AOCC VISITING TRAVEL GRANTS - AWARDED AT ECCO'19

- **Idan Goren (Petah Tikva, Israel)**
- **Bei Tan (Beijing, China)**

#### ECCO-PFIZER RESEARCH GRANT ON PREDICTORS OF RESPONSE TO JAK INHIBITORS - AWARDED AT ECCO'19

- **Samuel Huber (Hamburg, Germany)**  
*Identification and validation of Predictors to JAK inhibitors using supervised and unbiased approaches*

#### ECCO TRAVEL AWARDS - AWARDED AT ECCO'19

- **Ivan Milovanovic (Belgrade, Serbia)**
- **Malgorzata Matuszczyk (Warsaw, Poland)**
- **Elise van Praag (Amsterdam, the Netherlands)**
- **Raluca Cezara Popa (Iasi, Romania)**

#### N-ECCO TRAVEL AWARD - AWARDED AT ECCO'19

- **Rikke Edelbo (Aarhus, Denmark)**

#### N-ECCO RESEARCH GRANT - AWARDED AT ECCO'19

- **Dawn Farrell (Tralee, Ireland)**  
*Fatigue and Physical Activity in Individuals with Inflammatory Bowel Disease*

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## ECCO Award Winners 2018

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### ECCO PIONEER AWARD 2018 – AWARDED AT ECCO'18

- **Topic:** A novel in vivo platform for the evaluation of new therapies for Crohn's disease fistulae
  - **Lead institution:** University Hospital Zürich, Zürich, Switzerland
  - **Project coordinator:** Michael Scharl
  - **Participating institutions:**
    1. The Hebrew University Of Jerusalem (Israel)
    2. Leiden University Medical Center (the Netherlands)
    3. Charité - Universitätsmedizin Berlin (Germany)
  - **Participating principal investigators:** Nahum Y. Shpigel, Hein Verspaget, Andrea van der Meulen – de Jong, Britta Siegmund

### ECCO FELLOWSHIPS 2017 – AWARDED AT ECCO'18

- **Federica Branchi (Milan, Italy)**  
*Investigation on the role of Par4-associated cell polarity and associated barrier defects in inflammatory bowel diseases*
- **Sudharshan Elangovan (Thuwal, Saudi Arabia)**  
*TSG-6, a new potential therapeutic target in fistulizing Crohn's disease*
- **Sales Ibiza (Lisbon, Portugal)**  
*Monocyte-derived macrophages as crucial players in the resolution of inflammation and tissue repair in Inflammatory Bowel Disease*
- **Danping Zheng (Guangzhou, China)**  
*The role of Nlrp9b, a novel NLR member in regulating experimental colitis*

### ECCO GRANTS 2017 – AWARDED AT ECCO'18

- **Timon Adolph (Innsbruck, Austria)**  
*The regulation and function of epithelial Glutathione Peroxidase 4 in inflammatory bowel disease*
- **Maria Chaparro Sanchez (Madrid, Spain)**  
*Proteomic characterization of extracellular vesicles in inflammatory bowel diseases: A novel proteomic approach for biomarker discovery*
- **Silvia D'Alessio (Pieve Emanuele, Italy)**  
*Integrin  $\alpha 7$  as a new player in Strictureing Crohn's Disease: Implication for pathogenesis and new therapeutic strategies*
- **Dina Danso-Abeam (Dublin, Ireland)**  
*Identification of the functional role of NLRP6 in human Crohn's Disease*
- **Stefan Koch (Linköping, Sweden)**  
*Regulation of intestinal epithelial homeostasis by Cyclin Y*

