

Dear IOIBD members, Dear Friends

24 June 2023

It is a pleasure to forward this IOIBD Newsletter, summarizing a very active year, with two highly successful AGMs. A *hybrid version* in Napa (California) in November 2022 and an *in person only* one in Cambridge (UK) in March 2023. Both events have been rated very good to excellent scientifically. The social events have been scored very well too and our delegates appreciate the scientific and social interactions as well as the relative intimacy of our meetings.

Napa event facts:

- > The onsite participation was 90 persons and we have had 50 virtual delegates.
- > The technicians delivered a flawless operation of this meeting with not only virtual delegates but also virtual speakers. The speakers and session chairs have been great at time keeping, allowing good discussion and interaction.
- > The local organizing team, led by Uma Mahadevan, have done a great job organizing this meeting within a year. Uma, David, and Dermot stepped in when we realized that the planned meeting in Hong Kong could not be materialized due to ongoing Covid restrictions.
- > The Satellite meeting has been organized by *Marla Dubinsky* and *Corey Siegel*, who have been supported by *Victoria Rai* and *Sophie Vieujean* to establish the *IBD clinical trial eligibility and recruitment*
- > The content of both meetings has been well received by our participants, both onsite and virtually.

Impression:



meeting room and interaction

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Organising team Satellite



Organizing team AGM



Maria's book – as part of the Thank you's for our former Chair



Group picture of delegates AGM 2022 Napa (USA)

Cambridge event facts:

- > The onsite participation was 120 delegates (one of our highest attended meetings)
- > One last-minute virtual speaker due to strikes in France, that has been picked up very well by the great onsite technicians.
- > The local organizing team, led by Arthur Kaser, have done a great job showcasing UK science and Cambridge. Arthur, James, Ailsa, Subrata, and Simon have joined forces to present us best state-of-the art UK science.

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Furthermore, the venues for the social events in Cambridge have been spectacular, showcasing the great academic and cultural history of Cambridge.

-> The Satellite meeting has been organized by Marla Dubinsky and James Lindsay, to establish the *Working together to deliver precision medicine for IBD* meeting. This meeting took place in London (UK) with an immediate taskforce under the name: Industry Research Initiative for Sharing Data (IRISD) as follow-up.

-> The content of both meetings has been well received by our participants, who enjoyed live interactions and great discussion. Conference photo's: <https://www.alanbennettphotography.co.uk/ioibd-conference-2023> Impression:



With this newsletter, we also want to update you on some important deadlines and communicate decisions taken during our last executive meetings (4 virtual and 3 in person meetings). Therefore, we have a lot to share with you!

A. FUTURE VENUES

1. Annual General IOIBD Meeting 2024:

Thursday 11 – Sunday 14 April 2024 in Florence, Italy

Satellite meeting on Thursday 11 April from 08:00-15:00 hrs

Faculty and sponsor dinner, Wednesday 10 April 2024

Organisers AGM: *Silvio Danese (chair), Antonino Spinelli, Willem Bemelman, Geert D'Haens*

Satellite: *Marla Dubinsky (chair), Axel Dignass, Dermot McGovern, Matthieu Allez, Britta Siegmund*

2. Annual General IOIBD Meeting 2025:

Thursday 27 – Sunday 30 March 2025 in Auckland, New Zealand

Satellite meeting on Thursday 27 March from 08:00-15:00 hrs

Faculty and sponsor dinner, Wednesday 26 March 2025

Organisers AGM: *Richard Gearry (chair), Michael Kamm, Siew Ng*

Organisers Satellite: *Marla Dubinsky, Scientific Secretary IOIBD*

The content, and registration options for the AGM 2024 will be shared in September 2023
Please block your calendar for the above dates!

