

Dear IOIBD member,

21 December 2023

At the end of yet another exciting year, we give you a summary of the decisions taken at our latest Executive meetings. Since our last update this Summer, the world has been shaken by the horrific massacre by Hamas terrorists on October 7, 2023 and the war between Israel and Hamas, on top of the ongoing war between Russia and Ukraine. Being part of IOIBD, connects us globally and we very much feel the stress and anxiety of our colleagues in Israel, who try to go on with their lives in a day-to-day situation that has changed dramatically. We want to express our love and support to our colleagues and wish for peace and tranquility in the region. Given the situation, we have had to miss the live presence of our chair Iris Dotan at our two recent board meetings. Nevertheless, she has been present virtually.

A. PLANNED MEETINGS

1. Annual General IOIBD Meeting 2024:

The next planned meeting will be in Florence at Grand hotel Baglioni 4* from Thursday 11 – Sunday 14 April. Registration packs have been distributed early October. If you haven't registered yet, please do so! The scientific program is very exciting, and Florence is no doubt an attractive destination.

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

2. Satellite meeting 'The time for a new classification system for IBD is NOW' will be held in the same venue on Thursday morning, 11 April 2024, starting at 08:00 am. IOIBD members who attend this meeting is offered an extra night at the hotel. Again, please register for the meeting with the IOIBD secretariat.

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

Marischka will chase all members who have not registered for the Florence events. Also, if you are NOT able to attend, please let her know: ioibd@mkproducties.nl

3. Satellite meeting & Annual General IOIBD Meeting 2025 are planned in Auckland, New Zealand.

The dates are 27-30 March 2025

Registration will open soon after our next AGM in Florence, for all members to plan well in advance.

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

B. UPDATES

1. 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 4 grants of 50.000 Euro

The Travel Grant program consists of a total of 20.000 Euro for 2 candidates.

The *IOIBD Clinical Experience Exchange to foster investigative careers in IBD* (Helmsley) program consists of a total of 120.000 USD for 2 candidates

The IOIBD financial support to the cost of the AGM is 175.000 Euro

Donations for 2021:

Academic Fee remains the same: 100 Euro per year

Partner Fee remains the same: 300 Euro (if you bring your partner to the AGM)

Corporate member fee remains the same: 30.000 Euro

2. Membership

Academic Members

The IOIBD Nominating committee is formed by following members, who are thanked for their work: Maria Abreu (chair), Willem Bemelman, Axel Dignass, Uma Mahadevan.

IOIBD received thirteen (13) strong nominations this year. 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 April 2024:

- > **Christianne Buskens** (nominated by Willem Bemelman and Pär Myrelid)
- > **Marietta Iacucci** (nominated by Silvio Danese and Remo Panaccione)
- > **Vipul Jairath** (nominated by Maria Abreu and Mark Silverberg)
- > **Aleixo Muise** (nominated by Anne Griffith and Dermot McGovern)

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

3. Awarded grants

3a. Operating Grants

The IOIBD Grant Review Committee consists of following members:

James Lewis (chair), Vineet Ahuja, Ashwin Ananthakrishnan, Dermot McGovern, Remo Panaccione, and Gerhard Rogler. James and team are thanked for their work to come up with their advice for this years' edition!

10 grants were submitted.

- 1 clinical
- 1 basic science
- 8 translational

Grants were reviewed by 3 committee members.

Scored on two factors.

- Importance / novelty - 50%
- Approach - 50%

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

4 grants were deemed most meritorious and recommended for funding.

1 basic science, 3 translational

Following applicants and projects have been selected by the Grant review committee and approved by the Executive Committee to each be granted 50.000 EURO

Applicant	IOIBD member	Title
Camile Danne	Harry Sokol	Impact of microbiota metabolites on neutrophil functions in intestinal homeostasis and inflammation
Dan Turner	Dan Turner	An integrative multi-omics profiling approach to guide early intensified treatment in children with IBD: towards personalized precision medicine
Heather Armstrong	Charles Bernstein	Identifying how personalized microbiome mediates host response to dietary β -fructan fibres, driving or preventing colorectal cancer in inflammatory bowel diseases
Frederica Ungaro	Silvio Danese	Spatial transcriptomics profiling of Crohn's disease in surgical specimens: unraveling the development of fibrosis and its postoperative recurrence.

We thank all members who have applied for a grant!

3b. Travel Grants

Applicant	Sponsor	Title
Itai Ghersin (Rambam Health Care Campus, Haifa, Israel)	Ailsa Hart (St. Marks Hospital, London, UK)	Comparing the efficacy and safety of dilation of ileoanal strictures with mechanical vs. balloon dilation among patients after IPAA: a randomized controlled trial

This year just one application for the Travel Grant program, which was reviewed and found eligible for funding with 20.000 Euro.

3c. IOIBD Clinical Experience Exchange to foster investigative careers in IBD

Due to COVID-19 and travel restrictions, the program has experienced some delay, but the first candidate has just started his training! **Malambo Mubbunu** from South-Africa started on 1st. October at the All-India Institute of Medical Sciences in New Delhi, with Vineet Ahuja. The second candidate, **Vivianna Parra** from Colombia, will start as soon as all necessary papers are approved with the Belgium authorities. She will train at the University of Leuven, with Severine Vermeire.

The next two candidates have been recruited and will hopefully start in 2024.

All information on this important and exciting program can be found on the website:

<https://ioibd.org/grants/>

The Operating and Travel Grant committees have been thanked for their work!

4. Five Year Review members

✓ **Bemelman** ✓ **Walter Reinisch**
✓ **Geert D'Haens** ✓ **Gerhard Rogler**
✓ **James Lindsay** ✓ **Corey Siegel**
✓ **Edward Loftus** ✓ **Antonino Spinelli**
✓ **Uma Mahadevan** ✓ **Dan Turner**
✓ **Remo Panaccione**

All members on the list were re-elected

5. Publication committee

Please run your 'IOIBD' involved publications by the committee: Corey Siegel (Chair), Anne Griffiths, Gilaad Kaplan, James Lewis, Gerasimos Mantzaris, Jürgen Schölmerich

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

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

C. FOR INFO

MARK YOUR DATES for the upcoming AGM's:
CALENDAR! 11-14 April 2024 Grand hotel Baglione 4*, Florence
27-30 March 2025 Auckland, New Zealand

Please block these dates in your calendar now!

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Happy 2024 for you and your family
We hope to see you next year in Florence, Italy

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