- **Renaud Lesourne (Toulouse Cedex 3, France)**  
*Role of the T cell-lineage protein THEMIS in the susceptibility to inflammatory bowel diseases*
- **Giulia Roda (Rozzano (Milan), Italy)**  
*CEACAM5 peptides as immunoregulatory approach to Crohn's disease*
- **Janneke N. Samsom (Rotterdam, the Netherlands)**  
*TIGIT<sup>+</sup>CD38<sup>+</sup> effector cells: new players in suppressing inflammation in IBD?*
- **Dror S. Shouval (Ramat-Gan, Israel)**  
*Defying the Role of Extra-cellular Matrix in Disease Progression in Patients with Distal Ulcerative Colitis*
- **Holm Uhlig (Oxford, United Kingdom)**  
*Neuro-immune interactions in gut macrophages*
- **Federica Ungaro (Pieve Emanuele (Milan), Italy)**  
*Definition of IBD-associated Gut Virome via Next-Generation Sequencing: Novel Insights for Disease Onset and Treatments*
- **Aline van Acker (Stockholm, Sweden)**  
*The heterogeneity and function of innate lymphoid cells in paediatric inflammatory bowel disease*
- **Patrick van Rheenen (Groningen, the Netherlands)**  
*Identification of rare genetic variants contributing to the development of childhood-onset IBD-PSC using parent-offspring trios*
- **Sare Verstockt (Leuven, Belgium)**  
*Using exosomes to gain insights in the early phase of Crohn's disease*
- **Liset Westera (Amsterdam, the Netherlands)**  
*Unraveling the nature of a unique gut-resident T-cell population associated with inflammatory bowel disease using single-cell RNA sequencing*

#### ECCO-AOCC VISITING TRAVEL GRANTS 2017 - AWARDED AT ECCO'18

- **Jihye Park (Seoul, Korea)**
- **Lingna Ye (Zhejiang, China)**

#### ECCO-IOIBD FELLOWSHIP 2017 - AWARDED AT ECCO'18

- **Mathieu Uzzan (Clichy, France)**  
*Deciphering the gut-specific B cell response in Inflammatory Bowel Disease (IBD)*

#### ECCO TRAVEL AWARDS 2017 - AWARDED AT ECCO'18

- **Hendrik Laja (Tartu, Estonia)**
- **Marjolijn Duijvestein (Amsterdam, the Netherlands)**
- **Ante Bogut (Mostar, Bosnia and Herzegovina)**

#### N-ECCO TRAVEL AWARD 2017 - AWARDED AT ECCO'18

- **Miriam Ganon (Jerusalem, Israel)**
- **Eveline Hoefkens (Bonheiden, Belgium)**
- **Amanda Lundgren (Stockholm, Sweden)**



- **Francesca Onidi (Cagliari, Italy)**

### N-ECCO RESEARCH GRANT 2017 - AWARDED AT ECCO'18

- **Susanna Jäghult (Stockholm, Sweden)**  
*Medication adherence, worries and concerns in IBD*
- **Maria Louise de Jong – van der Zee (Amsterdam, the Netherlands)**  
*'Point-of care' decision making using trans-abdominal ultrasound performed by the nurse practitioner*

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## ECCO Award Winners 2017

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### ECCO PIONEER AWARD 2017 – AWARDED AT ECCO'17

- **Topic:** Faecal transplantation using a novel conditioning method for donor and recipient in moderate to severe treatment refractory ulcerative colitis
  - **Lead institution:** Wolfson Medical Center, Holon, Israel
  - **Project coordinator:** Arie Levine
  - **Participating institutions:** Tel Aviv Sourasky Medical Center (Israel); Saint-Antoine Hospital, Université Pierre et Marie Curie (France); Catholic University of the Sacred Heart - Fondazione Policlinico Universitario A. Gemelli (Italy); Humanitas (Italy)
  - **Participating principal investigators:** Iris Dotan, Nitsan Maharshak, Harry Sokol, Franco Scaldaferri, Silvio Danese

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## ECCO Award Winners 2016

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### ECCO-IOIBD FELLOWSHIP 2016 – AWARDED AT ECCO'17

- **Aria Zand (Amsterdam, the Netherlands)**
  - Host institute: UCLA Center for Inflammatory Bowel Diseases, Los Angeles, USA
  - Title: Precision Medicine for IBD using advanced machine learning

### ECCO-VIFOR PHARMA GRANT 2016 – AWARDED AT ECCO'17

- **Gionata Fiorino (Milan, Italy)**
  - Efficacy of iron supplementation in patients with Inflammatory Bowel Disease and chronic fatigue