B. UPDATES

B.1. Legal structure for IOIBD

IOIBD is a growing organisation and to be ready for the future, we have adjusted the legal structure:

- I. The IOIBD Foundation – founded in Sweden in 1997 under the name *Stifelsen for Utbildning och Forskning avseende Inflammatoriska Tarmsjukdomar (SUFIT)*
- II. The IOIBD Institute BV (LLC) – founded in The Netherlands in November 2021
100% of the shares are owned by the Foundation

The IOIBD Foundation chair and treasurer will serve as board members in the IOIBD Institute, along with two Dutch Members.

The mission of the IOIBD Foundation is to promote the health of people with IBD worldwide, by setting the direction for patient care, education and research
The IOIBD Institute BV (LLC) will focus on activities to support the mission of the Foundation by initiating projects like the Satellite meeting, cluster meetings, sponsored activities etc.
100% of the BV (LLC) net profit will be transferred to the Foundation.

B.2. Changes in Executive team and committee members

B.2.a. Executive committee

In Cambridge, we have thanked our Treasurer *Jonas Halfvarson* for six years of service to the organisation.



Jonas has been imperative in establishing the new legal structure! His successor is Pär Myrelid*, who has been able to shadow for a year before officially taking over. Welcome Pär and a huge thank you to Jonas!

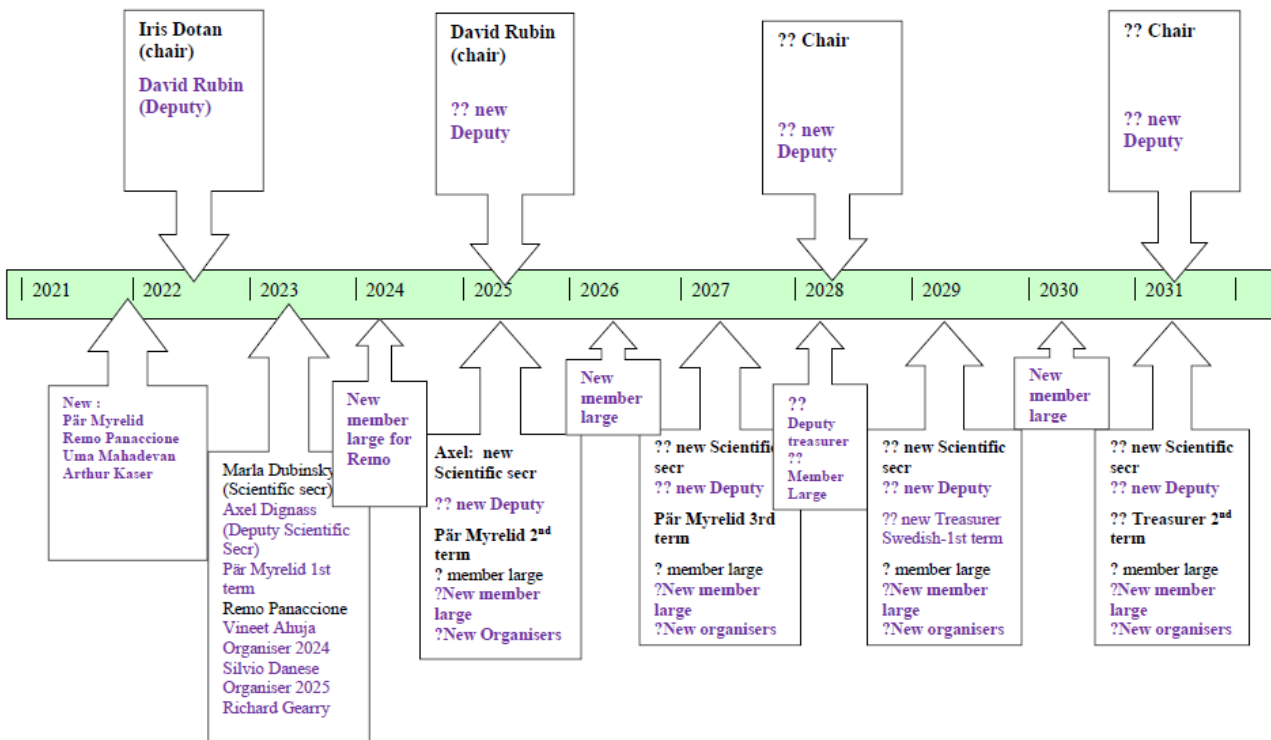
Another longstanding and important member of the Executive committee has left: *Laurent Peyrin-Biroulet*, who acted as Deputy Scientific Secretary (3) and Scientific Secretary (3). Marla Dubinsky* takes over this position, moving from being the Deputy Scientific Secretary for the last 3 years.

