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BioDear IOIBD members, Dear Friends

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It is a pleasure to forward this IOIBD Newsletter, highlighting what's going on in the IOIBD community.

From the post-AGM survey Florence, we have implemented a lot of your suggestions for the program in the Scientific program for our 2025 exciting meeting in Auckland, next March. If you haven't registered yet, please do so now. *You can contact Marischka if you have lost your registration form.*

Another post-AGM Florence survey around membership has caused successful implementations in our bylaws and some issues that need more discussion, which will be on the agenda for our business meeting on 27 March 2025 in Auckland. To recap the adjustments:

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| 1. Senior membership from 65 now, adjust to 67 | 98% agree |
| 2. Senior members also renew membership, every 5 years | 90% agree (remarks about process) |
| 3. Interval of attendance (3->2 years for active) | 90% agree (remarks about process) |
| 4. Limit number of guests to 1 per member | 98% agree |
| 5. COI policy for IOIBD, install COI officer | 84% agree (remarks about process) |
| 6. Institutional / Country caps for new members | 67% agree (needs more discussion) |

DECISIONS:

- ➔ Accept 1-5 because of significant majority but elaborate on process for 2,3 and 5.
- ➔ Address no. 6 in future discussions
- ➔ Present suggested process and adjustments to bylaws to IOIBD membership at the Business meeting in Auckland (27 March 2025).
- ➔ Voting by membership at the Business meeting in Auckland, 27 March 2025

Florence event facts:

-> The onsite participation was 161 delegates for the AGM and 87 for the Satellite (our highest attended meetings ever!)

-> The local organizing team, led by Silvio Danese have done a great job showcasing Italian science and the city of Florence. Silvio, Antonino, Geert and Willem have joined forces to present us best state-of-the art IBD science. Furthermore, the venues for the social events in Florence were striking, showcasing the great cultural history of Florence.

-> The Satellite meeting has been organized by Marla Dubinsky, Matthieu Allez, Axel Dignass, Dermot McGovern and Britta Siegmund, to establish the meeting: *The time for a new classification in IBD is now!* The Stratification cluster, led by Dermot and Matthieu has now teamed up with the larger initiative of reclassification and Data commons, as presented by David and Sam Volchenboum. Updates in our next IOIBD events in Auckland.

The content of both meetings was well received by our participants, who enjoyed live interaction and great discussions. Due to the great turn up the plenary room was crowded though.

Conference photo's: [Picture Florence IBD Events 2024](#)

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Organisers AGM



Organisers Satellite



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Highlights: Matthieu 60



New members 24 Aleixo Muise, Marietta Iacucci, Johan Burisch ('23) Vip Jairath



Thanks again to the organizing committee

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

A. FUTURE VENUES

1. 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 (chair), Axel Dignass, Marietta Iacucci, David Rubin*
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2. Annual General IOIBD Meeting 2026:

Thursday 19 – Sunday 22 March 2026 in Porto, Portugal

Satellite meeting on Thursday 19 March from 08:00-15:00 hrs

Faculty and sponsor dinner, Wednesday 18 March 2026

Organisers AGM:

Fernando Magro (chair), Maria Abreu, Paulo Kotze, Laurent Peyrin-Biroulet Harry Sokol

3. Annual General IOIBD Meeting 2027

Thursday 15 – Sunday 18 April 2027 in Oslo, Norway

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

Faculty and sponsor dinner, Wednesday 14 April 2027

Organisers AGM: *Tom Øresland (chair), Johan Burisch, Jonas Halfvarsson, Marte Lie Hoivik, Björn Moum, Pär Myrelid, Morten Vatn.*



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 Forsknin 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.

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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) focuses 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