### ECCO GRANTS 2016 – AWARDED AT ECCO'17

- **Christianne Buskens (Amsterdam, the Netherlands)**  
*The role of mesorectal macrophages in complications after rectal resection*
- **Marcus Claesson (Cork, Ireland)**  
*Epigenomic stratification of ulcerative colitis – the missing link between intestinal microbiota and host transcriptome*
- **Marco De Andrea (Torino, Italy)**  
*Characterisation and Validation of the Clinical Utility of IFI16-based Markers in IBD*
- **Vasiliki Koliaraki (Vari, Greece)**  
*The role of mesenchymal cells in IBD pathogenesis: focus on mechanisms underlying villous blunting/atrophy*
- **Debby Laukens (Ghent, Belgium)**  
*Tryptophan and fatigue in Inflammatory Bowel Disease*
- **Jelle Matthijssens (Leuven, Belgium)**  
*The human gut virome as marker for anti TNF-alpha therapy success and as therapy target*
- **Salomé S. Pinho (Porto, Portugal)**  
*SWEETEN: Glycans as novel immunomodulators in Inflammatory Bowel Disease*
- **Gordon Ramage (Glasgow, UK)**  
*Intestinal Mycobiome: Unravelling the role of fungal microbiota in paediatric Crohn's disease*
- **Josien Régis (Nantes, France)**  
*To assess the therapeutic value of IL-22BP blockade in Crohn's disease (IL22BPCD)*
- **Bram Verstockt (Leuven, Belgium)**  
*Predicting response to treatment in patients with inflammatory bowel disease*

### N-ECCO RESEARCH GRANT 2016 – AWARDED AT ECCO'17

- **Wladyslawa Czuber-Dochan (London, UK)**  
*Fatigue in Europe*
- **Dawn Farrell (Cork, Ireland)**  
*Fatigue and physical function in IBD*

### ECCO-AOCC VISITING TRAVEL GRANTS 2016 – AWARDED AT ECCO'17

- **Harshad Vinay Joshi (Mumbai, India)**
  - Focusing on bowel ultrasound
- **Ren Mao (Guangzhou, China)**
  - Patency capsule and colon capsule protocols and procedures; drug levels assays for Adalimumab and vedolizumab; bio-statistics aspects of the patient-level meta-analysis of biologic drugs in IBD

### ECCO TRAVEL AWARDS 2016 – AWARDED AT ECCO'17

- **Joline de Groof (Amsterdam, the Netherlands)**
  - Analyses on the appendiceal resection specimens
- **Dana Duricova (Prague, Czech Republic)**
  - Epidemiological research on natural history of IBD in paediatric and elderly-onset IBD issued from a large population-based study
- **Olga Mandic (Belgrade, Serbia)**
- **Simona Radice (Milan, Italy) – N-ECCO**
  - Learning how to provide holistic support to patients
- **Mark Samaan (London, UK)**
  - Current Practices in Ileal Pouch Surveillance for Inflammatory Bowel Disease Patients

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## ECCO Award Winners 2015

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### ECCO FELLOWSHIPS 2015 – AWARDED AT ECCO'16

- **Ferdinando Bonfiglio (Stockholm, Sweden)**
  - Host institute: BioCruces Health Research Institute, Barakaldo, Spain
  - Title: Post-genomic application in general, and the establishment of computational approaches relevant to translational medicine
- **Jesus Cosin (Valencia, Spain)**
  - Host institute: Universität Zürich, Zürich, Schweiz
  - Title: Hypoxia, autophagy and inflammasome

### ECCO-IOIBD FELLOWSHIP 2015 – AWARDED AT ECCO'16

- **Sharon Veenbergen**
  - Host institute: Erasmus MC, Department of Pediatrics, Rotterdam, the Netherlands
  - Title: The interleukin-1 pathway as a putative new target in pediatric inflammatory bowel disease

### ECCO-NESTLÉ HEALTH SCIENCE NUTRITION FELLOWSHIP 2015 – AWARDED AT ECCO'16

- **Klara Frivolt**
  - Host institute: Dr. von Hauner Children's Hospital, Munich, Germany
  - Title: Nutrition in IBD

### ECCO GRANTS 2015 – AWARDED AT ECCO'16

- **Ziad Alnabhani (Paris, France)**
  - Early microbial exposure and type 3 innate lymphoid cells in the pathogenesis of IBD and their value as therapeutic targets
- **Antony De Buck van Overstraeten (Leuven, Belgium)**
  - Prospective trial investigating mechanisms of (functional) recovery of the side-to-side isoperistaltic Stricturep/Asty (SS/S) for stricturing terminal ilea/Crohn's disease
- **Jonathan Digby-Bell (London, United Kingdom)**
  - Harnessing functional immune biomarkers to predict response to anti-TNF $\alpha$  therapy in Ulcerative Colitis
- **Glen Doherty (Dublin, Ireland)**