Laurent is thanked profoundly for his services, and we welcome Marla in this new position.

The new Deputy Scientific Chair will be Axel Dignass*, who is welcomed to the group!

The term for *Richard Geary* as 'Member at Large' finished and Vineet Ahuja* took over. Although Vineet was not physically at the meeting in Cambridge, the membership has approved his function.

*During the Business Meeting in Cambridge, the membership has approved all suggested new executive members.



REMINDER: To comply with the statutes of the IOIBD Foundation, the rotation of Executive members has been adjusted in 2021. The chair will stay for 3 years, the treasurer for 6 years, all other members will change after 2 years. The function 'outgoing Chair' no longer exists. The immediate past chair will still chair the Nominating committee for 3 years. Please see current and future situations in the graphics above.

B.2.b. Changes in other committees

Nominating committee

Maria Abreu, chair – members: Willem Bemelman, Axel Dignass, Uma Mahadevan

Grant review committee

James Lewis, chair – members: Ashwin Ananthakrishnan, Dermot McGovern, Gerhard Rogler

New name Integration Cluster = Stratification Cluster

New co-chair Stratification Cluster: Matthieu Allez (for Subrata Ghosh)

New co-chair Endpoints Cluster: Walter Reinisch (for Dan Turner)

B.3. Financial decisions

Since IOIBD is a European based organisation and the conversion between EURO and US Dollar changes constantly, all figures are published in EURO only since 2019.

Educational program cost:

The Operating Grant program consists of 4x50.000 EURO

The Travel Grant program consists of a total of 20.000 EURO.

The IOIBD financial support to the cost of the AGM is 175.000 Euro per year and the IOIBD Institute will be the organizing body for the Satellite and the AGM meetings, starting with the 2024 events in Florence.

Donations for 2023:

Academic Fee remains the same: 100 Euro per year

Corporate member fee remains the same: 30.000 Euro.

B.4. Membership

B.4.a. Update corporate members:

New in 2022: Cytoreason, Ventyx Bioscience

New in 2023: Abivax, Iterative Health, Landos Bioscience, Satisfai Health

Corporate members that ended membership: Arena Pharma (now Pfizer), Eli Lilly

B.4.2. Update physician members:

New deadline to submit applications for new members: 01 September annually!

New guidelines for membership are in place since Spring 2022 including a letter of motivation by the candidate. The IOIBD Nominating committee is formed by following members, who are thanked for their work: *Maria Abreu (chair), Willem Bemelman, Axel Dignass and Uma Mahadevan*

IOIBD had at least 3 places available this year for new members and we received thirteen (13) strong nominations. The nominating committee has reviewed all nominations and has reported during the Executive Committee Meeting. After thorough discussion, the Executive Committee has accepted following new members for IOIBD per January 2023:

-> **Rupa Banerjee** (nominated by Michael Kamm and Iris Dotan)

-> **Johan Burisch** (nominated by Pia Munkholm, Britta Siegmund, and Björn Moum)

-> **Gillian Watermeier** (nominated by Gerhard Rogler and Axel Dignass)

We thank all members who have nominated and /or supported candidates for this year's election.

B.4.3. Five Year Review members

All members on the list were re-elected:

Richard Gearry, Peter Lakatos, Markus Neurath, Laurent Peyrin-Biroulet, Feza Remzi, David Rubin, Bruce Sands, Simon Travis, and Takayuki Yamamoto

B.5. IOIBD Grants program

New deadline to submit applications for the IOIBD Grants program: 01 September annually!
If your institution has been successful this year, you cannot submit for an application next year.