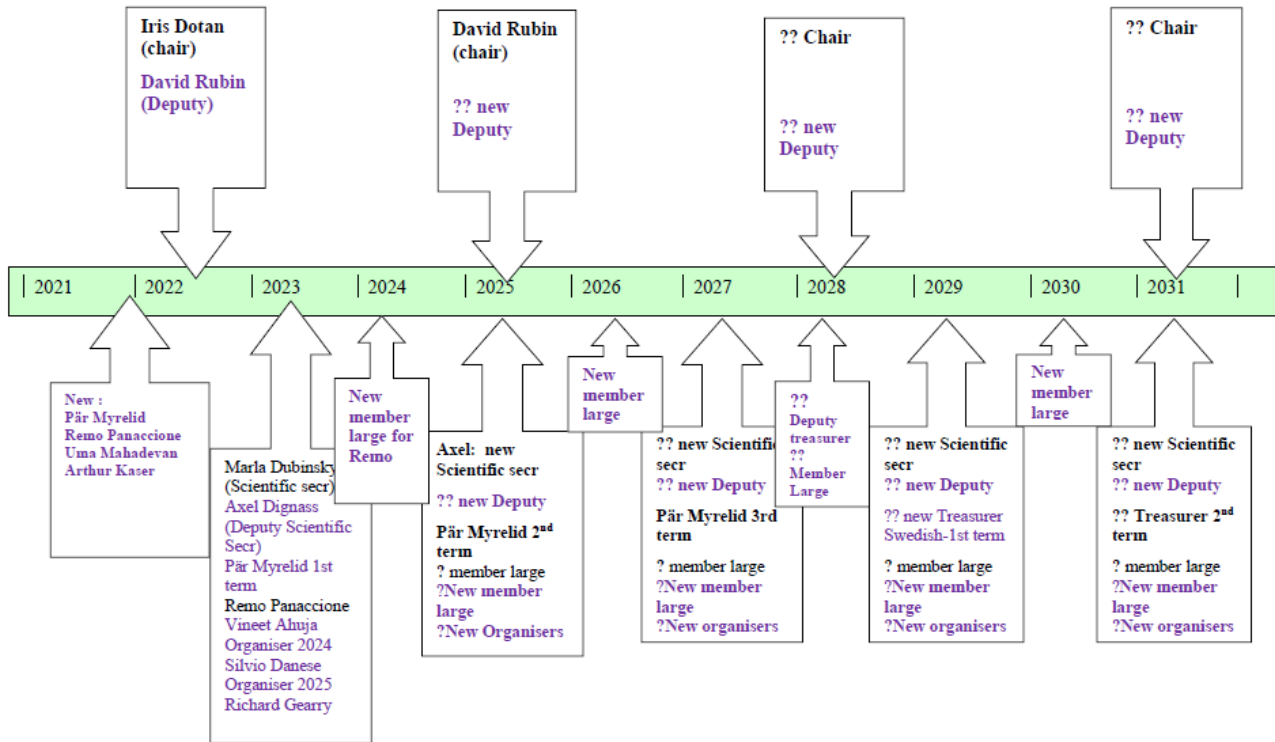


In Florence, **Remo Panaccione** has been thanked for his contributions to the executive team and the approved *new Member at Large* is **Mark Silverberg**.

In Auckland, we will have a great number of executive members who will leave the executive committee or migrate to a new role. Iris will leave the executive team, and, in principle, David will take over the position of chair for IOIBD. We will have more changes, so please come to the IOIBD Business meeting on Thursday 27 March 2025 in Auckland to *approve the new executive members*.

Terms for executive members (reminder):

To comply with the bylaws 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 below.



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 will be 200.000 EURO per the 2025 meeting (an increase with 14% due to rising cost). The IOIBD Institute is the organizing body for the Satellite and the AGM meetings, since the 2024 events in Florence.

Donations for 2024:

- 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 2024: Eli Lilly, MSD, Odyssey Therapeutics, Spyre Therapeutics

Ended in 2024: Prometheus Biosciences = MSD

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 eleven (11) 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 the following new members for IOIBD in January 2025:

- > **Raja Atreya** (nominated by Walter Reinisch and Julian Panes)
- > **Rupert Leong** (nominated by Richard Geary, Michael Kamm and Vineet Ahuja)
- > **Millie Long** (nominated by Charles Bernstein and Bruce Sands)
- > **Florian Rieder** (nominated by Britta Siegmund and Marla Dubinsky)

We thank all members who have nominated and /or supported candidates for this year's election. The new members are on the program for the IOIBD AGM in Auckland 2025

B.4.3. Five Year Review members

1999 Bernstein

2004 Koutroubakis, Lukas

2014 Lewis, Louis, **Panis***

2019 Ananthakrishnan, Kaplan, Siegmund

Yves Panis has informed the executive team to end membership due to a different role in IBD. Other members on the list have sent their CV and a motivation to prolong membership to IOIBD, and all have been approved for the next 5 years.

B.4.4. Membership ended

Following academic members ended their membership and thank all for the great time spent with IOIBD, remembering the great scientific interactions and valuable friendships:

Jonathan Braun, Miguel Gassul – wants to stay connected, **Yves Panis, John Pemberton, Robert Riddell, David Sachar** – wants to stay connected



Sadly, Anders Ekbom passed away this year at the age of 76 on 29 July 2024, as shared with you.

His wife, Annika, was touched by the personal notes received.

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 the following members:

James Lewis (chair), Ashwin Ananthkrishnan, Dermot McGovern, and Gerhard Rogler, plus the members at Large: Vineet Ahuja and Mark Silverberg. Plus, Adhoc reviewers: Ailsa Hart, Harry Sokol, and Dan Turner

Jim and the team are thanked for their work to come up with their advice for this year's edition.