- Strategies for restoring loss of response to Anti-TNF therapy in inflammatory bowel disease
- **Caspar Ohnmacht (Munich, Germany)**
  - Human ROR( $\gamma$ t)+ regulatory T cells in IBD
- **Francesca Ronchi (Bern, Switzerland)**
  - Microbiota-mediated fine-tuning of the threshold of intestinal inflammasome activation in host-microbial mutualism
- **Jurgita Skiecevičienė (Kaunas, Lithuania)**
  - MicroRNA Profiling in Tissues and Primary Intestinal Epithelial Cells of Patients with Active and Inactive Ulcerative Colitis
- **Marianne Spalinger (Zurich, Switzerland)**
  - The role for T-cell derived cytokines in the pathogenesis of CD-associated fistulae
- **Donal Tighe (Dublin, Ireland)**
  - Optimal use of immunomodulator and biological therapy in inflammatory bowel disease
- **Andrea van der Meulen (Leiden, the Netherlands)**
  - A multi-center randomized controlled trial on the effect of rehabilitation, e-Health and usual care in IBD patients with peripheral arthralgia

#### ECCO TRAVEL AWARDS 2015 – AWARDED AT ECCO'16

- **Luís Carlos Carvalho Monteiro Lourenço (Lisbon, Portugal)**
  - Focusing on clinical expertise in IBD patient management and endoscopic expertise in chromoendoscopy in CRC screening and therapeutic endoscopy in IBD patients
- **Karin Davidson (Rondebosch, South Africa) – N-ECCO**
  - Learning from the outstanding service at St. Mark's Hospital
- **Borja Hernández-Breijo (Madrid, Spain)**
  - Quantification of therapeutic antibodies against TNF- $\alpha$  in exosomes from serum of patients with Crohn's disease (EXOCROHN PROJECT)
- **Lone Gerd Nielsen (Nyborg, Denmark) – N-ECCO**
  - Improvement of the IBD patient's course
- **Pavol Papay (Vienna, Austria)**
  - Herpes zoster infection in Inflammatory Bowel Disease

#### ECCO FELLOWSHIPS 2015 – AWARDED AT ECCO'15

- **Christina Mascaraque (Granada, Spain)**

- Host institute: Humanitas Hospital Research, Milan, Italy
- Title: Sphingosine-1-phosphate in IBD: A new bridge between barrier function and intestinal inflammation
- **Carla Felice (Rome, Italy)**
  - Host institute: Centre for Digestive Diseases Blizard Institute of Cell and Molecular Science, Barts and The London School of Medicine and Dentistry, London, United Kingdom
  - Title: Selective histone deacetylase inhibitors for treatment of Inflammatory Bowel Diseases

## ECCO GRANTS 2015 – AWARDED AT ECCO'15

- **Manon Wildenberg (Amsterdam, the Netherlands)**
  - The use of benzimidazoles as co-medication for anti-TNF therapy in IBD
- **Janneke Samsom (Rotterdam, the Netherlands)**
  - Identification and characterisation of microbiota specific T cell responses in Crohn's Disease
- **Yael Haberman (Ramat Gan, Israel)**
  - Defining the role of long ncRNA in the pathogenesis of early onset Crohn Disease
- **Turid Hammer (Copenhagen, Denmark)**
  - Inflammatory Bowel Disease in the Faroe Islands
- **Julia Spendlin Allen (Basel, Switzerland)**
  - The risk of incident rosacea in patients with Ulcerative Colitis and Crohn's Disease
- **Nik Ding (Fitzroy, Australia)**
  - IBD: Metabolomic and microbiomic predictors of response to biologic therapy
- **Giulio Muccioli (Brussels, Belgium)**
  - Study of the effect of the endocannabinoid-derived prostaglandin D2-glycerol ester in colitis
- **Jordi Rimola (Barcelona, Spain)**
  - Clinical impact of hybrid imaging PET-MRE in fibrostenosing Crohn's Disease
- **Anje te Velde (Amsterdam, the Netherlands)**
  - DNA methylation profiles in IBD fibroblasts
- **Gabriella Aviello (Dublin, Ireland)**
  - Role of NADPH oxidase in the maintenance of intestinal homeostasis
- **Vladislav Volarevic (Kragujevac, Serbia)**