B.5.a. Operating Grants

The IOIBD Grant Review Committee consists of following members:

James Lewis (chairman), Ashwin Ananthakrishnan, Dermot McGovern, and Gerhard Rogler

- James and team are thanked for their work to come up with their advice for this years' edition.

Operating Grants Applications:

11 grants have been received, which have been reviewed by 3 committee members.

Scored on two factors:

- Importance - 50%
- Approach - 50%

Scores were well correlated between reviewers with only rare meaningful discrepancies.

4 grants were deemed most meritorious and selected for funding.

- 2 clinical, 2 translational

The executive committee has approved to fund following Grant operating projects at 50.000 EURO each:

Applicant	Sponsor	Title
Ole Bjorkvist	Jonas Halfvarsson	Metabolomic signatures in the preclinical disease phase of IBD
Marc Ferrante	Severine Vermeire	ALLEGRO - Assessing the reproducibility and predictive value of the updated Rutgeerts score
Mohammad Aamir Saifuddin	Ailsa Hart	Defining the role of the matrisome in ulcerative colitis and its relevance to treatment resistance
Arshdeep Singh	Ajit Sood	A population based epidemiological study with focus on environmental, nutritional, and socio-economic determinants of inflammatory bowel disease in India

We thank all members who have applied for a grant!

-The 2024 Operating grants program will have 4 x 50.000 Euro available for grants (total of 200.000 Euro)

-If your institution has been successful in receiving a grant this year, you cannot submit one next year.

-We encourage submitting proposals alongside your junior faculty

-Deadline for submission: 01 September 2023

B.5.b. IOIBD Travel Grants

New deadline to submit applications for IOIBD Grants program: 01 September annually!

Two applications by the same Sponsor. One has been selected to receive the full travel grant amount of 20.000 EURO:

Applicant	Sponsor	Title
Di Vincenzo (Rome)	Maria Abreu	Difference among real-life vs trial populations in USA and Italy: building evidence for clinically-relevant trial design

B.5.c. IOIBD Clinical Experience Exchange to foster investigative careers in IBD

This travel grant is supported by Helmsley, and we are happy to announce that the first two candidates have been selected:

Malambo Mubbunu from South Africa will train with Vineet Ahuja at the All-India Institute, New Delhi, India.

Viviana Parra from Colombia will train with Severine Vermeire at the UZ Leuven, Belgium

Both candidates will start in Fall 2023 for a one-year traineeship

- **Goal:** Support international training on inflammatory bowel disease (IBD) to promote the global development of IBD patient care and research by ensuring that gastroenterology physicians and researchers living in developing nations can access start-of-the art advanced training and mentorships in IBD care.
- **Strategy:** Develop and launch the ‘The IOIBD Clinical Experience Exchange Program’ to allow gastroenterology physicians and researcher from developing nations to spend a year with a member physician of IOIBD.
- **Outcome:** Access to advanced training with IOIBD members will allow gastroenterology physicians / researchers from developing nations to learn updated, innovative techniques in diagnosing, treating, and managing Crohn’s disease (CD), allowing them to bring these new skills back to their respective countries and the IBD patients they serve.

This travel grant would support physicians or PhD researchers who want to visit a foreign, IOIBD center for clinical and research experience (60/40). The expected total stay will be 1 year.

- Grant awardees are invited to attend an IOIBD Annual General Meeting within 3 years after their trip to report of the outcomes of their project and how this travel grant has impacted their career.
- During the project the grantee will be monitored by his /her mentor according to the principles of IDP (individual development plan) on a regular basis. An example of such a report is attached separately. <https://myidp.sciencecareers.org/?AspxAutoDetectCookieSupport=1>
- Reporting to the sponsoring institutes IOIBD and Helmsley will be done twice a year.