Operating Grants Applications:

12 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:

Grantee	IOIBD Sponsor	Title
Oriana Damas	Maria Abreu	A randomized control trial to determine the effect of GLP-1 receptor agonist-mediated weight loss on Crohn's disease inflammation: a pilot study
Lea-Maxie Haag	Britta Siegmund	Immunometabolic characterization of Crohn's disease phenotypes - does location matter?
Mark Morrison	Michael Kamm	Hiding in plain sight: the role of cloaking antibodies in Crohn's disease pathophysiology, diagnosis, and treatment
Manon Wildenberg	Christianne Buskens	APP-MANUAL: APPendectomy Mechanisms of Action in Ulcerative Colitis

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 2025

B.5.b. IOIBD Travel Grants

New deadline to submit applications for IOIBD Grants program: **01 September annually!**
 Six (6) applications this year. Two have been approved at 10.000 EURO each:

Grantee	Grantee Institution	IOIBD Sponsor	Title
Emine Salva Aydogdu	Marmara University (Turkey)	Simon Travis	Neutralizing autoantibodies against human IL-10 in patients with IBD
A. Rezazadeh Ardabili	Maastricht University (Netherlands)	Jean-Fred Colombel	Defining (and designing a clinical trials framework) mild Crohn's disease and mild ulcerative colitis – Towards an IOIBD consensus

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

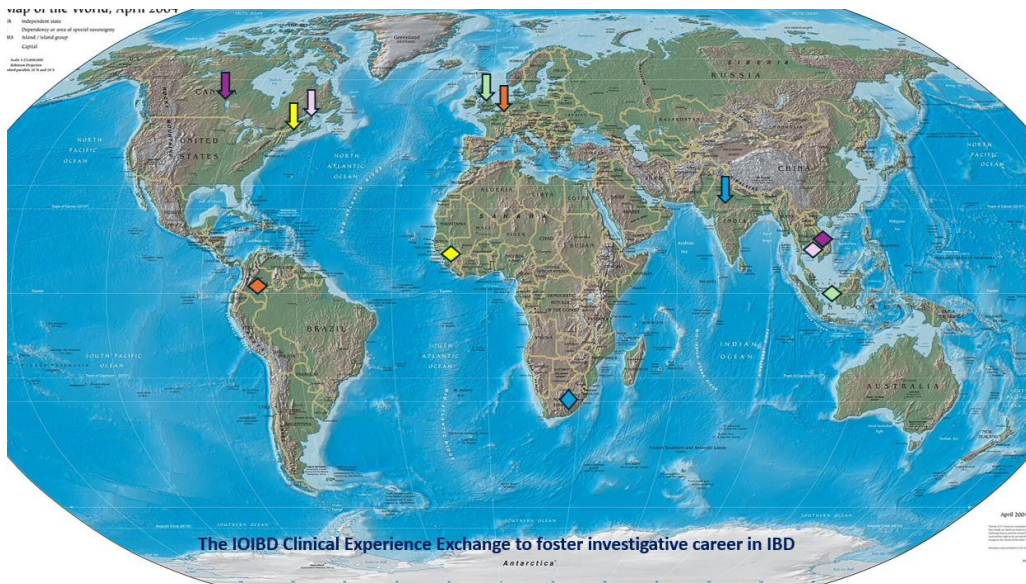
This travel grant of 60,000 USD for 1 year training, is supported by The Helmsley Charitable Trust and runs for three years. Due to COVID-19 the startup has been slow, but one candidate has finished his training: **Malambo Mubbunu** from South Africa has spent a year with Vineet Ahuja at the All-India Institute, New Delhi, India.

Another candidate, **Viviana Parra** from Colombia has started mid-July this year at the UZ Leuven, with Severine Vermeire.

Other successful connections have been made between **Jeffri Gunawan** (Indonesia), who will train in Cambridge with Arthur Kaser. **Onuma Sattayalertyanyong** (Thailand) will train in Winnipeg with Charles Bernstein. Both starting early 2025

For this year's selection process, we have received 3 applications and two of these have been informed to be successful:

Wasuwit Wanchaitanawong (Thailand) will go to Boston to train with Ashwin Ananthakrishnan and **Edries Tejan** (Sierra Leone) has won the last ticket to train with James Lewis in Pennsylvania.



We are still in the learning curve of this important IOIBD-Helmsley initiative, but in general the candidates and the institutes are very positive about the program.

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C. WE NEED YOUR HELP!

C.1. IOIBD Surveys

Although we try to minimize this, your input is sometimes asked by the clusters for Surveys.

C.2. IOIBD Strategy program 2030

A kick-off meeting was held on 27 November 2024; 40 volunteers stepped forward. The next steps are subcommittee meetings.

We will ask input from full membership, either in a survey or in a Delphi meeting. Planned for update during the IOIBD Business meeting 2025.

This project is run by David Rubin (deputy chair IOIBD).

C.3. 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.4. Website: www.ioibd.org

Login details: your name + password: @ioibdOPT-IN2022

-> 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 *Maria Abreu*. 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

Message from our chair:



Dates for the upcoming AGM's:



19-22 March 2026 Porto,
Portugal
15-18 April 2027,
Oslo, Norway

**MARK YOUR
CALENDAR!**

We hope to see you in Auckland for the IOIBD Events 2025!