- The role of galectin 3 in acute colitis

## ECCO TRAVEL AWARDS 2015 – AWARDED AT ECCO'15

- **Maria Jose Garcia (Santander, Spain)**
  - Observership at the department for 3 months
- **Edyta Szymanska (Warsaw, Poland)**
  - Very early forms of IBD - Genetic background, clinical patterns and management
- **Madalina Christina Ilie (Bucharest, Romania)**
  - Role of the gut microbiota in Inflammatory Bowel Disease pathogenesis
- **Steven Bots (Amsterdam, the Netherlands)**
  - Optimisation of treatment for Inflammatory Bowel Disease by point-of-care use of trans-abdominal ultrasound
- **Patricia Geens (Bonheiden, Belgium) - N-ECCO**
  - Learning objectives of the Canadian IBD care unit

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## ECCO Award Winners 2014

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### ECCO FELLOWSHIPS 2014

- **Mayur Garg (Boxhill, Australia)**
  - Host institute: St. Mark's Hospital, London, United Kingdom
  - Title: The effect of vitamin D on the intestinal microbiome in inflammatory bowel disease – DOMINO
- **Konstantinos Papamichail (Athens, Greece)**
  - Host institute: University Hospital Leuven, Leuven, Belgium
  - Title: Investigating mechanisms underlying primary non response to anti-TNF $\alpha$  therapy in patients with Inflammatory Bowel Disease

### ECCO GRANTS 2014

- **Colin Adrain (Oeiras, Portugal)**
  - Role of rhomboid-like proteins in intestinal damage and repair
- **Katrine Carlsen (Copenhagen, Denmark)**
  - Patient empowerment in young patients with inflammatory bowel disease by eHealth
- **Marcus Claesson (Cork, Ireland)**
  - Gut microbiota, diet and drug usage in inflammatory bowel diseases
- **Philippe Seksik (Paris, France)**
  - IMpact of Acyl homoserine lactones driven quorum sensing from Gut microbiota in INflammatory bowel diseases (IMAGIN)
- **Zsuzsanna Vegh (Budapest, Hungary)**
  - The validation of the 3-year follow-up period of the 2010 ECCO-EpiCom inception cohort: evaluation of changes in medical strategies and surgery rates and their impact on disease activity and disease course
- **ECCO-DigestScience Research Funding 2014**
- **Florian Rieder & Claudio Fiocchi (Cleveland, United States)**
  - Gut microbiome induced intestinal fibrosis

## ECCO TRAVEL AWARDS 2014

- **Jamilya Kaibullayeva (Almaty, Kazakhstan)**
  - Inflammatory bowel disease (IBD) including ulcerative colitis (UC) and Crohn's disease (CD) occur with different frequencies around the world
- **Juozas Kupcinskas (Kauans, Lithuania)**
  - Focus on associations between genetic polymorphisms and thiopurine effectiveness and side effects in treatment of IBD patients
- **Carlos Daniel Pinho Fernandes (Gaia, Portugal)**
  - Prospective study to evaluate the role of early imaging findings in Crohn's disease
- **Henny E.J.C. Tomlow (Maastricht, the Netherlands) – N-ECCO**
  - Investigate ways to further improve the care for IBD patients in my own center and to further explore E-health possibilities
- **Marthe Verwey (Leiden, the Netherlands) – N-ECCO**
  - Roles & responsibilities of the nurse practitioner

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## ECCO Award Winners 2013

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### ECCO FELLOWSHIPS 2013

- **Nathalie Aoun (Mansourieh El Maten, Lebanon)**
  - Host institute: GIGA Research, Liège University
  - Title: A systematic comparison of genes expression in the small intestine, the colon and immune cells of healthy smokers and non smokers, with a focus on genes associated with IBD: a throughout study of the role of smoking in the pathogenesis of these diseases
- **Markus Tschurtschenthaler (Innsbruck, Austria)**
  - Host institute: University of Cambridge, Addenbroke's Hospital
  - Title: Deciphering a paternal transmission of epigenetic marks to the aetiopathogenesis of inflammatory bowel diseases

### ECCO GRANTS 2013

- **Isabelle Cleynen (Leuven, Belgium)**
  - Functional characterization of Zonulin, a positive regulator of intestinal epithelial permeability, in inflammatory bowel disease (IBD)
- **Sheena Cruickshank (Manchester, United Kingdom)**
  - Controlling the Balance of Immunity in Colitis: Investigating the Roles of Intestinal Microbiota and Dendritic Cell Migration
- **Silvia D'Alessio (Milan, Italy)**
  - The role of Prep-1 in IBD pathogenesis: implicationS for novel therapeutic approaches
- **Marie-Alice Meuwis (Liège, Belgium)**
  - Proteomics biomarkers discovery for the prediction of mucosal healing and risk of relapse in Crohn's Disease
- **Maikel Peppelenbosch (Rotterdam, the Netherlands)**
  - Transgenic nematodes (*Trichuris suis*) as a novel therapeutic avenue for treating of intestinal inflammatory disease