ELIGIBILITY:

- Individuals with a MD or PhD
- From any country but preference will be given to an individual from a developing country (as defined by the United Nations; see below list).
- Proposed and sponsored by an IOIBD Member although the applicant need not be at the same institution or country as an IOIBD member
- Preference will be given to investigators within 5 years of training

Africa		Asia	Latin America and the Caribbean
North Africa	Southern Africa	East Asia	Caribbean
Algeria	Angola	Brunei Darussalam	Barbados
Egypt	Botswana	China	Cuba
Libya ^b	Lesotho	Hong Kong SAR ^c	Dominican Republic
Mauritania	Malawi	Indonesia	Guyana
Morocco	Mauritius	Malaysia	Haiti
Sudan	Mozambique	Myanmar	Jamaica
Tunisia	Namibia	Papua New Guinea	Trinidad and Tobago
Central Africa	South Africa	Philippines	Mexico and Central America
Cameroon	Zambia	Republic of Korea	Costa Rica
Central African Republic	Zimbabwe	Singapore	El Salvador
Chad	West Africa	Taiwan Province of China	Guatemala
Congo	Benin	Thailand	Honduras
Equatorial Guinea	Burkina Faso	Viet Nam	Mexico
Gabon	Cabo Verde	South Asia	Nicaragua
Sao Tome and Principe	Côte d'Ivoire	Bangladesh	Panama
East Africa	Gambia	India	South America
Burundi	Ghana	Iran (Islamic Republic of)	Argentina
Comoros	Guinea	Nepal	Bolivia (Plurinational State of)
Democratic Republic of the Congo	Guinea-Bissau	Pakistan	Brazil
Djibouti	Liberia	Sri Lanka	Chile
Eritrea	Mali	Western Asia	Colombia
Ethiopia	Niger	Bahrain	Ecuador
Kenya	Nigeria	Iraq	Paraguay
Madagascar	Senegal	Israel	Peru
Rwanda	Sierra Leone	Jordan	Uruguay
Somalia	Togo	Kuwait	Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of)
Uganda		Lebanon	
United Republic of Tanzania		Oman	
		Qatar	
		Saudi Arabia	
		Syrian Arab Republic	
		Turkey	
		United Arab Emirates	
		Yemen	

C. WE NEED YOUR HELP!



C.1. call to action to our members:

01 September 2023 deadline for:

- New member nominations *
- Operating grant program**
- Travel grant program**
- IOIBD Clinical Experience Exchange program** (1 year)

*New member nomination guidelines are in place – please check the website: <https://ioibd.org/committees/>
Under **Nominating Committee**

**All details on grant programs: <https://ioibd.org/grants/>

C.2. IOIBD Publication guidelines

Please don't forget to send your IOIBD publication to the dedicated committee before submitting to any journal for publication. This committee is formed by: *Corey Siegel (Chair), Anne Griffiths, Gilaad Kaplan, James Lewis, Gerasimos Mantzaris and Jürgen Schölmerich*

The committee has drafted guidelines for publications that can be found on the IOIBD site:

<https://www.ioibd.org/publications>

C.3. Website: www.ioibd.org

We want to include a **short bio** for all our members on the publicly available part of the website. Please check for example with the profile of *Iris Dotan* and *Remo Panaccione*. Send your short bio to Marischka at ioibd@mkproducties.nl

Please check your details on the IOIBD website in the section members (<http://www.ioibd.org/members>)

If you want to *update your picture* or have other alterations, please contact Marischka ioibd@mkproducties.nl



We wish you a nice Summer!

We will start the registration process for our next AGM in Florence (Italy) in September. Hopefully, we will see you next year in Italy or at the UEG Week in Copenhagen in October.

Best wishes, on behalf of the Executive Committee,
Iris Dotan, Chair

**MARK YOUR
CALENDAR!**

Dates for the upcoming AGM's:

11-14 April 2024 Florence, Italy

27-30 March 2025 Auckland, New Zealand

Please block these dates in your calendar now and don't forget the important deadline of 01 September to submit candidates for membership and / or grants programs.