### ECCO TRAVEL AWARDS 2013

- **Francesco Colombo (Milan, Italy)**
  - Restorative procto-colectomy in the elderly: A prospective multicenter comparative trial on safety and efficacy
- **Kristina Gecse (Szeged, Hungary)**



- Development of a visual tool that allows rapid review of IBD patients` phenotype, surgical and medical history.
- **Iago Rodriguez Lago (Pamplona, Spain)**
  - Clinical attachment in the Inflammatory Bowel Disease (IBD) Unit at John Radcliffe Hospital (Oxford, United Kingdom)

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## ECCO Award Winners 2012

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### ECCO FELLOWSHIPS 2012

- **Timon Eric Adolph (Innsbruck, Austria)**
  - Host institute: University of Cambridge, United Kingdom
  - Title: Endoplasmatic reticulum stress and autophagy converge in the NF-KB signalling pathway
- **Jessica Claire Wilson (Belfast, Northern Ireland)**
  - Host institute: University Hospital Basel, Switzerland
  - Title: An epidemiological study on the natural history of patients with inflammatory bowel disease

### ECCO GRANTS 2012

- **Johan Burisch (Herlev, Denmark)**
  - New inception cohort in Europe: Is there an east-west-gradient in IBD?
- **Colin de Haar (Rotterdam, the Netherlands)**
  - Is defective resolution of inflammation involved in IBD pathogenesis?
- **Marc Ferrante (Leuven, Belgium)**
  - Influence of microbiota on intestinal stem cell behaviour and differentiation in patients with inflammatory bowel diseases
- **Tim Raine (Cambridge, United Kingdom)**
  - Immunophenotyping of atypical lymphocytes in human bowel in the context of genetic risk for IBD
- **Harry Sokol (Paris, France)**
  - Role of Card9 in IBD pathogenesis and intestinal homeostasis

### ECCO TRAVEL AWARDS 2012

- **Mark Loewenberg (Amsterdam, the Netherlands)**

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## ECCO Award Winners 2011

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### ECCO FELLOWSHIPS 2011

- **Bénédicte Brounais-Le Royer (Nantes, France)**
  - Host institute: Geneva University Hospital, Geneva, Switzerland
  - Title: Effects of interleukin-15 inhibition on skeletal alterations in inflammatory bowel disease
- **Lael Werner (Tel Aviv, Israel)**
  - Host institute: Charite, Berlin, Germany
  - Title: Notch in the pathophysiology of Crohn's disease and Ulcerative colitis: A possible link to therapeutic TNF $\alpha$  inhibition

### ECCO GRANTS 2011

- **Arie Levine (Holon, Israel)**
  - GROWTH Study: Factors predicting relapse and adverse outcomes early in the disease in newly diagnosed pediatric Crohn's disease - a prospective, multi-center prognostication study by The ESPGHAN Porto group
- **Catherine Reenaers (Liege, Belgium)**
  - Investigation of autophagy pathway defects in innate immune cells in Crohn's disease
- **Franco Scaldaferri (Rome, Italy)**
  - The role of adipose tissue-derived mesenchymal stem cells in chronic colitis and colitis driven-colon cancer progression
- **Stefanie Vetrano (Rozzano/Milan, Italy)**
  - The role of Chemerin /ChemR23 axis in the pathogenesis of IBD

### ECCO TRAVEL AWARDS 2011

- **Daniela Petrova Stoyanova (Sofia, Bulgaria)**
  - Complex approach to patients with complicated course of inflammatory bowel disease; Noninvasive methods for follow-up of postoperative Crohn's disease

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## ECCO Award Winners 2010

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### ECCO FELLOWSHIPS 2010

- **Emanuela Sala (Rozzano, Italy)**
  - Host institute: IDIBAPS - Institut D'Investigacions Biomediques, Barcelona, Spain
  - Title: Molecular determinations of homing of stem cells in IBD
- **Caterina Strisciuglio (Naples, Italy)**
  - Host institute: Leiden University Medical Center, Leiden, the Netherlands
  - Title: Autophagy in immune cell-cell interactions in the gut

### ECCO GRANTS 2010

- **Gwo-Tzer Ho (Edinburgh, UK)**
  - Modulating primary intestinal epithelial defence and immune response in inflammatory bowel disease - development of an integrated inducible epithelial gene transfer and expression system
- **Michel Maillard (Lausanne, Switzerland)**
  - Modulation of gut immune homeostasis via the Toll-interacting protein (Tollip)
- **Yoav Mazor (Haifa, Israel)**
  - Matrix metalloproteinases (MMPs) and ADAMs in IBD
- **Michael Scharl (Zurich, Switzerland)**
  - The role of Protein tyrosine phosphatase N2 in the regulation of cytokine-induced apoptosis in the intestinal epithelium

### ECCO TRAVEL AWARDS 2010

- **Maza Itay (Haifa, Israel)**
  - Purpose and time of visit: one week visit, to observe and study IBD biobanking
- **Ana Maria Catuneanu (Bucharest, Romania)**
  - Training Stay - Oxford
- **Zoran Milenkovic (Belgrade, Serbia)**
  - Training Stay - Lille

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## ECCO Award Winners 2009

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### ECCO FELLOWSHIPS 2009

- **Francesca Fava (Reading, UK)**
  - Host institute: Istituto Clinico Humanitas-IRCCS in Gastroenterology, Milan, Italy
  - Title: Measuring the impact of anti-tumour necrosis factor-alpha (TNF- $\alpha$ ) treatment on the faecal microbiota in inflammatory bowel disease (IBD)

### ECCO GRANTS 2009

- **Sofia Maria Buonocore (Oxford, UK)**
  - Identification of IL-23 dependent effector pathways in colitis
- **Jan Wehkamp (Stuttgart, Germany)**
  - WNT transcription factor Tcf-1 and its role in protective innate immunity in inflammatory bowel diseases
- **Stefania Vetrano (Milan, Italy)**
  - The protein C pathway in inflammatory bowel disease: a novel mediator of cross-talk between dendritic and epithelial cells
- **Maria Papp (Debrecen, Hungary)**
  - The possible role of von Willebrand factor and its cleaving protease (ADAMTS-13) in the vascular pathogenesis of inflammatory bowel disease
- **Margarita Elkjaer (Herlev, Denmark)**
  - Virtual Hospital System in IBD: Patient centred monitoring and web-guided therapy with 5-ASA in ulcerative colitis "Constant-care": Impact on quality of life and cost benefit

### ECCO TRAVEL AWARDS 2009

- **Michael dam Jensen**
  - The impact of wireless capsule endoscopy on clinical decision-making in suspected and known Crohn's disease
- **Joana Maria Tinoco da Silva Torres**
  - Training Stay - Lille
- **Annalisa Crudeli**
  - Training Stay - Lille
- **Davide Checchin**
  - Training Stay – Oxford



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## Award Winners 2008

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### ECCO FELLOWSHIPS 2008

- **Alessia Grillo (Padua, Italy)**
  - Host institute: University of Bristol Department of Clinical Science, South Bristol, UK
  - Title: Role of  $\beta$ -catenin signalling in primary subepithelial myofibroblasts of Crohn's disease

### ECCO GRANTS 2008

- **Silvio Danese (Rozzano, Italy)**
  - The role of lymphangiogenesis in IBD pathogenesis
- **Richard Day (London, UK)**
  - Assessment of Bioactive Microspheres as a Prospective Novel Treatment for Fistulae
- **Holm Uhlig (Leipzig, Germany)**
  - Immunosuppressive drugs and Foxp3+ regulatory T cell activity in inflammatory bowel disease
- **Christian Jakobsen (Hvidovre, Denmark)**
  - Genotype-Phenotype interactions in Danish Paediatric IBD Patients
- **Fraser Cummings (Oxford, UK)**
  - Biological markers to predict the outcome of acute severe ulcerative colitis
- **Nikolaus Pedarnig (Vienna, Austria)**
  - European-wide Validation of the Web-based Documentation Standard IBDIS by Inter-observer Analysis

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- **Cesare Ruffolo (Padova, Italy)**
  - Training Stay - Leuven
- **Andrea Cassinotti (Milan, Italy)**
  - Training Stay - Oxford